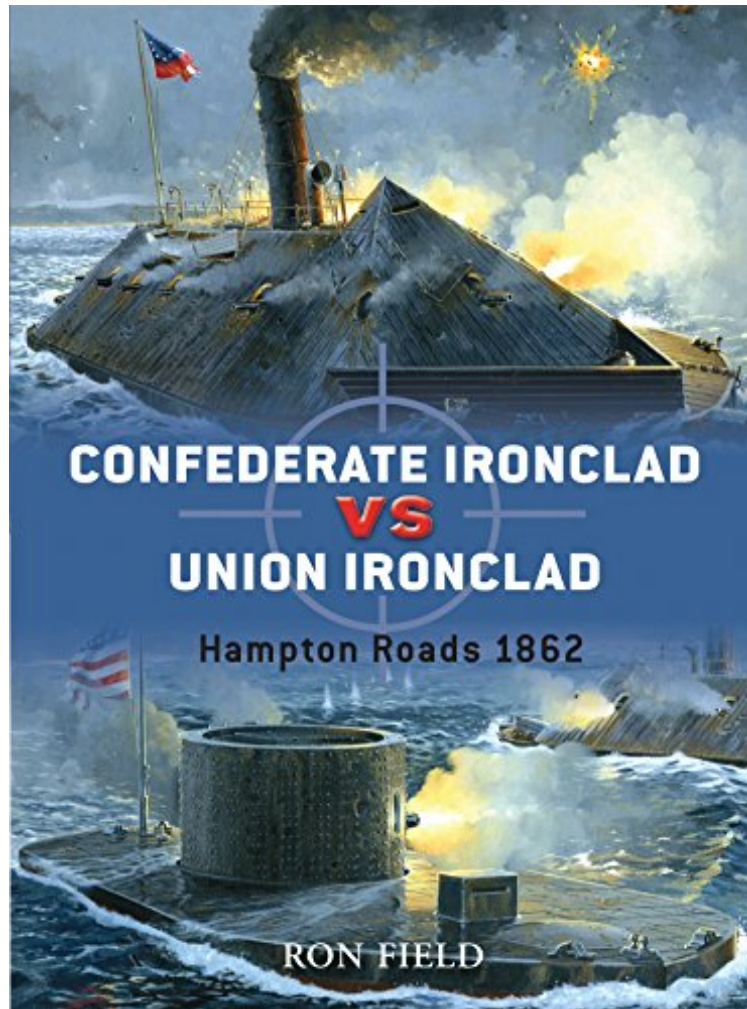


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Ron Field : Confederate Ironclad vs Union Ironclad: Hampton Roads 1862 (Duel) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Confederate Ironclad vs Union Ironclad: Hampton Roads 1862 (Duel):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An excellent book!By KevinI am an Ohioan by birth, live in Middle Tennessee and am married to a true "Southern belle.". There is a lot of Civil War history to be found in this area of the country and quite a lot related to naval operations on the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. Being a Civil War nut and ex Navy (NFO), I found this book to be well written and very informative. I especially liked the author's telling of the action the various vessels saw. While the battle between the Monitor and the Virginia was the main story, the author

also included the identifying of many other ironclads that were built by the Union and Confederacy and told about their exploits. While the development of ironclad ships was a major turning point in naval armor and armament, and their use and prestige skyrocketed, their longevity as the primo ships-of-the-line was rather short once the aircraft carrier arrived on the scene less than 100 years later. I have often wondered how much of a difference could have been made in that Civil War if either the North or the South (or both, for that matter) had launched a few manned balloons from a barge and had the men in the balloons float over an enemy ironclad and drop a few fused cannonballs onto the tops of the enemy ironclads or even down the stack of the ironclad. But, that's another story....

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Ironclad Info By Ramm This is one of several slim volumes devoted to the history of the earliest American iron-clad warships, the Monitor and the Merrimack/Virginia. The book is full of interesting information on all aspects of the development of both the Northern Confederate vessels as well as the famous sea battle at Hampton Roads. The illustrations are particularly nice featuring rare archival photos, period engravings, cut-away drawings of the iron clads, and specially commissioned paintings that re-create the excitement of the pivotal sea battle. Highly recommended for those interested in these unusual fighting ships.

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The Ironclad was a revolutionary weapon of war. Although iron was used for protection in the Far East during the 16th century, it was the 19th century and the American Civil War that heralded the first modern armored self-propelled warships. With the parallel pressures of civil war and the industrial revolution, technology advanced at a breakneck speed. It was the South who first utilized ironclads as they attempted to protect their ports from the Northern blockade. Impressed with their superior resistance to fire and their ability to ram vulnerable wooden ships, the North began to develop its own rival fleet of ironclads. Eventually these two products of this first modern arms race dueled at the battle of Hampton Roads in a clash that would change the face of naval warfare. Fully illustrated with cutting-edge digital artwork, rare photographs and first-person perspective gun sight views, this book allows the reader to discover the revolutionary and radically different designs of the two rival Ironclads - the CSS Virginia and USS Monitor - through an analysis of each ship's weaponry, ammunition and steering. Compare the contrasting training of the crews and re-live the horrors of the battle at sea in a war which split a nation, communities and even families.

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—Mike Cavanaugh, Blue Gray Magazine

“The Duel series follows a well planned and somewhat set design. There is a section on the design and development of the weapons, technical specifications, a look at the combatants involved and the strategic situation at the time of the event. Then the book gets into the combat itself and once that has been described goes into a statistical analysis of the event. This is followed by how the event may have altered future design and development. In this case, it covers some of the other ironclad vs ironclad battles, few though these actually were. Finally, there is a section on how the type was further developed, including post war use... an excellent read and one that I am confident you will enjoy as well. Highly recommended.”

—Scott Van Aken, modelingmadness.com (December 2008)

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