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Entering service between 1937 and 1939, the ten British 'Town' class cruisers were the most modern vessels of their type in the Royal Navy when the Second World War began. Built in response to large 6-inch gunned cruisers in the US

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and Japanese Navies and primarily designed for the defence of trade, they saw arduous service in a wide range of roles, playing a decisive part in victories such as the Battle of the Barents Sea and the destruction of the German Scharnhorst at the North Cape. The cost was heavy: four of the ships were lost and

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the other six all survived heavy damage, in some cases on more than one occasion. In this major study, Conrad Waters makes extensive use of archive material to provide a technical evaluation of the 'Town' class design and its subsequent performance. He outlines the class's origins in the context of inter-war

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cruiser policy, explains the design and construction process, and describes the characteristics of the resulting ships and how these were adapted in the light of wartime developments. An overview of service focuses on major engagements, assessing the extent to which the class met its designers' expectations and

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detailing the consequences of action damage. Concluding chapters continue the story into the Cold War era, examining the modernisation programme that kept the remaining ships fit for service during the 1950s. Heavily illustrated with contemporary photographs and drawings by A D Baker

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III, John Jordan and George Richardson, British Town Class Cruisers provides a definitive reference to one of the Royal Navy's most important Second World War warship designs.

The light cruiser was a natural development of the sailing frigate – a fast multi-purpose warship that could patrol

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the sea lanes, protect convoys and scout for enemy battle fleets. By the inter-war period the need for this type of ship was even more important, given the increasing need for protection from aircraft, and the need to screen the fleet from submarines or destroyers. Wartime experience had shown that the British

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light cruiser was one of the most versatile types of ship in the Royal Navy, able to protect other warships, bombard enemy shores, guard life-saving convoys and intercept and destroy enemy warships. These were truly the workhorses of the wartime Royal Navy. While the battleships and carriers grabbed the

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headlines, these sleek, elegant warships quietly got on with the job of securing control of the seas.

Enhancements, Conversions & Scratch Building

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Ameryka?ski niszczyciel USS Porter

Laying where she sank, in the silt of Pearl Harbor, the USS Arizona has impacted millions of lives since the milli-second BOOM! that split her hull and snuffed out the

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lives of 1177 men aboard her. This book pays tribute to the ship and her crews, telling of the fascinating life she led before her demise with rarely-before-seen pictures and poignant stories of her symbolism throughout the

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years.

In the history of naval warfare probably no type of ship has provided more firepower per ton than the monitor indeed they were little more than a huge gun mounting fitted on a simple, self-

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propelled raft. Designed and built rapidly to fulfil an urgent need for heavy shore-bombardment during World War I, they were top secret in conception, and largely forgotten when the short-lived requirement was over.

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Nevertheless, they were important ships, which played a significant role in many Great War campaigns and drove many of the advances in long-range gunnery later applied to the battle fleet. Indeed, their value was rediscovered

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during the Second World War when a final class was built. Monitors were largely ignored by naval historians until Ian Buxton produced the first edition of this book in 1978. Although published privately, this became

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an established classic and copies of the first edition are now almost unobtainable, so this new edition will be welcomed by many. It has been completely revised, extended and redesigned to a generous large format which

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allows material deleted from the original edition for lack of space to be restored.

British Destroyers

Ship Models from Kits

*A Complete Record of Warship
Sinkings from Original Sources*

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1939-1945

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Colorado

USS Arizona

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Cruisers, thirteen of which were built to three slightly varying designs between the wars. With three funnels and a high freeboard, they were impressive ships, and all enjoyed very active wartime

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careers—three were involved in the Bismarck action and another with the sinking of the Scharnhorst. “This book by Les Brown is rather like the Sci-Fi ‘Tardis’ in that its outside belies the

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class, a design of fast battleship that set the benchmark for the last generation of dreadnoughts. Although they fought with distinction in WW1, all were thought valuable enough to

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be modernised between the wars - indeed, three were massively reconstructed, providing the modelmaker with a challenging variety of possible subjects.

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German Pocket Battleships

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destroyers of the Second World War. Marked by a common single-funnelled silhouette, they were actually very varied, ranging from the large and powerful J to N flotillas, via the austere 'War Emergency' classes that were built

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in large numbers, to the radically different 'Battle' class, designed with a powerful AA armament for service in the Pacific.

Everything the ship modeller needs to know about building a famous warship Numerous detailed plans

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moves to an extensive photographic survey of either a high-quality model or a surviving example of the ship. Hints on building the model, and on modifying and improving the basic kit, are followed by a section on paint schemes and

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camouflage, featuring numerous colour profiles and highly-detailed line drawings. The strengths and weaknesses of available kits of the ships are reviewed, and the book concludes with a section on research references—books,

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monographs, large-scale plans and relevant websites. For the first volume in this series, the author has chosen the German 'pocket battleships' of WW2, the best-known of which was the Graf Spee of Battle of the River Plate fame.

