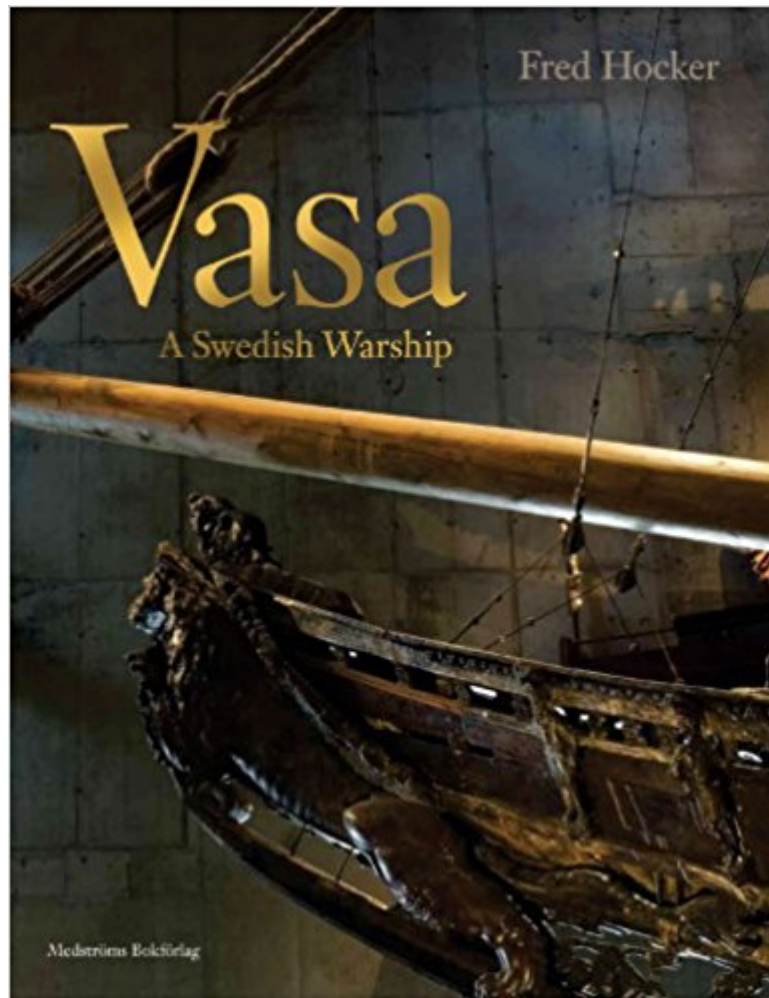




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Vasa: A Swedish Warship



Synopsis

Vasa was the most modern warship imaginable in 1628. Her ability for fast and aggressive sailing, the multiple gun deck and the heavy, custom-made guns were innovations. She was meant to be a key asset for Sweden in a bid for power in Northern Europe. But as with most brilliant innovations there are also failures, and the ship sank on her maiden voyage, a spectacular, costly and embarrassing fiasco. This book contains new information about the ship and the people who built and sailed it. And then there's the story of the discovery of the wreck and its challenging and exciting recovery. The dramatic story-telling is backed up by ground-breaking research, as Fred Hocker unfolds new facts that have now been brought to light. The 17th-century was an era of visual symbols. Photographs and historical reconstructions have been made especially for this book. Important themes are shown on double-page spreads and there is a fold-out guide to Vasa's rich ornamentation - a powerful symbolic reference to the glory of the Swedish king.

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Each page is beautifully illustrated with color photographs and images of the artifacts, places, people, and documents....All the visual material reinforces and enhances the narrative to provide readers with a more comprehensive understanding of this warship and her importance in history. Fred Hocker, an archaeologist and historian, has written a compelling and riveting account of this famous warship. He also spins a fabulous story that brings to life the seventeenth century and the people who built, crewed, and raised the Vasa. He dispels some of the myths that have surfaced over the years as to why she sank, and he explains how guns were cast and battles were fought in

this period of history. Hocker understands his principal audience, for his explanations on various aspects of ships and shipbuilding are crisp, clear, and succinct so the general layman can quickly grasp the content. As readers absorb the wealth of material found within the pages of this book, they gain a better understanding of the importance of the Vasa and a king who understood how naval warfare would change long before those alterations occurred.' (Cindy Vallar Pirates and Privateers, 2012)

The Vasa was my number one "must see" on a recent cruise of the Baltic. It did not disappoint. The huge crowds in the museum were a distraction and hinderance to getting up close to some of the displays and dioramas to get more details on this amazing story of raising an almost 300 year-old ship, and I was eager to get more detailed information. I always like to have a souvenir of special museums and cities when I travel and have found that the books I see in the museum gift shops can be ordered through .com for less money and without the bother of schlepping an additional item in the luggage. The photos are great and the back story of the Vasa's creation is fascinating and well documented in this book. When reading the book I was surprised to see in it a photo of an ornate pipe organ surround that I had taken a photo of in a church in Stockholm just before visiting the Vasa museum. In the book it explained how the beautiful carving on the organ and on the sterncastle of the Vasa were done by the same German artisan. The book also gave me insight into that time period when Sweden was a major world power and that their king had Vasa built to impress and intimidate potential rival countries. Having spent much of my career as a graphic designer, I greatly admire the quality of the printing, photos and layout of this marvelous book. I highly recommend this to anyone who has been to the Vasa Museum or to those who have been fascinated by the lore of great sailing ships of a bygone age.

Beautiful book and excellent transaction, thank you !

A very interesting story and this book does a great job of covering all aspects of the sinking and recovery. I had hoped that the book would include photographs that would show the entire ship but the narrow museum makes that impossible other one that looks down on the ship.

Nicely accompanied my visit - learned that an ancestor was one who worked on the original construction - amazing. Do not miss seeing this if you are ever in Stockholm!

I've heard about this ship for years, but it wasn't until I visited the Mary Rose in Portsmouth, England that I came to appreciate the work and research that goes into such preservation efforts. This book covers the subject of this particular ship as well, if not better, than anything I've ever read about it. Very interesting, and a thorough treatment of the subject.

Great book but I am a little disappointed in that the corner of the book was damaged in shipping. Fascinating story!

This book brings to life 17th century Sweden. It is all the more interesting as we are of Swedish heritage. The book is full of photos. It not only tells the history of the Vasa but also the story around its recovery and what it means for present day Sweden.

My special needs' son is enthralled with this book!

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