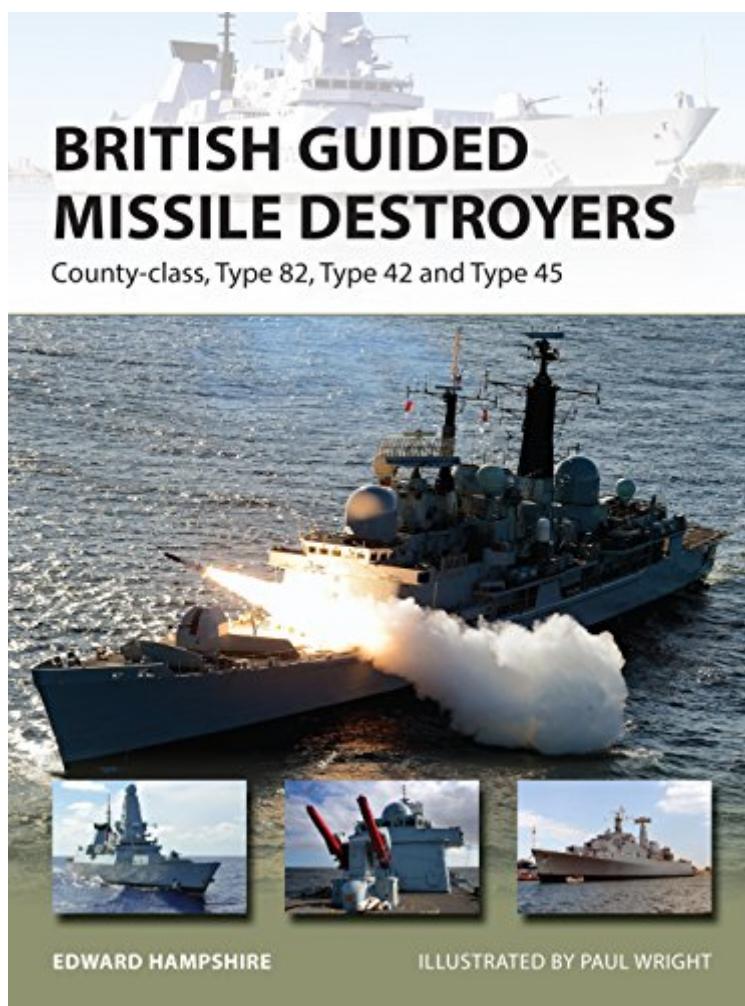


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# British Guided Missile Destroyers: County-class, Type 82, Type 42 And Type 45 (New Vanguard)



## **Synopsis**

In the years after World War II, new guided missile technology offered surface ships the chance to destroy airborne threats from afar, thereby preserving their role in naval warfare. This book examines the technology and combat performance of Britain's guided missile destroyers over half a century. Uniquely among modern destroyers, three of these classes have been tested in battle against the aircraft and missiles of another modern navy - in the Falklands War - as well as being deployed during the Gulf War. Written by an expert on British naval technology, this book assess the changing technology of the Royal Navy's destroyers over half a century, including an examination of the Royal Navy's newest and most capable warship, the Type 45.

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The post-World War II environment at sea included a requirement to defeat increasing sophisticated anti-ship missiles. The British Royal Navy, faced with reduced numbers of ships and expected contingencies against the Soviet Navy, resorted to the expedient of building warships specifically designed to counter the threat of missiles and aircraft. These British guided missile destroyers ran

through four distinct classes between the 1960's and the 2000's."British Guided Missile Destroyers" is an Osprey New Vanguard Series book by Edward Hampshire, with illustrations by Paul Wright. The author moves briskly through the successive development and deployment of the County-class, Type 82, Type 42, and Type 45 class destroyers. The narrative is an interesting mix of technological advances, budget compromises, and operational use. The text is nicely supplemented by an excellent selection of period photographs, breakaway diagrams, and illustrations. There is lots of information, but the story is easily accessible by the general reader. Oddly, there are no maps. Highly recommended as a good introduction to the topic.

Overall a good book. Quick overview of the construction and operational history of these ships. Includes the problems the Royal Navy had in building ships in a time of reduced funding and the retreat of the British on the world stage.

Great overview of a topic that has not been well-covered previously. I like this format for a quick overview of a topic.

Great book explains everything you would want to know about about theses destroyers.

Loved it.

Excellent

Nice book

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