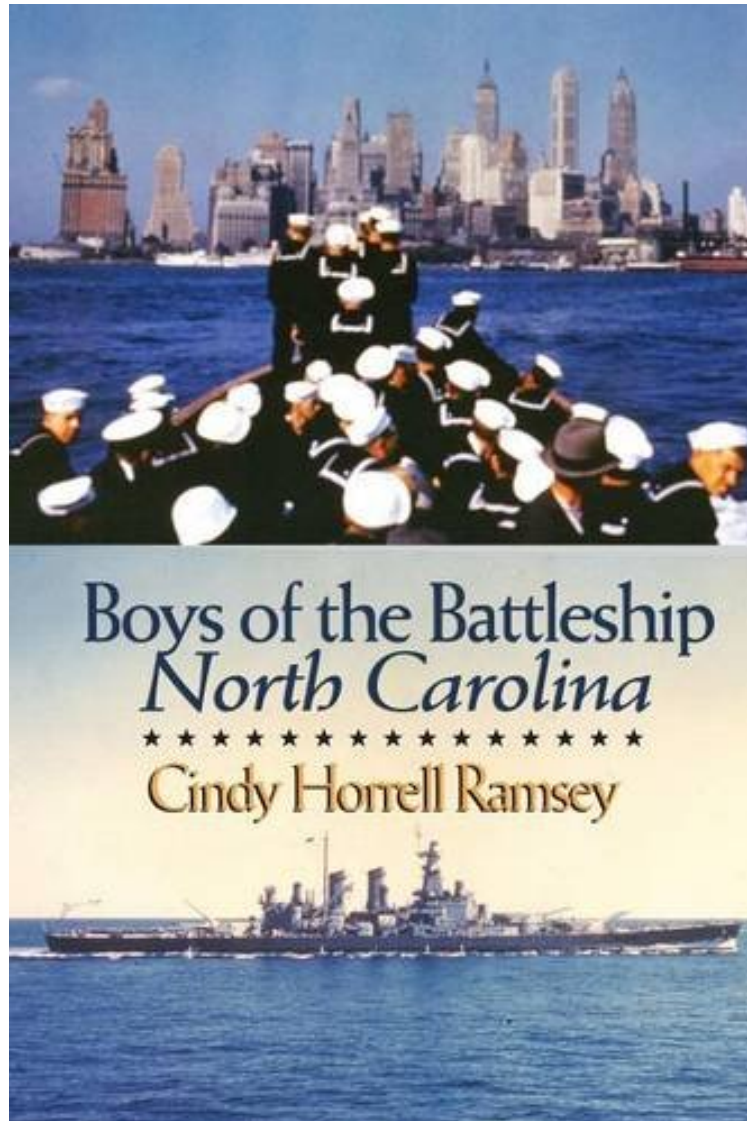


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**Cindy Horrell Ramsey : Boys of the Battleship North Carolina** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Boys of the Battleship North Carolina:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Captivating account of life aboard the battleship North Carolina By Aerychi I bought this book because I have been a fan of battleships ever since I went to Battleship Cove. Who isn't fascinated by the huge ship with enormous cannons? There aren't many historical biographies on battleships so this one caught my eyes, especially with so many positive reviews. I can say that I felt like I was right there with the

sailors throughout the whole book. There were many chapters about a few of the sailors' personal lives which I appreciated. I just wish there was more written about the daily lives of the sailors on board the battleship, but there was enough written to keep me happy. The ending was a bit sad to read but it was appropriate. The author's style of writing flowed in an appropriate way that made it easy to read. It certainly wasn't boring by any means. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Really enjoying this book, the stories, the layout/format. By Scott R. Hirschman I am really liking this book very much. Such a nice departure from the typical reads, the dry technical stuff that can go on for chapters. No, instead my take on this book is that it is filled with simple, easy to follow short stories about former crew members while they served on the ship. I like the format, a lot of the stories take the reader back to the days when a sailor first joined the navy, following him to boot camp and returns to the story later on in the chapter or book to when that sailor reports to duty on the ship. What I also like is that it is the type of book that you can put down, come back to several of days later and pick right back up on and continue reading not having to worry about forgetting key parts of the book. One thing I have noticed though is that the book tends to look better picture wise on a tablet than it does on a Paperwhite. The reason for this is the limited zoom capabilities on a Paperwhite as apposed to a tablet. Good book, glad i bought it. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Made me swell w/pride, shed a few tears. By D. K. Steinshouer This was obviously a labor of love due to the intense exhaustive research. My dad also served aboard the USS North Carolina during WWII, 1944-46, so I've heard his take on some of the events. It was kinda weird to know quite a few people in the book, either through stories or having met them personally. The book is mostly told through several 'main' characters stories b/c it would've been just too much to try to tell EVERYone's p.o.v. However, it touches on all the main events, as well as why so many sailors hoped to be assigned to this ship. The firepower she had, the whys/wheres/whens she defended other ships and/or escaped major damage, and the lack of many deaths all combined to make her the pride of the Pacific fleet, particularly when steaming into Pearl Harbor the 1st time. You will definitely understand why she was IS called the "Showboat"!

On July 11, 1942, the USS North Carolina steamed into Pearl Harbor. She was a magnificent ship—the first in a new class of battleships, simultaneously monstrous and fast. She was two and a half football fields long and so wide she could barely pass through the Panama Canal on her journey to Hawaii. At any given time, 2,339 sailors manned the ship—a total of more than 7,000 during the six years she served. As she glided into the ravaged harbor, past the wreckage of sunken American ships, the morale of the men in the surviving Pacific fleet soared. A little over two years earlier, more than 57,000 people had gathered in the Brooklyn Navy Yard on the day she was launched. As she went through her "shakedown" period, she returned repeatedly to that same naval yard for adjustments and modifications. Many New Yorkers, including radio commentator Walter Winchell, often witnessed the ship entering and departing New York Harbor and began calling her the "Showboat." In this book, Ramsey tells the story of the battleship through the eyes of the men who served her. After doing research about the ship at the National Archives in 2000, Ramsey spent six days helping the staff of the memorial compile a living-history archive of personal interviews conducted with the surviving crewmembers when they attended the ship's annual reunion. She became fascinated with the stories these men told. For the next few years, she continued talking to the men to flesh out their stories. The result is this narrative about one of the most decorated American battleships in World War II, as seen through the eyes of the young sailors who matured into men while manning this floating fortress. As Ramsey says in her introduction, "Sailors know the difference between a fairy tale and a sea story. A fairy tale begins, 'Once upon a time.' A sea story starts simply, 'Now, this is no bull....' This book is a sea story."

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