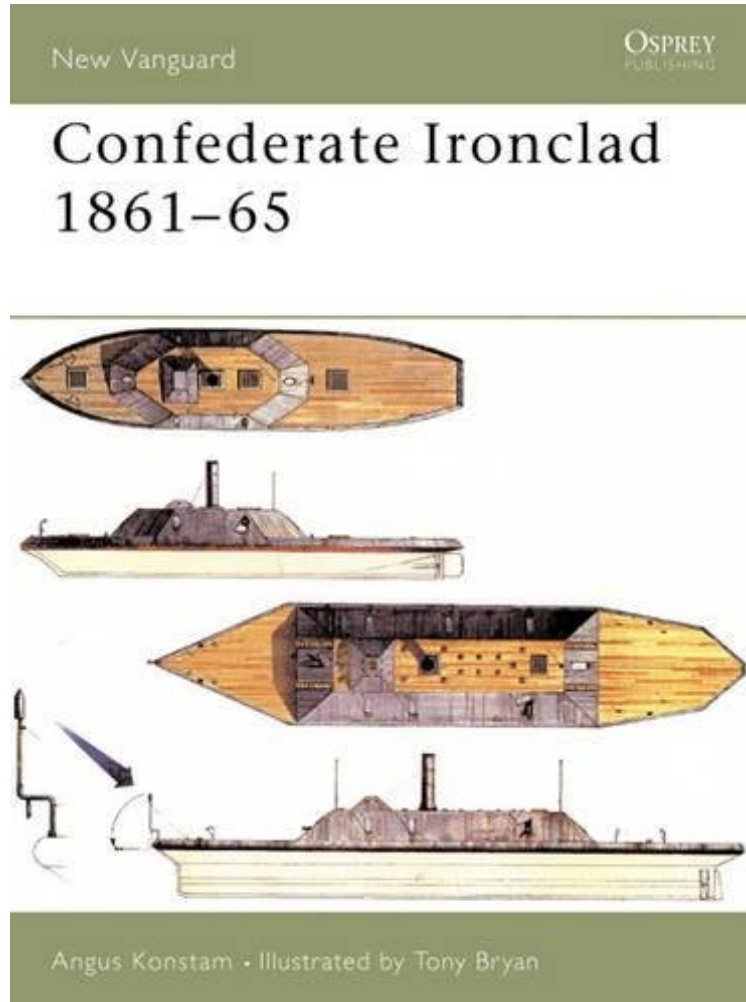


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found the following review helpful. Confederate ironclads didn't "just happen" By James D. Crabtree During the Civil War Union forces ran into Confederate ironclads throughout the southern states, everywhere in between the Red River and Norfolk. Reading this book, you get the sense of the Confederate Navy's attempt to provide a uniform set of vessels, well-armed and usually well-armored. These vessels employed a new naval design to try to offset the large number of ships available to the Federal Navy. The book lists the various ironclads commissioned (or being built) and provides rare photos and drawings of these ships. Original artwork enhances this product. The only weakness in the volume is that it doesn't really discuss whether the design had a basis in European thought or if the design was solely the result of Confederate naval architects. I recently visited Kinston NC and saw the full-scale replica of the CSS Neuse there. I wish I had read this book first as I think I would have better appreciated it's design and story.

The creation of a Confederate ironclad fleet was a miracle of ingenuity, improvisation and logistics. Surrounded by a superior enemy fleet, Confederate designers adapted existing vessels or created new ones from the keel up with the sole purpose of breaking the naval stranglehold on the nascent country. Her ironclads were build in remote cornfields, on small inland rivers or in naval yards within sight of the enemy. The result was an unorthodox but remarkable collection of vessels, which were able to contest the rivers and coastal waters of the South for five years. This title explains how these vessels worked, how they were constructed, how they were manned and how they fought.

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