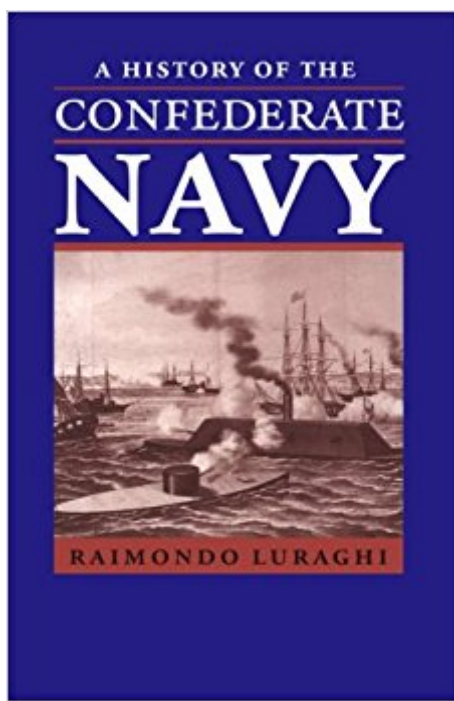


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This book is without a doubt the best history available of the Confederate Navy. It is extremely detailed, but also very readable throughout. It covers all of the military operations of the CSN in memorable, though brief, fashion but it truly shines in making clear the logistic, technical, and strategic challenges and objectives of the CSN. In particular, this book shatters the pervasive myth that the only strategic goal of the Confederate Navy was to break the blockade. Instead it makes clear the multifaceted objective of the CSN to deny the Federal Navy access to the Southern littorals, thereby preventing the use of amphibious operations against crucial points and Confederate land armies, and to do so by use of technological and tactical surprise. Luraghi makes abundantly clear the massive challenge facing the CSN and the amazing achievement in creating a functioning navy, not too mention the industrial base necessary to support it, essentially from scratch. He also makes a compelling argument that the Confederate Navy largely succeeded in meeting its strategic objectives and that, with two notable exceptions involving Admiral Farragut, the navy was rarely defeated in battle. Instead, most Southern naval vessels had to be scuttled to prevent their capture after the outflanking or defeat of Confederate land forces. While there are many good books about the Civil War at sea, most are largely focused on the US Navy. This is

understandable given its huge size, but it, combined with the destruction of much of the CSN archives at the end of the war, has had the effect of reducing the Confederate Navy to a failed force with one simple objective. Luraghi spent over two decades researching for this book and has very clearly demolished that misconception.

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