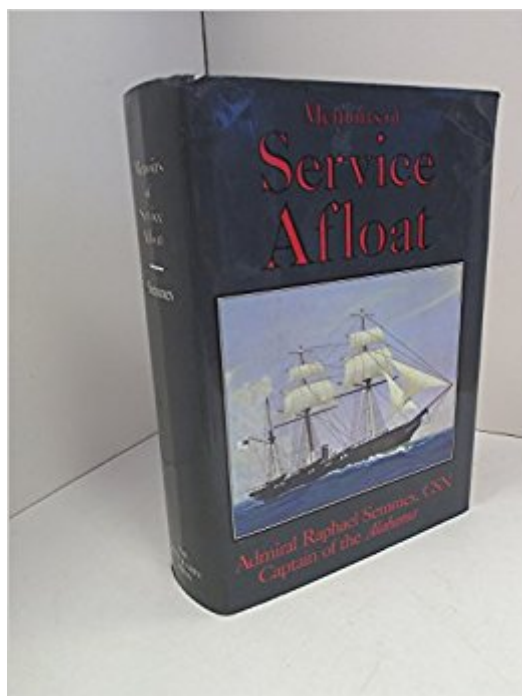


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# Memoirs Of Service Afloat During The War Between The States



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Excerpt: ...in irons until they are sober. When that takes place, Jack comes out of the "Brig," his place of confinement, very much ashamed of himself; generally with a blackened eye or two, if not with a broken nose, and looking very seedy in the way of apparel, as the chances are that he has sold or exchanged the tidy suit in which he went on shore, for some 'long-shore toggery, the better to enable him to prolong that delightful drunk of his. It was quite enough to have such scenes as these repeated once in three or four months. When I had put my ship in a tolerable state of defence, and given a little practice at the guns, to my crew, I turned her head toward her cruising ground. It so happened that this was not very far off. Following Porter's example in the Pacific,

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Interesting book written by a man devoted to the Confederacy. Very spirited defense of the South and vehement condemnation of the North as well as a chronicle of his service as captain of the CSS Alabama and Sumter. Definitely not a boring impersonal narrative. Likes to quote poetry and use commas. The book is divided into 59 chapters. The first 6 chapters are devoted to the events which led to the War. The narrative of his service afloat begins in Chapter 7 and is based on the logbook that he kept aboard the CSS Sumter and CSS Alabama.

This is an incredible accounting of the reasons for the War of Northern Aggression and the defense for the freedom from tyrannical powers. In reading these memoirs, I get a true look at the difference in today's generation and that blessed generation of brave men that had tasted of the actual liberty

that this once great Nation's founding fathers risked and sacrificed all that they had to obtain! It is a must read for any who would consider themselves a patriot of these United States of America.

I may not live long enough to finish this amazing tale told by Admiral Raphael Semmes of his command of the Confederate Navy ship in the War Between the States. This is the biggest book I have ever owned page wise. It is so heavy it is hard to sit and study which is why reading it takes so much time. But I intend to keep at it because Admiral Semmes can write and his thoughts and opinions are well worth learning. It is recommended to any history buff for informative and enjoyable reading.

Great book

A great adventure story which would make it suitable for adolescent boys through old men, but it has frequent political commentary. The commentary is well-informed, but even so, it would mean little to adolescent boys. Senior high school and older.

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