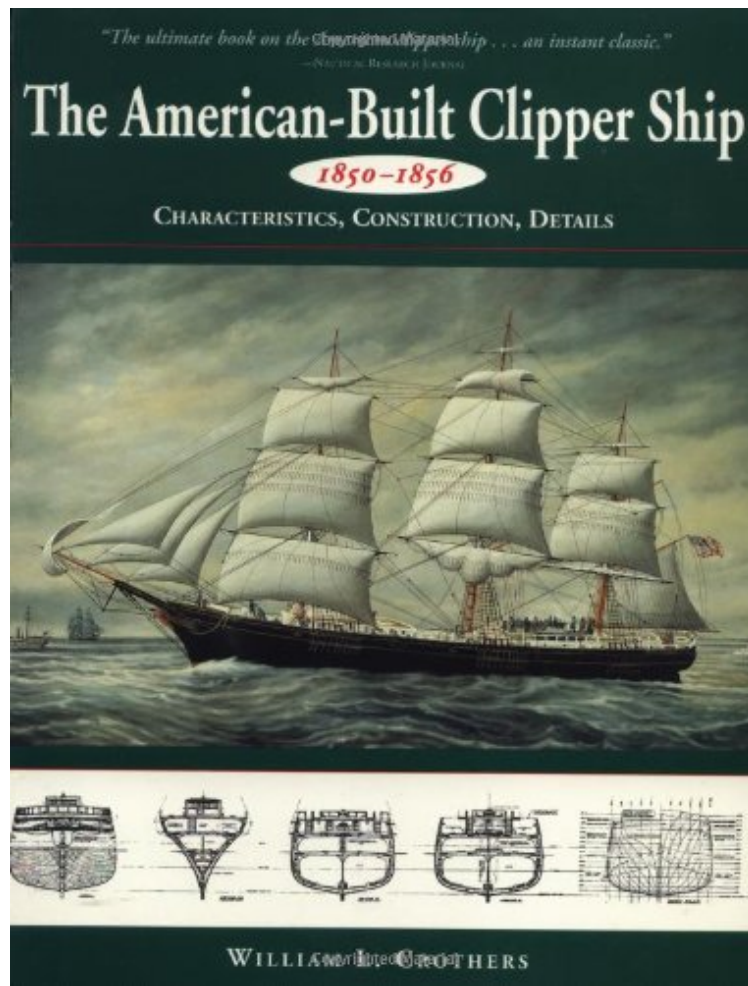


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1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Ancient CraftBy EMC2I build model Clipper ships as a hobby and find the old tall ships quite interesting. I knew this book was technical in content but found the content to be understandable and very informative. I think what is amazing about the book are the diagrams that show the complexity of the construction of these (or any old tall ships) and the amount of wood that had to be cut, cured, shaped and spiked together. The bow and stern configuration is quite stunning. It's hard to imagine the forces generated by the

masts on the steps and trusses. Shipwrights were masters of their craft and often changed designs on whims and hunches. It is absolutely amazing that the wooden ships could withstand storms and trips around Cape Horn. After going through the book you can understand the creaking and groaning sounds that ship made at sea. Also, when one thinks of the thousands and thousands of wooden ships that were built for war and commerce, you can understand how the European, British and American forests nearly disappeared. It has been an interesting and fun to read. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. For your reference collection
By E. Andes
Bill Crothers' excellent drawings and thorough research make this a definitive reference on the construction of the American clipper ships. The book contains a wide range of information of interest to the maritime historian as well as the model maker. This is a book about the "insides" of these vessels - how they were built and how they worked - rather than about the lovely appearance of the ships under sail. Highly recommended for your reference shelf. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By Tom Jones
Lots of info

Long of line, incredibly fleet, with tall, raking masts and clouds of sail, the great Yankee clipper ships stir dreams of romance and adventure. This book, the most important and detailed ever to appear on clipper ships, is the fruit of 35 years of research. Lavishly pictorial, it's a boon to maritime historians, model makers, and dreamers alike.

"... impressive detail... Appealing to more than the casual reader, Crothers takes the ships apart literally plank by plank with drawings and accompanying text." -- Soundings "... will soon be referred to as the ultimate book on the American clipper ship. This work is an instant classic." -- Nautical Research Journal
From the Back Cover
With the sweep of its bow, its graceful lines, and its clouds of canvas, the clipper ship sparked a romance with the American public that still endures 150 years later. The public fervor surrounding locally built clippers generated intense intercity rivalries--and a new type of thinking. Ships suddenly were christened with romantic names; interior decor of passenger-carrying vessels reached a new level of embellishment. Pushed by their masters, who drove them as no ships had been driven before, clippers reached and maintained speeds that were previously unheard of, setting records for sailing ship passages that were never to be surpassed. Their heyday was astonishingly brief--by the 1860s giving way to safer, more commodious, iron steamships, which were not at the mercy at the wind. The product of more than 35 years of exacting research, *The American-Built Clipper Ship* presents in exquisite detail 152 clippers that comprise the culmination of the shipbuilders' art. Every facet of clipper ship design and construction is covered, including wood species, scantlings, fastenings, midship sections, interior living areas, and details of scarphs, keels, stem- and stern-post assemblies, frames, timbers, and bracing--all included in some 160 intricately drawn illustrations by a man whose unequalled work has earned him a national following among modelers and maritime museum directors. This is possibly the most complete reference on clipper ship construction ever published. No other single source covers so many vessels in such detail. *The American-Built Clipper Ship* will be an invaluable resource for historians, model builders, and maritime artists, as well as for any newcomer who is only now learning how addictive the subject can become.
About the Author
In a real sense, William L. Crothers spent his entire adult life preparing this book. Hired by the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in the early 1930s, he retired after 35 years' service in naval ship design. During his long and productive career he developed the ability to draw extraordinarily crisp and detailed ship plans. And he developed a fascination with the American clipper ship--which he pursued through all the maritime museums in the United States and several in England.