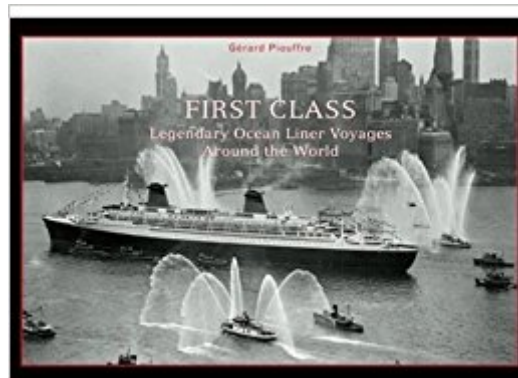




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Gérard Piouffre is a historian who specializes in industrial-era sailing ships and the French navy. He is a model ship builder and has made several reconstructions from archival material. He regularly publishes articles in nautical journals and magazines and has written several books on maritime history.

A very nice coffee-table to add in my growing collection of travel books. The photographs and illustrations and pictures are all wonderfully presented, and the text is beautifully written. Highly recommend it to anyone who loves cruising in style

Great book for any one who loves to cruise for themselves or a friend who loves to cruise. Excellent service.

Possibly interesting small slip case format that requires back paging to read some rather small print captions for identification that can be annoying. Wish more of the ships were identified as well as the period photographs - which are quite nice. Relatively quick read that left me looking for much more given some routes have little in print. All in all a mixed bag.

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