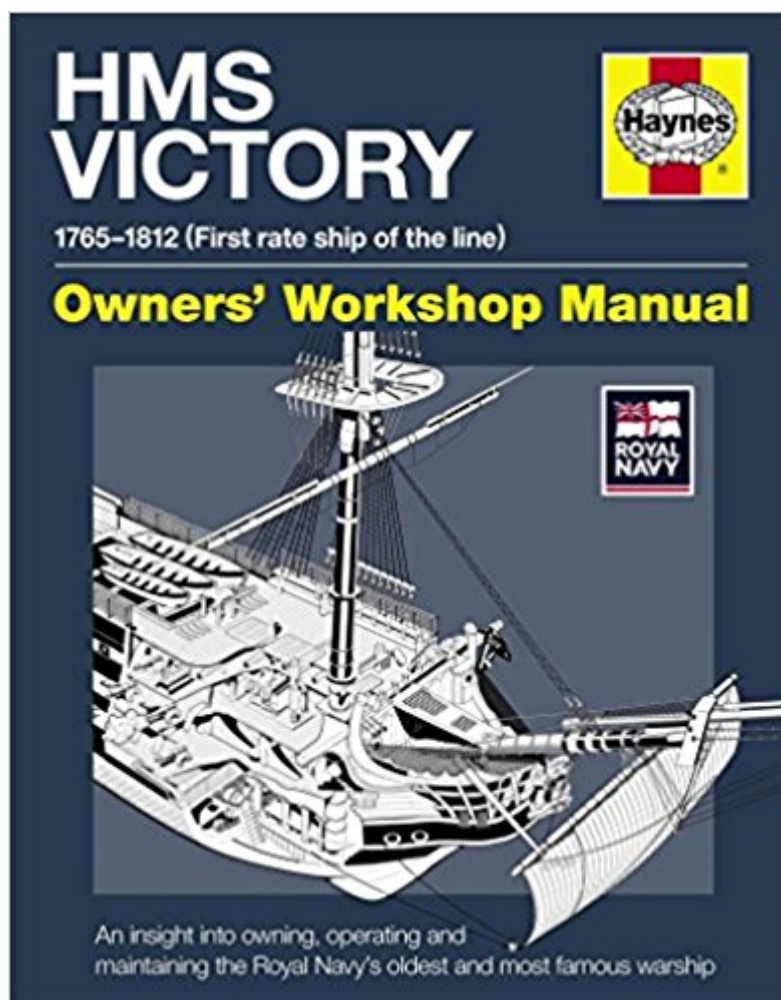




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HMS Victory Manual 1765-1812: An Insight Into Owning, Operating And Maintaining The Royal Navy's Oldest And Most Famous Warship (Owners' Workshop Manual)





Synopsis

Using the tried and tested formula HMS Victory, now available in the Haynes manual format, is probably the most famous surviving historic warship in the world today. She was flagship to Admiral Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, when he was killed on her quarter deck by a sniper's bullet in Britain's hour of victory. Maritime historian and former HMS Victory Keeper and Curator Peter Goodwin tells the story of Nelson's flagship, giving fascinating insights into how she was built, her anatomy and weaponry, and how a ship of the line in the Georgian navy was sailed, fought and maintained.

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Customer Reviews

Don't let the utilitarian cover art fool you. It's perfect for the book's purpose - an owner's manual. But the exterior merely camouflages a priceless, but exceedingly economical, treasure. While I occasionally give five stars to exceptional books, HMS Victory Owners' Workshop Manual far exceeds that rating. - Pirates and Privateers

Peter K. Goodwin served in the Royal Navy before pursuing a career as a maritime historian and author. He was appointed the first Keeper and Curator of HMS Victory in 1991. Peter has also worked as historical advisor for the film Master and Commander and the Hornblower series.

HMS Victory: Owners' Workshop Manual Peter Goodwin, MPhil, IEng, MIMarEst Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney This relatively slender volume is billed as "an insight into owning, operating and maintaining the Royal Navy's oldest and most famous warship." It is a must have for anyone with an interest in tall ships, the age of sail, the great sailing navies, and in particular the Royal Navy and Lord Nelson. Through the pages, we learn of the previous Royal Navy ships bearing the name Victory. We come to understand the reasoning behind its design and construction and to know in fairly great detail, the events of its active duty career. Readers are taken on a detailed tour of the entire vessel as we examine it from keel to main topgallant mast truck. The author also delves into the problems and resultant solutions required to keep a near two hundred and fifty year old ship in serviceable condition. As informative and impressive as this book is, it is not without some problems. It seems to have been rather hurriedly written. Many topics are lightly touched upon, and sometimes appear to end arbitrarily. Drawings and diagrams give one a start at understanding the complexity of an Eighteenth Century warship, but fail to follow through. More illustrations, demonstrating and defining those things mentioned in the text would be greatly appreciated. At one point the 98 gun Impregnable is referred to as a first-rate, when in fact it would have been classed as a second-rate. There are also problems with some of the tables for the characteristics of Victory's guns. It appears that data for one type of gun was recopied and placed in the listings for another. Nonetheless, this book is a great addition to the collection of anyone interested or fanatical about the age of sail. It definitely adds to, rather than subtracting from the field of knowledge available to those with such interests.

I plan to build a small plastic model of HMS Victory and wanted something with the colors and pictures. This is certainly that and will fill the bill for the model building. It also includes the instructions on how to fire the guns, work the pumps, and to sail the ship. I have never found some of these details anywhere else. It is a rather unique book. So if you need some good photos and details this is the book. If you are a person who dreams of commanding a ship then this is the book for you as it tells you how to sail HMS Victory and even detailed lists on supplies. If you are looking for every detail of the construction and forms of HMS Victory this has some of the information but not all. I truly like this book and am glad to have it for both my next model project and to read.

I was not really sure what to expect from this book even after visiting the Haynes website and viewing the table of contents and a few select pages. I own a large model of HMS Victory and

wanted a book describing it in some detail. This book is exactly what I was looking for. It is well illustrated and the cut away views excellent. Descriptions are clear and photographs outstanding. Can easily recommend it!

This book blends the best of both worlds. I first passed this book up as just another Victory title. Glad I didn't. The author has 'been there, done that' when it comes to tall ships. What this volume excels in is the quality, view and selection of color photos. These go a long way in assisting modelers in color selection. The narrative follows in the Haynes tradition of - 'how do you do that'. The further reading section is also useful in filling in areas limited by space in this book. Trusting Haynes will do a USS Constitution volume soon.

I purchased this book for my father since he is very much into books with a wealth of knowledge and also because he is expanding his book collection for his library. He loves sailing ships and enjoyed this book.

If you are looking for a book loaded with color pictures and explores the "nut and bolts" of the design, construction, and operation of this iconic Georgian navy ship, this is the book for you! I own several other books on HMS Victory (including:Â THE 100-GUN SHIP VICTORY (Anatomy of the Ship)Â andÂ HMS Victory - First Rate (Seaforth Historic Ships)) and this is the only one with this level of photographic documentation. Even if you visit HMS Victory, in Portsmouth England (and I have), you are not allowed to take photos onboard. Highly recommended!

Interesting

This book is just the thing for those who have an interest in the HMS Victory First rate ship. There is a lot of useful info. in the book. The content is presented in an interesting way, as you might expect from Haynes publisher. I would recommend the book. The cutaway illustrations are well done too.

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