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Description:

From the Inside Flap The Forgotten War—Forgotten No Longer

All of us have heard of the War of 1812, but how many of us actually know anything about it—about Andrew Jackson's rousing defense of New Orleans, the burning of the White House, and most especially the swashbuckling war at sea in which the young United States Navy manhandled the greatest naval power on the planet?

If you've ever wanted to learn about the United States Navy's first great war at sea, you're in for a treat with *Ships of Oak, Guns of Iron*. From his years of research and passion for the "age of fighting sail," author Ronald Utt provides a panoramic view of the naval War of 1812—rich in high-seas heroism, captivating in anecdote and detail—rescuing some of the Navy's greatest historical triumphs from undeserved oblivion.

Ships of Oak, Guns of Iron is a stirring account of how an American fleet of only seventeen ships bested the five-hundred-ship-strong Royal Navy in a string of early victories that astonished both sides, highlighting how American courage, gunnery, and skill could prove itself against the most daunting odds. Ronald Utt paints vivid portraits of the heroes—including Stephen Decatur, James "Don't Give Up the Ship!" Lawrence, Oliver Hazard Perry, and Francis Scott Key—to give readers an unforgettable experience of the War of 1812. If you are interested in American history, the history of the United States Navy, or just plain real-life adventure stories, you owe it to yourself to read *Ships of Oak, Guns of Iron*.

From the Back Cover PRAISE FOR *Ships of Oak, Guns of Iron*

"At a time when America seems to flinch at threats from the world's petty tyrants, our forefathers' defiance two centuries ago of the mightiest empire on earth should stiffen our spines. Ron Utt's inspiring narrative reminds us that this nation has never failed to produce heroes when they're needed most."

—**Edwin Feulner**, president of the Heritage Foundation

"Few episodes in American history are as rich in heroism and drama as the War of 1812, yet it has been crowded out of the popular imagination by the Revolution and the Civil War. Ron Utt's riveting account of the infant republic's epic struggle on land and sea against the greatest power of the age will make you wonder how this could have become America's 'forgotten war.'"

—**Stephen Moore**, author and economist

"In *Ships of Oak, Guns of Iron*, Ron Utt draws on previously overlooked material on the War of 1812 to vividly bring America's 'second war of Independence' back to life on this its 200th anniversary. The book is special for its account of the forgotten but heroic free blacks who played a crucial role in defending America from the British invaders."

—**Fred Siegel**, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, scholar in residence at St. Francis College

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