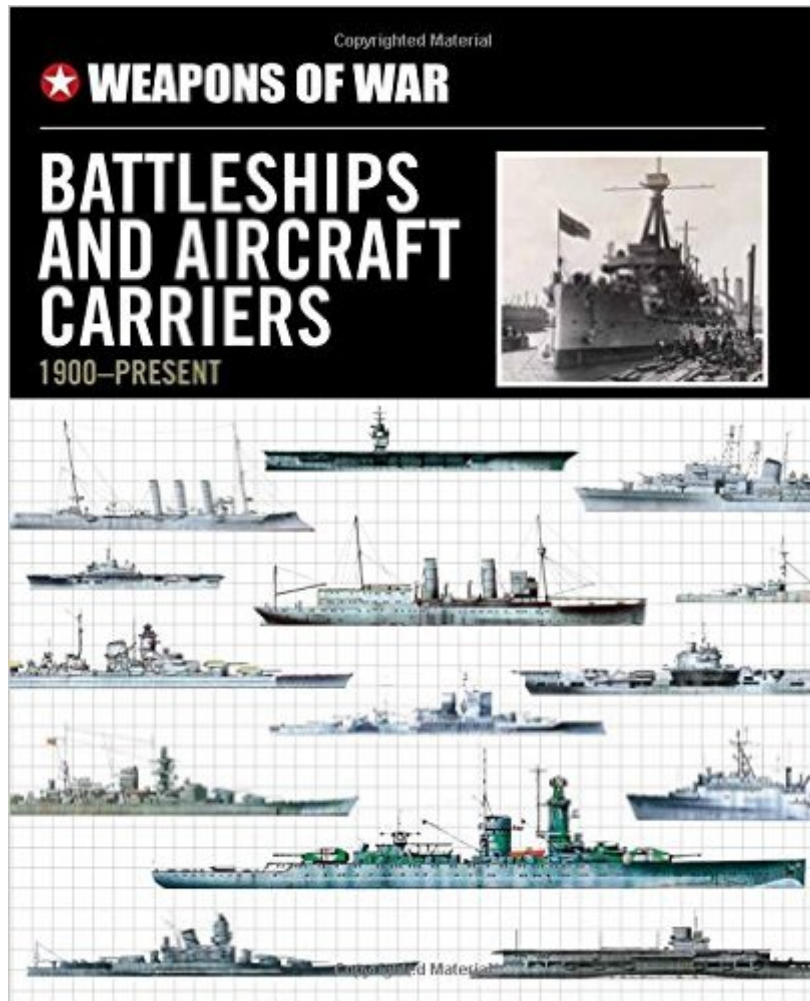


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The "Weapons of War" series seems to be a compact counterpart to Amber's "Essential Guide" series, presenting less information at a quite reasonable price, especially for a hardcover. An introductory chapter gives a brief history of capital ships from the dawn of the ironclad era around 1860 to the present day, mainly from a British point of view. It seems reasonably accurate, aside from identifying the ship sunk by the Washington at Guadalcanal as the Haruna, rather than the Kirishima. (All three ships appear in the subsequent listings, with correct information.) The 150-or-so

ships that follow are presented alphabetically, generally one to a page, though the handful of ships given two pages are rather puzzling and do not merit that honor. Each ship has a color side-view, a specification table and a brief history. The choice of ships included is also puzzling at times. In some cases, multiple ships in a class are each given treatment, whereas other notable classes are omitted entirely. As is occasionally the case with books originating in the U.K., there seem to be, relatively speaking, a few too many British ships, though just about all navies that had ships of these types are represented at least once. The ships of the minor navies are probably the most interesting ones in the book! But there are also seaplane tenders and even some destroyers and cruisers, which hardly fit the title of the book. One glaring error has to do with the Clemenceau; the narrative and specification are for the WW2 battleship, but the illustration is of the postwar carrier! My main problem with the book is the alphabetical listing, which makes the index in the back entirely superfluous.

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