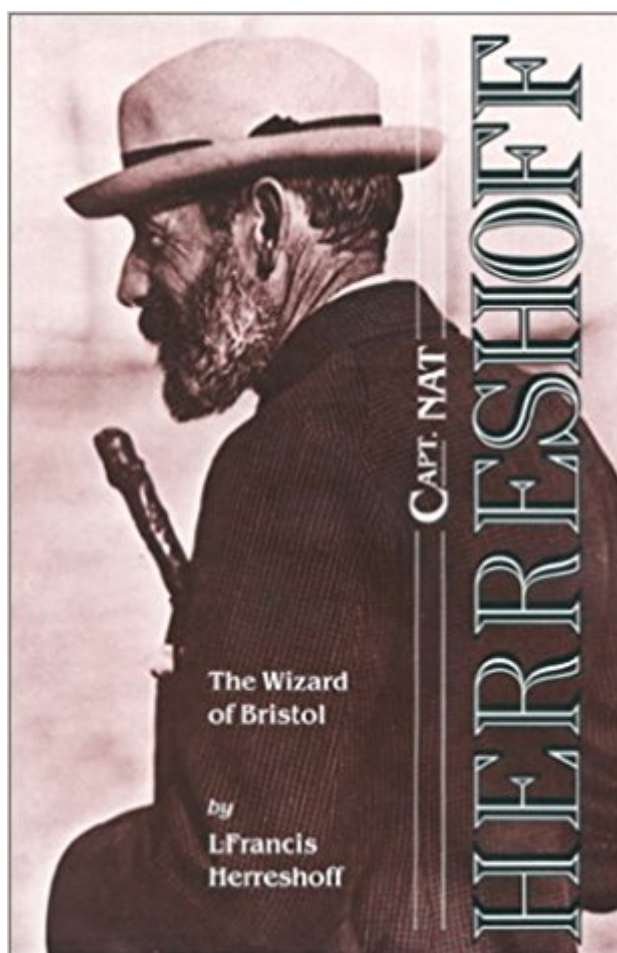


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Synopsis

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One of that great circle of American inventive geniuses, which includes Morse and Edison, was Captain Nathaniel Greene Herreshoff, famed yacht designer. Though his claim to a place among that group has never been disputed, neither has it ever been set forth so well as in this biography by his son. --Chicago Tribune
A chatty, homey, well-illustrated biography, making pleasant and informative reading from cover to cover. --Boston Globe
There have been a myriad of books written about Cap'n Nat Herreshoff, arguably America's best-known yacht designer. L. Francis Herreshoff brings a special perspective to the subject, being the son of the Bristol, R.I., builder. Originally written in 1953, this is the first paperback edition of his book. Written simply, it combines personal reminiscences with a look at Herreshoff's philosophy, methodology and the history-making results of his work some of America's finest yachts. Extensive line drawings and photographs and a list of Herreshoff-built or -designed boats are included. --Soundings

Nathanael G. Herreshoff was the greatest yacht and marine designer and builder this country has ever produced. Captain Nat Herreshoff is credited with the introduction of more new devices in the design of boats than any other man, and the great yachts that he designed for the successful defense of the America's Cup caught the imagination of the world. The period of his greatest activity from 1890 to 1920 was known as "the Herreshoff Era," so greatly did his personality and the yachts he designed dominate the sport. He was a man of manifold talents and unusual genius, and his career makes one of the most fascinating biographies. Many of the closely guarded secrets of Captain Nat, the great master, are revealed in these pages, which teem with human interest, philosophy, and the accumulated wisdom of a long-lived genius. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

I love this book. I am an old salt but not THAT old. So, I enjoyed learning about sailing in the early 20th century. I love the conversational tone of this biography. I enjoy learning about Capt Nat's amazing skill and the beautiful boats he designed. I love his work ethic. Fascinating family history, too. My dad, who taught me to sail in the 1960s, says I was aboard a Herreshoff boat as a kid, sailing around San Francisco Bay. I can barely remember it but I DO remember it. It was beautiful. As were all of the Herreshoff boats of that by-gone era. IMHO, I wish the America's Cup was raced using boats like Capt Nat's! His won plenty of times!

Great American story. Fantastic quick read. I wonderful look into the history of Rhode Island and yachting.

This book tells things most people don't even know about, the many areas in which he seemed to excel in, not just yacht design. Great book. More people should read this book about an exceptional man.

great read by a fine writer about his genius father

I bought this for my husband who just bought a Herreshoff boat. He hasn't been able to put it down. It is an excellent read about a remarkable man.

This book is a reprint of the classic 1953 edition. It reads as though it was written some years before that. Capt. Nat was one of the preeminent yacht designers from the late 1800's to about 1920. He

and his shipyard built a lot of the more famous racing yachts of the time. This included some that he designed for the successful defense of the America's Cup. Part of the interest in this book is that these boats were being designed at a time long before computers came on the scene. Capt. Nat first made a small sketch of the boat. Then he built a half hull model. He had a machine of his own design that would then trace along the model at prescribed intervals and draw the lines of the boat. Of course, in these days, all the boats were wooden or steel. The exotic material of today's boats had not been invented. This is interesting reading from a time long past.

This book gives a very good overall story of the designs N.G. created and also tells the story of the Herreshoff Mfg. Co. Part of me wishes the book went into more detail on some of the designs but that book would be ten times as large. Overall this book presents Capt. Nat's life from beginning to end and gives a very interesting view into a time long since past.

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