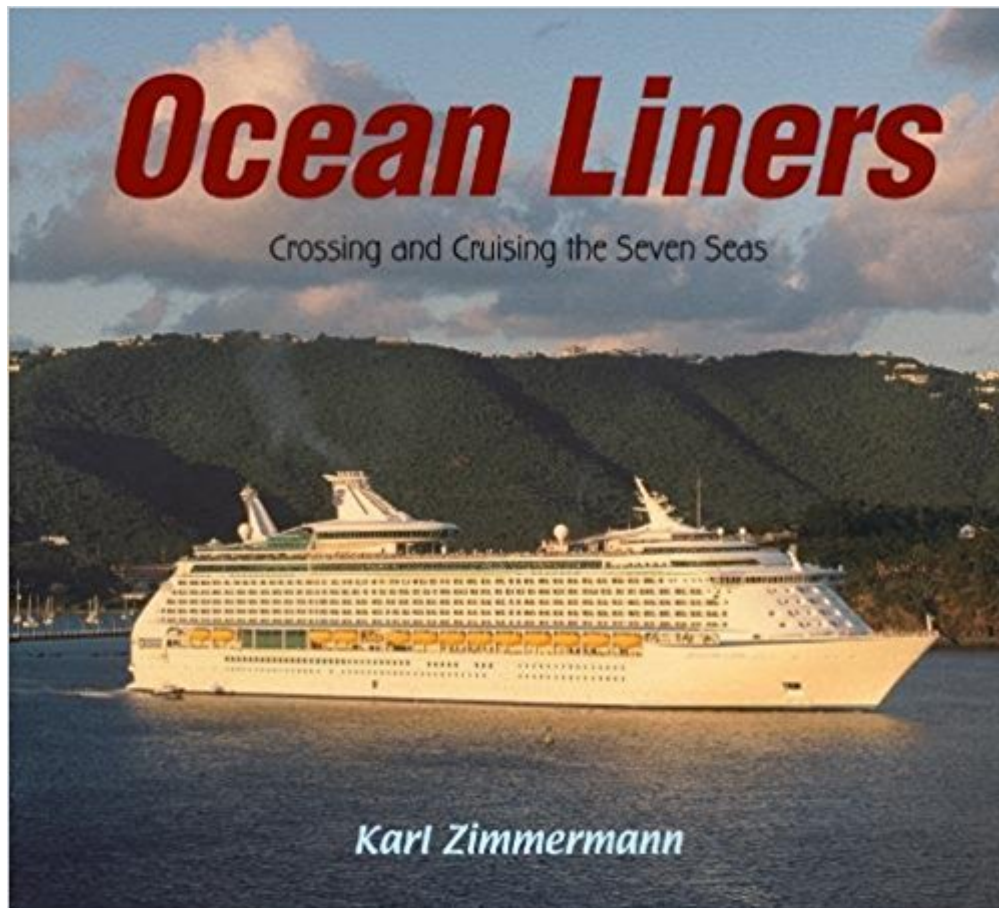




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# Ocean Liners: Crossing And Cruising The Seven Seas



## Synopsis

Ocean liners, the biggest ships on earth, changed history. Ocean liners' majestic passenger ships' once sailed all the world's seas. The busiest route, known as the Atlantic Ferry, crossed the North Atlantic. The liners that sailed there played important roles in times of both peace and war. Ships such as England's Britannia, Holland's Statendam, and Germany's Amerika transported the rich and famous as well as millions of immigrants to North America. The Titanic, among the most famous of ocean liners, steamed into legend on the night of April 14, 1912, when it collided with an iceberg. Over time, airplanes changed the nature of travel. The last of the great ships turned to offering passengers the pleasures of cruising. Here's the fascinating story of ocean liners' their history, development, and culture' from the first great ocean liner to today's Freedom of the Seas, which carries more than four thousand passengers.

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Zimmermann adds to his tally of books on modern and steam-driven ships and trains with this useful if superficial overview of the development of passenger ocean liners and cruise ships. After opening with the debatable claim that these ships are the "largest objects in the world that move," he traces the 19th-century growth of the "Atlantic Ferry," a collection of ships that carried millions of vacationers and immigrants over the seas before being transformed into the still-booming

cruise-ship industry in response to the arrival of the passenger airplane. As Zimmermann's focus largely sticks to the ships' public areas and the many color photos resemble commercial shots of hulls and luxurious interiors, true ship fans looking for a behind-the-scenes tour will be disappointed. Still, younger readers wondering what the fuss over luxury cruises is all about or those with such a trip in their future will come away impressed with the magnificence of these floating hotels. Grades 4-6. --John Peters

The author waxes poetic about the décor, the amenities and life aboard the liners and the modern cruise ships. All is accompanied by photographs taken over the years by the author and supplemented by historic drawings, photos and documents. The plethora of facts and details never detracts from the author's obvious love of these stately ships. A fascinating voyage. --Kirkus

#### Reviews

I did not have particularly high expectations for this book, but the price was right. What makes this book terrific and unique are the original photos taken by the author. These are not the usual stock pictures you see in many ocean liner / cruise ship books. Many were taken from the New Jersey side of NY harbor showing the liners departing with Manhattan in the background. There are many large color shots of ships you don't often see like the Amerikanis, Horizon, Regal Empress and the legendary Britannis. I am happy to add this to my collection.

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