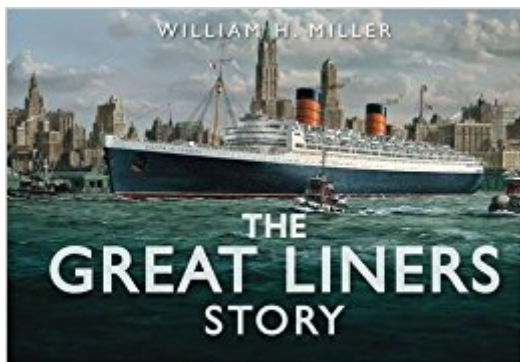


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# The Great Liners Story (Story Series)



## Synopsis

The story behind the great liners and the golden age of ocean travel, from a true expert of cruise and maritime history. Charting the heyday of the great liners, this illustrated and colorful history tells the story of those grand and lavish vessels that cruised around the world carrying their glamorous passengers from port to port. Decorated to the highest of finishes and fitted out in the most luxurious of styles, these floating palaces epitomized their opulent age. Their iconic names, from Titanic to Mauretania, from Queen Elizabeth to QE2, conjure up visions of power, grace, elegance, and nostalgia for this golden age of travel. Accompanied by stunning photographs, artworks, "did you know" facts, and quotations, this is a must-have addition to any maritime library.

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## Customer Reviews

William H. Miller has written more than 80 books on passenger ships, including *Doomed Ships*, *Picture History of the Andrea Doria*, *RMS Caronia*, and *SS United States*. He has received the National Maritime History Award and he created the passenger ship database for the Ellis Island Museum. He appeared in the documentary *SS United States: Lady in Waiting* and a documentary about his life and studies, *Mr. Ocean Liner*, premiered aboard RMS Queen Mary 2 on July 1, 2010. He lives in Secaucus, New Jersey.

I'm somewhat new to maritime history, I've known a lot about the Titanic for most of my life and I've been going on cruises with my family and understand the allure ( no pun intended, I hate those two behemoths anyway) of sea travel. Anyway, I had ordered a copy of *The Only Way to Cross: The Golden Era of the great Atlantic express liners*---from the Mauretania to the France and the Queen Elizabeth 2 and thought that this book would be a good companion, it arrived early, so I figured I'd give it a read. Bill Miller's style is very easy to read and he cuts right to the chase on each era/liner in the book. The book reads much like a condensed version of *The Only Way to Cross*, albeit with slightly more fore and aft. What I mean by the corny pun is that Miller's book covers more time. Miller starts in the 1890's when Kaiser Wilhelm II decided to engage in some one-ups-manship with the British, and he ends with the *Allure of the Seas*, the current largest ship at 225,000+ GT ( For comparisons sake, the Titanic was about 39,000 GT by modern gross tonnage standards. ) The update does definitely add to the book's value, as the current generation of ships is generally excluded from most commentary on the ocean liner (besides the Queen Mary 2) My only issue with this book is that it is very short, its about 130 pages and the book itself isn't "normal-sized" but much smaller. I bought this along with *The Only Way to Cross* because I wanted some new information on the liners. Like I previously said, there was some new material, but those sections are rather short. The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was built only a decade before the Mauretania and it was only with the Queen Mary 2 that a "true liner" was built again. However, this book does have spectacular (and new) illustrations, particularly of the Cunard Queens and the Normandie. The pictures take up quite a lot of space, so if you're a fan of illustration you will enjoy this book. Overall, I would recommend this for anyone who wants a short overview of the history of the ocean liner, perhaps maybe the young historian. The book is also not very expensive for a hard cover, so if you really want this it's worth the money. However, if you want the most detailed account of the Atlantic superliner, then buy *The Only Way to Cross* instead.

This cannot even be called a book it is so slight. And while lacking any weight whatsoever regarding the subject, the author attempts grand phrasing. A ridiculous presentation.. A "star rating is required" but there should be added a click function to make them disappear.

Good..quick..read

Very disappointed! It's ashame that someone who has even a passing knowledge of passenger liners can find little new information here. I'm not sure it's fair to call this a book. I think pamphlet is a

more accurate term.

Book is small but a lot of information and great "Did you know?" Facts; and great pictures.

It's ok. I was hoping for more information than it offered. It is a general guide about some really great ships.

Nostalgic

Nice format! Easy to read. Filled with interesting tidbits about the golden age of Ocean liners. Would highly recommend this book.

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