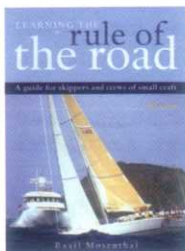


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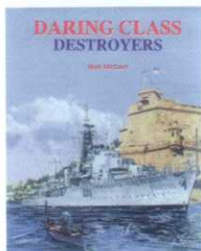
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AUSTRALIA'S MANGROVES

By NORM DUKE



Norm Duke is one of the world's leading authorities on the subject of mangroves. While he has spent his adult life studying them, even if he had only done the research for this one book, he would know an enormous amount.

His book is beautifully produced in a very high quality (and expensive) format that makes it ideal for use as a field guide. It is brilliantly illustrated, sensibly and logically laid out and easy to use. It even benefits from the insertion of a "Mangrove Identification Wheel" inside the back cover.

We should all know by now just how important mangroves are to the marine, in fact the whole, environment. This book gives chapter and verse on why. It also explains that Australia is uniquely blessed in having mangroves growing along about 75 per cent of its extensive coastline. We need to look after them.

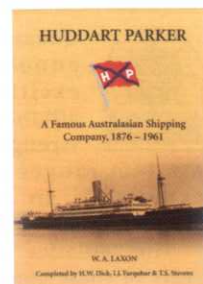
An elegant book to be treasured by anyone with an interest in the sea.

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HUDDART PARKER

A Famous Australasian Shipping Company 1876-1961

By W.A. LAXON. Completed by H.W. DICK, I.J. FARQUHAR & T.S. STEVENS



In the dim distant past when Australia still boasted companies and individuals that were proud ship owners, Huddart Parker was one of the leading examples.

Originating in the Gold Rush days of the 1850s, the company was formally founded in 1876. It traded, mostly successfully, until absorbed into the Boral Group in 1961.

It owned vast numbers of ships from tugs to passenger liners, properties, collieries and even a significant slice of a pioneering airline. Many of its ships became famous, others sank or simply disappeared. Huddart Parker's was a fascinating ship owning history.

This book serves that history well. The original author, W.A. Laxon died before his manuscript was finished. Fortunately for everyone interested in the history of Australian ships and shipping, his friends and successors very ably completed his massive task.

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FIRST AID AT SEA

5th Edition

By DOUGLAS JUSTINS & COLIN BERRY



Another excellent guidebook from Adlard Coles Nautical that is actually designed to be used at sea, when you might need it. It is even water resistant.

It is all very well to undertake first aid training courses ashore. They are vital and prepare you to respond properly at sea where problems really occur. However, a clear, simple, beautifully presented book like this makes appropriate responses more likely and more timely than if you are referring to the old "Ships Captain's Medical Guide".

All the common complaints and injuries, as well as a few less so, are listed as is their treatment. The contents of an appropriate general purpose marine first aid kit are also suggested.

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COASTAL CULTURES

An Anthropology of Fishing and Whaling Traditions

By ROB VAN GINKEL



The rapidly disappearing fishing industry of the western "developed" world has become an increasingly popular subject of socio-economic study.

As this book, by an academic anthropologist from the University of Amsterdam, explains: "Fishing is not merely a job, it is also a way of life". That, probably, is a large part of the fishing industry's problem. Probably, too, that is why the industry is so easily eliminated by those who conspire to do so.

This excellent book looks at the culture of fishing and whaling. A culture that is similar in much of the developed world. It offers a very good analysis in the ethnographic and anthropological sense of that culture, its strengths and weaknesses.

Sadly, while it gives an insightful description of past and present fishing culture, it does not offer any hope for any significant recovery in the industry. Indeed, it seems that this culture really makes fishermen into their own worst enemies.

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