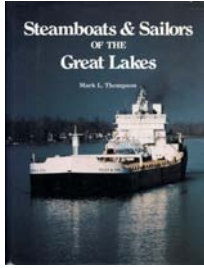


Steamboats and Sailors of the Great Lakes by Mark Thompson



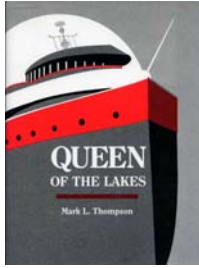
Named by the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries to their “50 Essential Books on Michigan History.”

The most thorough and factual study of the Great Lakes shipping industry written in the 20th century. Thompson tells the fascinating story of the world’s most efficient bulk transportation system, describing the Great Lakes freighters, the cargoes of the great ships, and the men and women who have served as crew.

“Thompson works the reader like a preacher at a revival, effortlessly mixing folksy anecdote with the heavy stuff to get his point across.”

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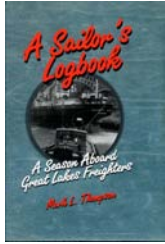
Queen of the Lakes by Mark Thompson



“Queen of the Lakes” is an honorary title bestowed upon the longest ship sailing on the Great Lakes. In one of the most comprehensive books ever written on the maritime history of the lakes, author Mark Thompson presents a vignette of each of the dozens of ships that have held that title. Queen of the Lakes...is perfect for coffee tables, lakefront cabins or any boat lovers’ bookshelf.”

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A Sailor's Logbook by Mark Thompson

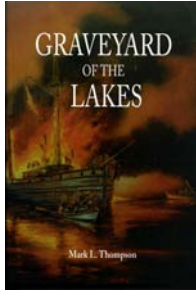


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"Thompson's book is a logbook following day-by-day activities during the 1996 freighter season on the Great Lakes. During the season Thompson served on four boats, ranging from the 605-foot Calcite II to the 1,000-foot Edgar B. Speer. It is a fascinating and colorful account of how the freighters work."

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Graveyard of the Lakes by Mark Thompson



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For the first time, a historian and seasoned mariner looks beyond the specific circumstances of individual shipwrecks in an effort to reach a clearer understanding of the economic, political, and psychological factors that have influenced the 25,000 wrecks on the Great Lakes over the past 300 years. Thompson includes factual accounts of more than 100 shipwrecks and an eye-opening “common sense” post mortem on the sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald* in 1975.

“Some of the stories are written so compellingly the reader shivers in the cold November air...”

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