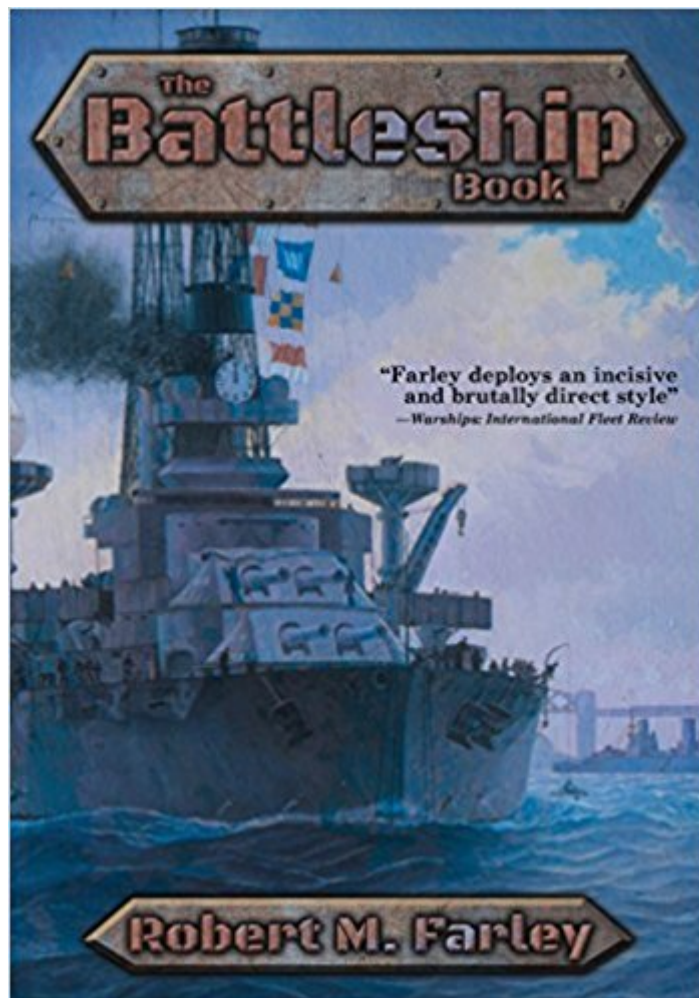


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# The Battleship Book



## Synopsis

By the author of *Grounded: The Case for Abolishing the United States Air Force*. From the moment when the launching of HMS Dreadnought made every capital ship in the world obsolete overnight, we have been fascinated with these powerful surface combatants. Here Robert M. Farley looks at the history and folklore that makes these ships enduring symbols of national power and sometimes national futility. From Arizona to Yamato, here are more than sixty lavishly illustrated accounts of battleships from the most well-known to the most unusual, including at least one ship from every nation that ever owned a modern battleship. Separate essays and sidebars look at events and lore that greatly affected battleships.

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In many ways, the battleship represented the greatest-ever concentration of naval power in a single vessel. Between World War I and World War II, the big, fast, thickly-armored and heavily-armed warships dominated the world's oceans. And then, very quickly, the battleship became practically obsolete. Why is a complex question -- one that University of Kentucky professor Robert Farley addresses in his new tome *The Battleship Book*. - War is Boring In the event of a survey course called Battleship 101, Robert Farley's work would serve as a suitable textbook. The Battleship Book is a wide-ranging primer on the subject of battleships, battle cruisers, near-battleships, and quasi-battleships....The battleships and their kin were versatile in their time, culminating in the shore-bombardment role for U.S. ships in the final decades of the dreadnought era. The era is now over. Farley's book makes it worth studying through his rearview

mirror.- Naval History, Paul Stillwell.

An interesting read. A real time passer, perfect for coffee tables and waiting rooms.

Solid beginner book, good photos

This book is already becoming well-worn incidental (you know, bathroom) reading for me. I appreciate the placement of each ship in their design evolution context, and all of the relevant bits of their operation history. My favorite is the examination of the aesthetics and naming conventions, as well as seeing the evolution of these write ups since the Sunday Battleship Blogging series. Perfect for someone like me (a total non-academic) who has maintained a lonely fascination with these ridiculous machines since touring the USS North Carolina when I was 7.

Easy read, lots of facts, could be more detailed in some context, pictures are sometimes marginal.

Covered the subject matter very well and was quite informative.

Interesting anecdotes about battleships and decent photos too.

Lots of fun learning about the ships and how they represented their era of naval warfare.

This book was both enjoyable and accessible, and covered a wide variety of ships to a degree that we don't often see. Fans of battleships and battle cruisers will not be disappointed.

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