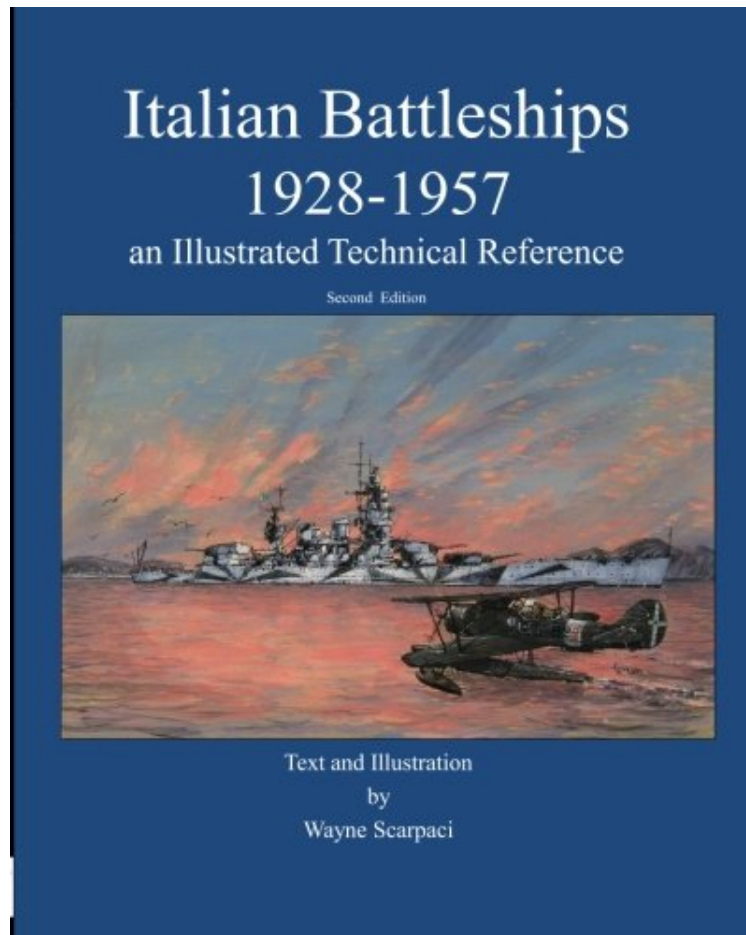


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Over-hyped and under-editedBy Raphael A. RiccioBased on the description of this book, apparently crafted by the author himself, I had expected something much better. The book's marketing far surpasses its actual content, although it does have some redeeming value. Scarpaci should be congratulated for attempting to cover a subject that is sorely in need of attention in the English language. He seems to have made a reasonable effort to put the Italian battleships in a much broader context, and he has, as at least one other reviewer has commented, a very impressive number of photographs to complement the text. That's about as much as I can say on the credit side. Unfortunatly, at least in my opinion, the debit side far outweighs anything positive. Because of the paper stock used (non-coated) and the size of the photographs, photo quality is poor at best. It should also be noted that many, if not most, of the pictures have been copied (or pirated might be a better word) with no

proper credit given to the source; I am highly skeptical that most are official USN or National Archives photos, as the author states; without actually counting and comparing them to Italian sources I am familiar with, it appears to me that most are actually Italian photographs. It is a tossup as to whether Scarpaci's grammar is worse than the photographs; it certainly is horrible, and probably weighs in at about the fifth grade level. Someone should have at least attempted to edit it. Added to that are numerous misspellings of Italian names or words, such as Columbo instead of Colombo, and confusion of Italian singular and plural words. These aesthetic and administrative shortcomings are compounded by any number of flat-out substantive or factual mistakes, such as stating in the caption on page 12 that the three main gun turrets on Italia were demilitarized by cutting the two outer barrels on each turret, whereas in fact all three guns on each turret were cut; the picture shows only the outer guns cut, which was standard procedure prior to cutting the third (middle)gun. This book inadequately and only temporarily fills a void in English language publications concerning the Italian Navy in WW II; thankfully, there are at least two excellent books currently on the ways in English, so to speak, that I am aware of that deal with the WW II Italian Navy, and that hopefully will be out within the next 18 months. All in all, this is a most disappointing work that, if reprinted, should be looked at very seriously at least from an editing standpoint.23 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Bad grammar, inaccurate technical dataBy Robert Holmes WeymouthThe book needs re-editing badly and the statistics for the 38.1cm mounts of the Littorio class are innacurate. He uses the weight of shell of the 38cm/40 of the Caracciolo and Livorno class and the range of the Duilio class for the Littorio. The selection of pictures is outstanding and the artwork, while excellent often blurs features on the ships. On the outside back cover, completely inaaccurate data for the Livorno class (contrasted with the data inside the book) is given. Why the author did not proofread his work prior to publishing one wonders/0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy jcperotvery useful reference book

This volume is a complete, technical reference which covers all Italian Battleship types, of the Prewar, World War II, and Early Cold War eras of 1928-1957. The book is illustrated with 19 full color original paintings, 38 new line drawings, and 137 photographs. Featured are a Chronology of WWII, illustrated sections on Radar and Fire Control, Aviation, and Camouflage. This book includes sections on Alighieri thru Littorio class ships. It has fully illustrated sections on the Caracciolo class ships of 1914 ( Including the proposed aircraft carrier conversion), and the Livorno class battlecruisers of 1928. class. The information contained within this volume has hereto, only been available across a wide spectrum of reference sources. It is now available for the first time, under one set of bookcovers.

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