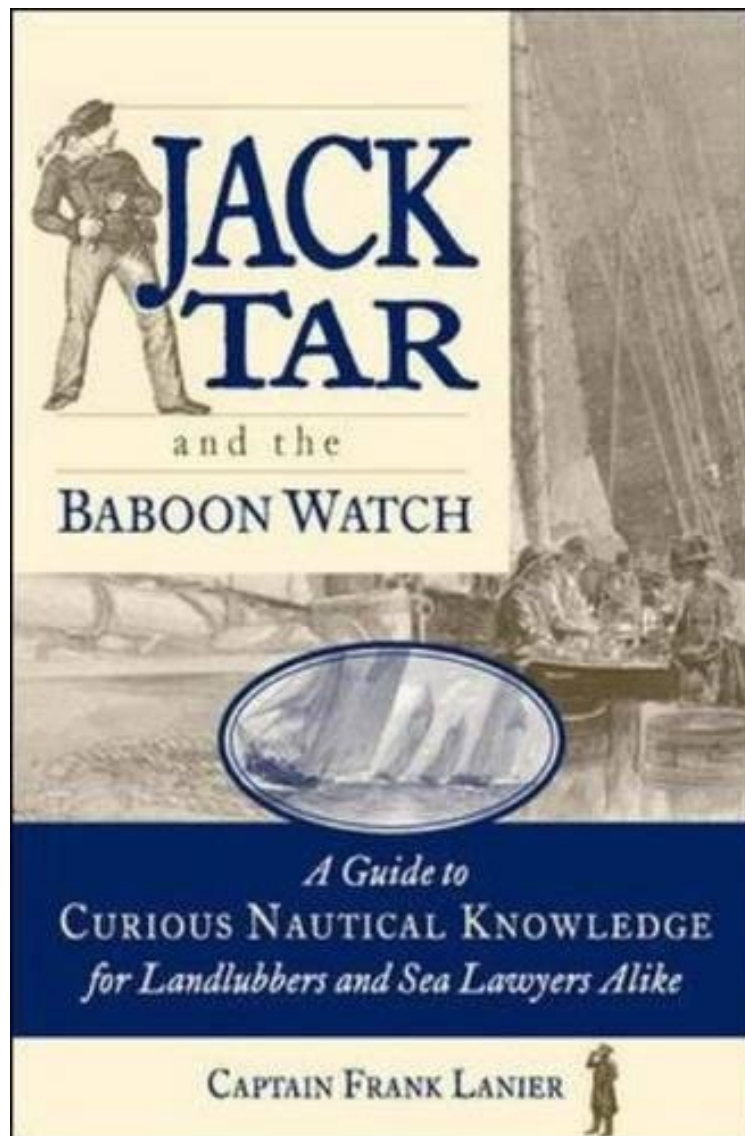


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By Justin I bought the book not knowing what to expect, but after a few pages I was pleasantly surprised. Its is an easy to read as a landlubber yet I think that even an experienced seaman would not know the history of some of these terms and their meaning. Its a collection of words and phrases that the author has said spent a life time aboard ship in the Military for the ship's news to collect, researching solid information that was saved and put into this book. The book does appear to have been written well, and while I think this is his first book, its clearly written in a way you can tell that the author knows how to write for his audience. As you can tell from the cover, the book is lightly illustrated inside with great pictures that seem out the time long ago. It brings the reader to a time when the docks were a rough place, life aboard a ship was never boring, and the language had...interesting meanings to say the least. The author does interject humor into the submissions, so this is less a straight forward dictionary then a Trivia meets Rest of the Story, with a little humor/POV from the author thrown in to the more interesting phrases so its put in terms even I could otherwise not understand. Such as when the story of the LORDS OF THE FOUL AND THE BRUTE in describing the way a particular sea port was the most violent of the day, yet when a report from the town states that a woman danced in front of the captain "clad only in her shirt" the author then explains with a wink a nod how scandalous this was in a time when beheading someone in a drunken brawl was considered "good wholesome fun". The book has the author act more of a guide, as thou the author is showing you the world yet giving his own fun spin on whats happening so its not talking down to you or leaving you behind. In the end, its a good read and a good addition to anyone's library. The language of sailor keeps you entertained, and pray you don't hear the phrase "Paint the Lion" toward your direction. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Jack Tar and the Baboon Watch is a witty interpretation of maritime history and curious ...
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Was the Titanic doomed because of its name? Can you really "swallow the anchor"? Jack Tar and the Baboon Watch is a collection of unusual, nautical-based phrases and trivia tidbits for Jack Tars* and landlubbers** alike. Author and mariner Frank Lanier began to compile these entries while serving in the Coast Guard; they were included in the Plan of the Day published aboard the various ships Lanier was stationed on starting in the 1980s. He explains these colorful terms and entertaining phrases in plain language and presents their origins? many of which will surprise you! Inside you will find words and phrases . . . FROM THE FAMILIAR . . . Over a Barrel--Sailors were sometimes tied over a barrel while being flogged. Rummage--A ship's cargo or the packing of it in the vessel's hold, the yardsale-type association of the term arising from the fact damaged cargo was often sold at a "rummage sale," a clearing out sale of unclaimed goods at the dock. Rubbernecker--A sailor who stood by and looked on as his shipmates worked. Square Meal--A solid, hearty meal, said to be derived from the square, wooden platters hot meals were served upon aboard ship in good weather. To "Fudge It"--A sailor's term for a lie, nonsense; exaggeration that can be traced to one Captain Fudge, a seventeenth-century sailor whose propensity for telling outrageous whoppers prompted his crew to meet any tale of dubious origin with a cry of "You Fudge It!" . . . TO THE BIZARRE . . . Dog's Vomit--A moist hash of hardtack biscuits and meat cooked together. Kissed by Mother Carey--Those whose destiny seemed forever tied to the sea. Suck the Monkey--The clandestine siphoning of spirits from one of the ship's casks via a straw or other such tube. Swallow the Anchor--An old salt who retired ashore, forever giving up his life at sea. With the intriguing Jack Tar and the Baboon Watch, you'll soon be able to talk like a sailor worth his salt! *Sailors **Unexperienced sailors

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