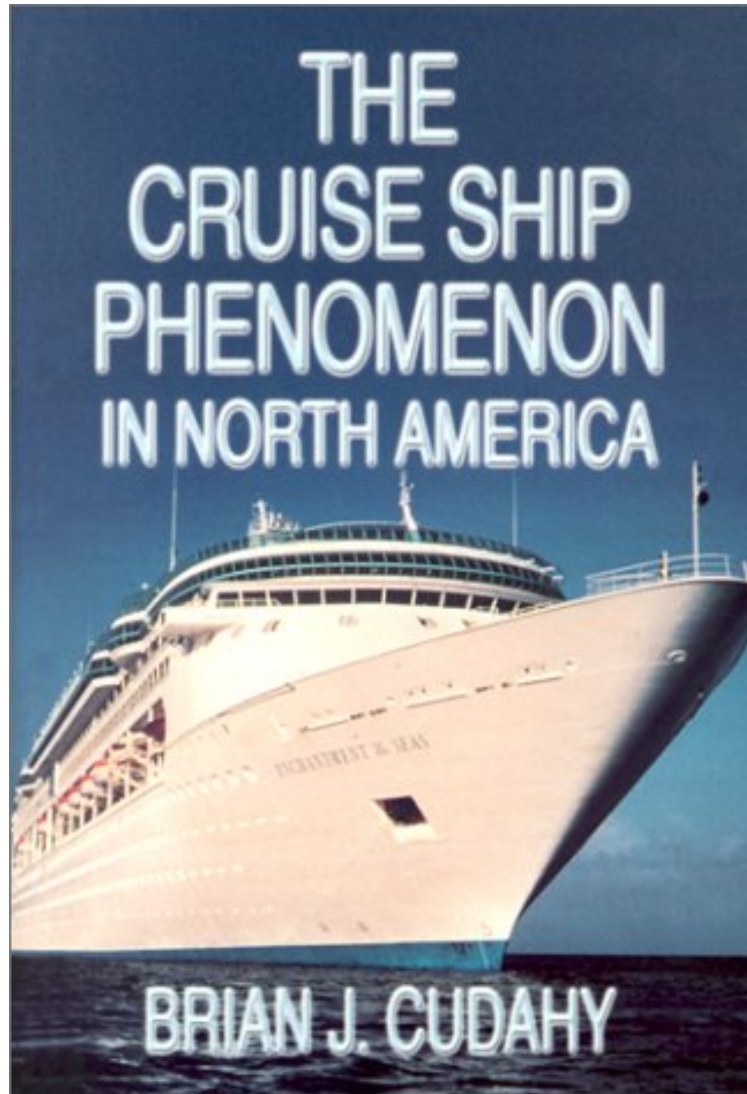


The Cruise Ship Phenomenon in North America

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Brian J Cudahy : The Cruise Ship Phenomenon in North America before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Cruise Ship Phenomenon in North America:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Amazing research not found elsewhereBy Lisa SheaIf you are a cruiser, this is definitely a book for you to buy or at least borrow from your library. It has EVERYTHING you could ever want to know about cruising history.First, to be clear, this is NOT a review of which cruise ships have pools and which have nice restaurants. Instead, this book talks about the history of cruising, and gives you background on the various cruise ships in operation. You learn really cool stories about how the cruise ship lines formed, and hear stories

about individual ships and what has happened to them over the years. The book is hard cover and HUGE. It's about 360 pages of dense information. I had a real blast reading it. There's a story about the Norwegian Majesty, about how it was running on GPS autopilot in 1995 heading back from Bermuda to Boston. The crew figured it was OK and didn't bother to look out the window at all. The next thing they knew, the ship was grounded on a shoal near Nantucket. The book has a giant appendix full of histories of all the ships. It is really fascinating to learn how frequently ships are traded from line to line, and just what they were originally built for. Some cruise ships began their lives as car ferries, and then were rearranged to handle passengers. If there's any detraction, it's that the author seems a little fascinated with the type of funnel (smokestack) on the ships and the type of propulsion system :) But hey, we all have our little quirks. If that's what he enjoys, that's fine with me! I might have liked a little more detail about what the ships were like inside, but you can get that from plenty of other sources. As far as base history of the ships that we love, there really is no other book that comes anywhere close to this one. Well recommended! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating

By L. Dunkelman
As you can imagine from the title, this book is for people who are fascinated with cruise ships or the industry and have a penchant for details. Not everyone needs to know that the Carnival Destiny was the largest cruise ship afloat- for less than a year. If you do though, this book is for you. There is equal parts of the history of each of the major cruise lines and the history of the ships they own and operate. The chapter near the end about the construction process is fascinating. If you are looking for tipping guidelines for the wait staff you have the wrong book. If you want to be the only person on your cruise that knows where your ship was built and its propulsion system, this book is a must. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Anyone see a white whale? By Captain Mark
Dated and no longer topical. Nice pictures of old cruise ships.

Even taking into account the extraordinarily prosperous economic climate of the late twentieth century, the number of people who now choose a cruise ship vacation is phenomenal. The number of passengers leaving from North American ports leaped from 330,000 in 1965 to nearly seven million at the turn of the century. This book gives the reader a sense of the scope of the cruise ship industry, tracing the backgrounds of various cruise lines and providing information about the time, money, and effort that go into the myriad details encountered between building plan and cruising itinerary. From shipbuilders to cruise operators and the peripheral businesses of airlines, hotels, and land-based transportation and tour companies, cruise ships have spawned a far-reaching network that affects millions of passengers and involves billions of dollars. As an added bonus, the wealth of information in a detailed appendix gives readers an instant history of the ships, including notes on specifications, builders, registry, and passenger capacity. According to maritime historian John Maxtone-Graham, "The Cruise Ship Phenomenon in North America is not only a good and fascinating read, it is also an unrivaled work of reference... Brian Cudahy has rewarded passengers, cruise line personnel, and maritime historians alike with a splendidly evocative and unique benchmark."

About the Author
Born in Brooklyn, New York, Brian Cudahy is one of the country's leading waterway and transportation historians. Born and educated in Brooklyn, he earned a masters and PhD in philosophy and went to work for Boston College. Cudahy taught in the field of transportation and later worked in the marketing department of a local transit system. These led him to a position in research and policy with the Federal Transit Administration in Washington, D.C. He is the author of *The Cruise Ship Phenomenon in North America* and *Twilight on the Bay: The Excursion Boat Empire of B. B. Wills*.