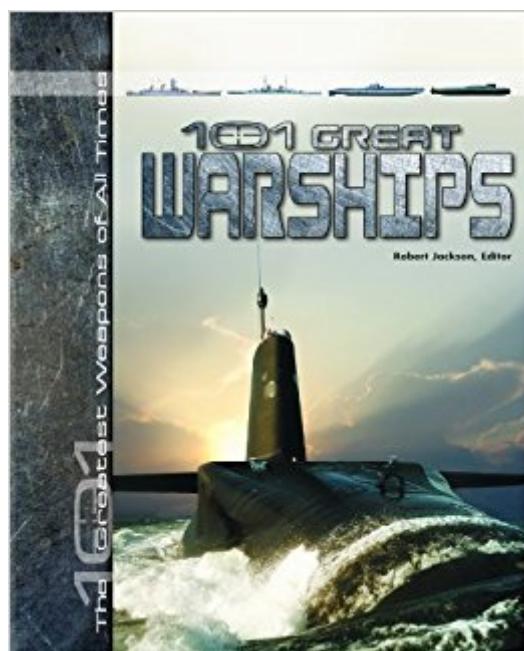


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page with a half-page of history, a brief specs table, a color side-profile and one photograph, which is sometimes in color. Appendices include a glossary, a brief bibliography, a 'For More Information' section and an index. Anyone interested in warships should enjoy Jackson's book. It introduces them to ships both famous and little-known. Whether those ships merit the title of "Great Warship" is another matter. Recommended.

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