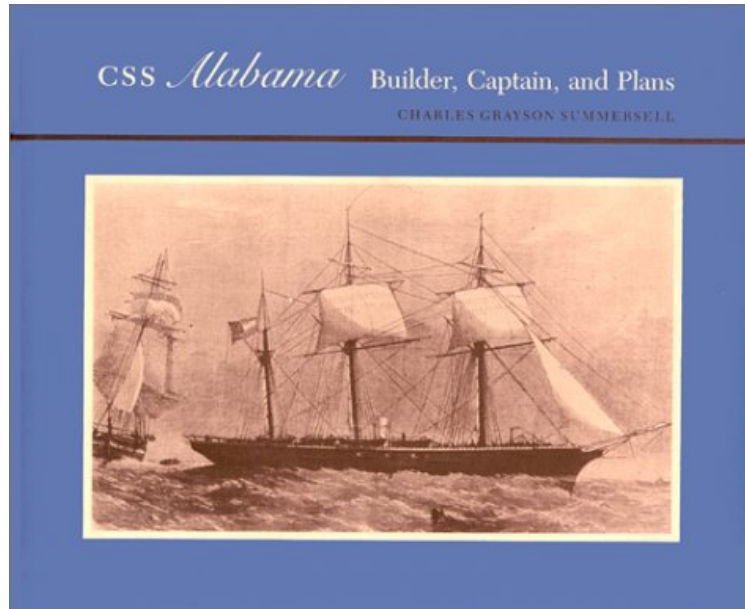


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**Charles Grayson Summersell : CSS Alabama: Builder, Captain, and Plans** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised CSS Alabama: Builder, Captain, and Plans:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars Plus ! Thanks Guys and Gals !By Rory Allen from Rory Allen- Cape Town, South Africa A Citation for truly great service, efficiency and good, old-fashioned customer dealing - and Betterworld Books moved swiftly and promptly , promising to ensure I would get this book by mid June from the States. Nope ! - I received it just twelve days later - and two weeks ahead of the deadline, Nice work, guys and gals at both companies. Highly Commended !!! Regarding the book, CSS "Alabama" - Builder, Captain and Plans , author C. G. Somersell - Professor Emeritus of History. Published by the University of Alabama. A fine job so well written and presented ! As a Film-maker specialising in researching and writing screenplays of true historic events, wars and characters in history, and noting with astonishment that no feature-film over a century had ever been produced on the incredible story of the first CSS "Alabama" of the American Civil War, and mindful that forebears of my Wexford Ireland roots of the Allen clan had emigrated from Ireland to serve the Confederate cause, I determined some years ago to research and create the script to make the feature-film CSS "Alabama" after realizing that every year at @mardiGras' time the colourful Tweede Nuwe Jaar minstrel troops which dance annually through the streets of Cape Town singing "Daar Kom de Alabama" and the praises of the notorious American 'Rebel' ship , which on her first arrival in the Bay under Table Mountain found , engaged with and prized the Union ship "Sea Bride" less than a canon-shot away from Robben Island (then a leper colony) - where later Mr Mandela would be confined for 27 years. The book itself is an absolute masterpiece, and includes the Liverpool shipyard GA drawings I urgently need in the development and planning of this film. Professor Somersell gives a wealth of detail about the principle characters in the "Alabama" story , and I would like to suggest that if he and any of his associates are able, that they contact me so that we may discuss possibilities for involvement in the international co-production we have planned, with the likely

inclusion of France, Ireland, Germany, the UK, and of course, the State of Alabama, the United States and South Africa. CSS "Alabama" was a fine ship, with fine crew. And her story has to be told, with its many lessons. Particularly in the context of the utter sadness of the American Civil War. CSS "Alabama" does not glorify war, but shows the chivalry of one of its greatest of Naval personalities, and the closeness to civil war in England caused by the building of 'L209' in Birkenhead. Thank You Professor Somerskell !PS- I have located an authentic fully certificated historic 'tall-ship' capable of being converted and rigged to become the CSS "Alabama". This ship, is one of three sometimes chartered by leading American film studios to star in their productions. I am negotiating to recreate the "Alabama" in the making of "CSS "Alabama". I own international rights and am currently engaging with a leading American Studio in terms of its production. Rory Allen 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Book By Maihoefer Christof The Book is really good written and a "Must-have" for someone working on the ship or the civil war, although it is not really up to date. 3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Not bad but I wanted more information. By Machevil The book about CSS Alabama its builder and the plans, is well written, however what I wanted was more detailed plans on the building of the ship. I should have bought the more current book. granted beyond the details that a designer would want and desire the book is great.

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