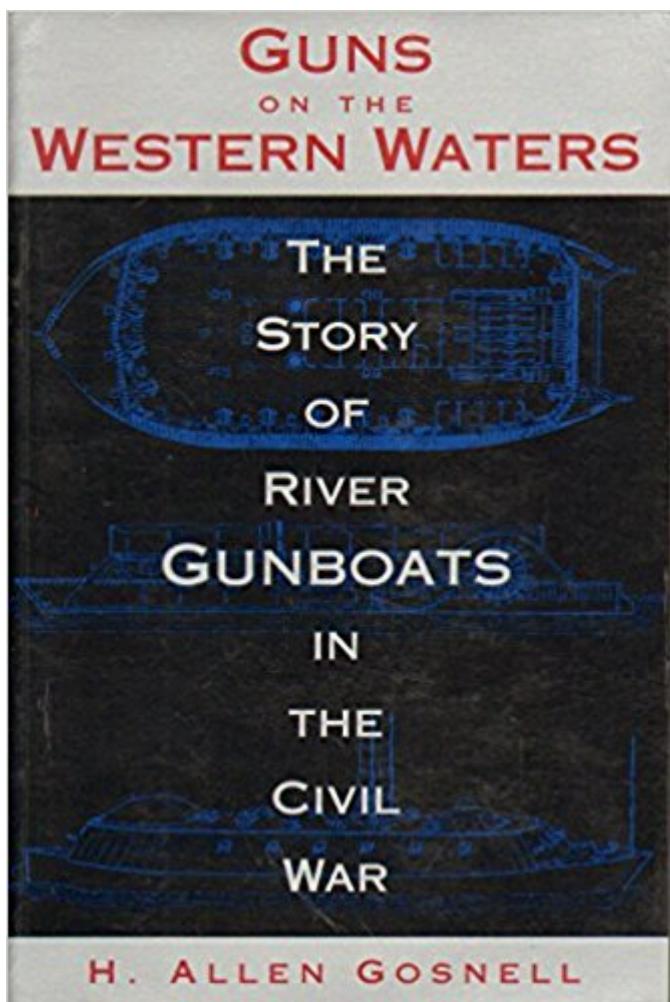


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The naval war of the civil war in America is one of the most neglected areas of study and this little book brings focus to it as few do. The number of stars given to this title will trouble some readers: taking into account the value of the book as a history, it doesn't warrant three stars, more like two; basically this a book that lifts sections of famous memoirs and puts them into a single volume with some editorial comment of little value to those who are well read in the subject; the book is very worthwhile for those who are interested in the Civil War and haven't had a great deal of exposure to its literature. I like the book because it is easy to read and hold, the type is good and the size is comfortable. On the negative there is no index, the table of contents is inadequate, and it has no immediate indication of the contents of the chapters or the work used in them. The author/editor offers such valuable information as "[with the fall of Sabine Pass] it became practically impossible to

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I found this book to be very unique among the many books about naval aspects of the Civil War. Gosnell openly focuses on the personal accounts of officers and sailors in the Union and Confederate river forces as well as several newspaper columnists that witnessed incidents. After giving the reader a sound overview of the weapons and ships used in the western rivers, Gosnell allows the personal accounts of those that were there to walk the reader through the river war. Gosnell's comments contextualize the personal accounts but do not overshadow them. It's a very effective way of engaging the reader. The negative aspect of the book is that Gosnell overlooks some events, although he openly acknowledges it when he does so. This book would serve as a fine companion for a more chronologically thorough, less-personal CW naval book.

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