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This innovative and infamous class of surface raiders has long been a popular subject for ship modellers, many manufacturers producing kits of the Graf Spee and the rather different Admiral Scheer and Ltzow. This book will show ship

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modellers how to turn their kits into something really special, but its unparalleled level of visual information will also appeal to the more general warship enthusiast. Roger Chesneau is a lifelong ship modeller and author of numerous

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in Plastic.

Brytyjski ciezki krazownik HMS
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websites. The latest in this series covers the three ships of this First World War type, Hood, Repulse and Renown, which survived to fight in the Second. Still the fastest capital ships in the world in 1939, their protection was not up to

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contemporary standards and two were famously lost in action. Hood in an old-fashioned gunnery duel, but Repulse succumbed to the more modern threat of aerial attack. The one modernised ship, Renown, survived an adventurous

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Battleship Design and
Development, 1905-1945

Ships Monthly

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has undergone a veritable revolution. New techniques in injection moulding have improved the scale accuracy and surface detail of the humble plastic kit, while many

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specialist companies now produce top-quality resin models, vastly broadening the range of subjects on the market. However, the really radical change has been the advent of photo-

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etched brass fret, which allows the finest detail to be reproduced to scale. In ship modelling, this has resulted in a new form of the hobby, mid-way between traditional build-

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from-the-box simplicity and the time-consuming demands of fabricating everything from scratch. These new materials have prompted innovative techniques, which are

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comprehensively demonstrated in this new manual. Designed for those wishing to achieve the best results from their ship kits in the 1:700 to 1:350 range of scales, it

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photographs to take the
reader through the
building of two models,
one in plastic and one in
resin, from basic
construction, fittings and*

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experienced, award-winning
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*Naval Ship Models of World
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Kongo Class Battlecruisers*

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*Amerykański krazownik
przeciwlotniczy USS
Oakland*

*Detailed in the Original
Builders' Plans*

**The technical details of British
warships were recorded in a set of plans**

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produced by the builders on completion of every ship. Known as the 'as fitted' general arrangements, these drawings represented the exact appearance and fitting of the ship as it entered service. Intended to provide a permanent reference for the Admiralty and the dockyards, these highly detailed plans

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were drawn with exquisite skill in multi-colored inks and washes that represent the acme of the draughtsman's art.

Today they form part of the incomparable collection of the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, which is using the latest scanning technology to make digital copies of the highest

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quality. This book is one of a series based entirely on these draughts which depict famous warships in an unprecedented degree of detail - complete sets in full color, with many close-ups and enlargements that make every aspect clear and comprehensible. Extensive captions point the reader to

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important features to be found in the plans, and an introduction covers the background to the design.

“An indispensable reference work for anyone studying either the U-boat campaign or WW2 at sea . . . copiously illustrated, fascinating—and harrowing.”—Navy News During the

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Second World War over 250 Allied warships from a dozen navies were sent to the bottom by German U-boats. This ground-breaking study provides a detailed analysis of every sinking for which source material survives from both the Allied and the German sides, resulting in detailed treatment of the

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fate of 110 vessels, with the remainder summarized in an extensive appendix. Uniquely, each entry is built around a specialist translation of the relevant segment of the war diary (log) of the U-boat in question, taken directly from the surviving originals—remarkably, this represents the first large-scale

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publication of the U-boat war diaries in any language. The book offers a wealth of new information, not only with respect to the circumstances of the sinkings from both the Allied and German perspectives, but also to the technical environment in which they lived as well as the fate of the crews.

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The entries include background details on the vessels concerned and the men involved, with a selection of rare and carefully chosen photos from archives and collections around the world. Each entry is itself a compelling narrative, but is backed with a list of sources consulted, including documents,

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British Light Cruisers 1939–45

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County Class Cruisers

Emile Bertin

New Mexico (BB-40)

Brytyjski krazownik liniowy HMS

Renown

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variety of scales, and the book concludes with a section on research references books, monographs, large-scale plans and relevant websites. This volume is devoted to the largest cruisers in the Imperial Japanese

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Navy. Built in defiance of treaty restrictions, they were the fastest and most powerful heavy cruisers of their day, and were heavily engaged in every campaign from Pearl Harbor to the end of the Pacific War.

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subject of this volume is the Japanese Kongo class, four ships built during the First World War as battlecruisers, but extensively modified and reconstructed between the wars as fast battleships, so that each

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ship presented a different appearance. They were the chosen escorts for the elite IJN carrier forces, and saw much action during the Pacific War.

Ameryka?ski ci??ki kr??ownik

USS Indianapolis

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British Battlecruisers of the
Second World War

Myoko and Takao Classes

Japanese Heavy Cruisers

Ameryka?ski ciezki krazownik

USS Astoria