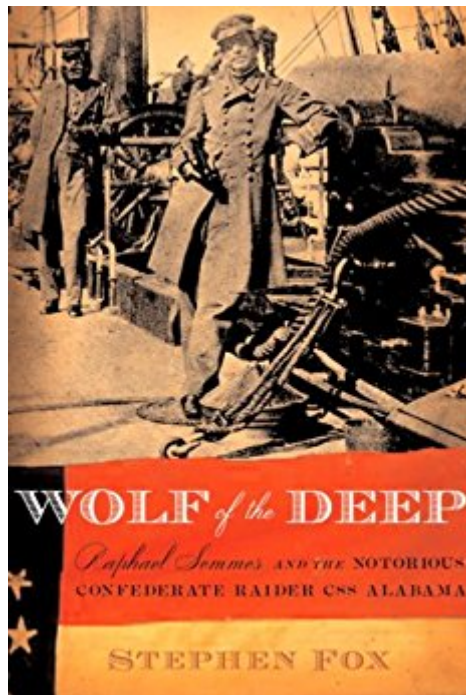




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Synopsis

The electrifying story of Raphael Semmes and the CSS Alabama, the Confederate raider that destroyed Union ocean shipping and took more prizes than any other raider in naval history. In July, 1862, Semmes received orders to take command of a secret new British-built steam warship, the Alabama. At its helm, he would become the most hated and feared man in ports up and down the Union coast "and a Confederate legend. Now, with unparalleled authority and depth, and with a vivid sense of the excitement and danger of the time, Stephen Fox tells the story of Captain Semmes's remarkable wartime exploits. From vicious naval battles off the coast of France, to plundering the cargo of Union ships in the Caribbean, this is a thrilling tale of an often overlooked chapter of the Civil War. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

This is easily one of the best historical books I have read in quite awhile. Several of the historical novels I have read lately either droned on with pointless statistics, kept repeating the same facts over and over again to emphasize their point, or both. In this case the author did an excellent job of

balancing historical facts with the social climate and views of the people at the time and did so in a very interesting manner. If you are interested in American history and especially the period of the Civil War then I highly recommend this book. I consider myself something of a Civil War buff, but up until now had primarily concerned myself with the landlocked portion of the war while skimming over most of the maritime events. This book definitely broadened my perspective on the effect the American Civil War had globally as well as reminding me that the naval aspect of the war went beyond the Monitor, the Merrimack, the Hunley, and the Union Blockade.

The book illustrated the tenacity and heroism of a principled man. As a native Texan, I found myself cheering for the underdog captain to "whup up on them thar Yankees" but I didn't like his reclusiveness and aloofness. Fox is objective in his storytelling and I became involved in the narrative to the point that I read it in one sitting. This is a very good book that fills an emptiness in the Confederate Navy's story. I highly recommend this book to anyone.

This is a great book on the Confederate raider Raphael Semmes and his beloved CSS Alabama it is a very reveting story of how he captured ships bonded some and burned the most the most of his prize captures. He never hurt any one in the process of raiding but made it hard on a lot of people on the ships he had burned he had to drop the people of other ships off at some times undiscovered destinations so that he wouldn't get caught so that he could go out and continue his raiding and destroying of american merchant ships . In the end The CSS Alabama was sunk off France and most of the crew was whisked away before the US ship could pick them up as pirates and try them as so. This is a great book for those who love the civil war especially the war on the oceans

Well researched and well written. I couldn't put it down. Anyone interested in Civil War Naval History will enjoy this book. I have always been interested in the Confederate Navy and especially the operations of the commerce raiders. The CSS Alabama was the most successful of the raiders and still holds the record today of capturing and destroying the most enemy ships. The insights into the personal lives of the captain and the crew was most interesting. Raphael Semmes was a most interesting character and will be long remembered as a daring and skillful captain. I highly recommend this book.

I enjoyed the heck out of this book, though it was a tad long winded and repetitive.

Mr fox's adulation left me cold. Being a yankee. Semmes was a person who committed piracy in the name of a rebellion, He was lucky in that the union navy had more important things to do.

Amazing story of the Southern raiders, special built to tear up the Yankee merchants, but a hard life aboard.

Terrific well written and fascinating recount of an amazing voyage and little known aspect of the Civil War. Semmes was a remarkable individual.

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