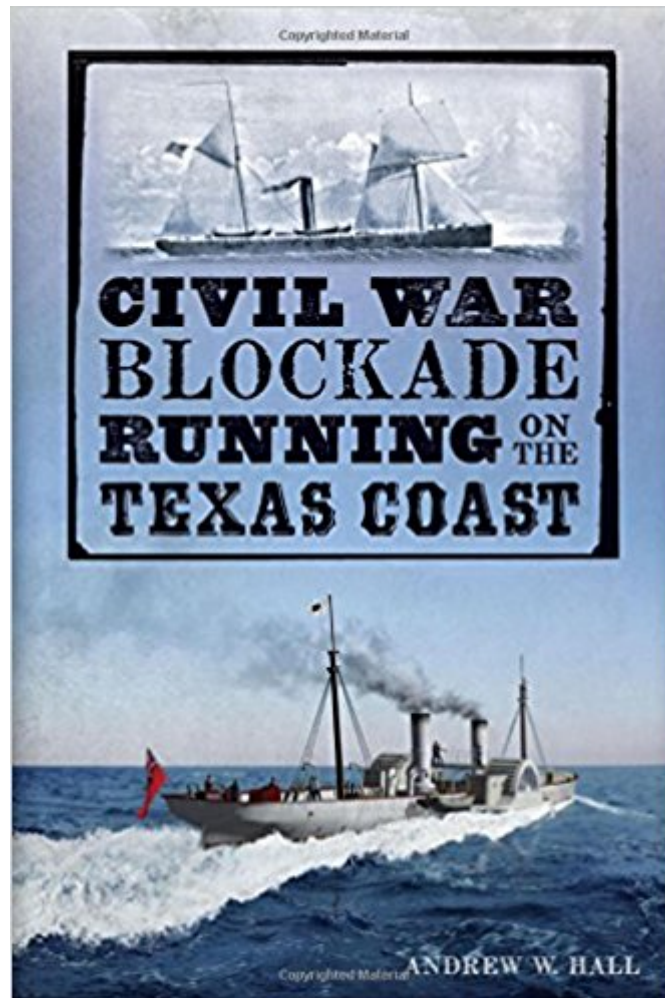




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Synopsis

In the last months of the American Civil War, the upper Texas coast became a hive of blockade running. Though Texas was often considered an isolated backwater in the conflict, the Union's pervasive and systematic seizure of Southern ports left Galveston as one of the only strongholds of foreign imports in the anemic supply chain to embattled Confederate forces. Long, fast steamships ran in and out of the city's port almost every week, bound to and from Cuba. Join author Andrew W. Hall as he explores the story of Texas's Civil War blockade runners--a story of daring, of desperation and, in many cases, of patriotism turning coat to profiteering.

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Customer Reviews

Andy Hall is a native of the Texas Gulf Coast and a longtime researcher and author, specializing in local maritime and Civil War history. Working with the Texas Historical Commission, the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, the PAST Foundation and other groups, Hall has had the opportunity to help archaeologists record multiple historical shipwrecks, including the famous blockade runners Denbigh and Will o' the Wisp and the blockaders USS Arkansas and USS Hatteras.

Galveston-centric Primer on the Gulf Coast BlockadeThis 122 page book largely deals with Galveston and is arranged chronologically from before the war to shortly after the end of the war. The author, Andrew W. Hall, participated in the underwater archaeology of the blockade runners

"Will o' the Wisp" and "Denbigh" so there is extra coverage of these two ships. Photos and good maps with footnotes and an index are included but there is no bibliography. Although the start of the book deals with topics completely unrelated to Gulf Coast blockade running, other chapters deal with various facets of the blockade giving the reader a Galveston-centered general overview with some specific incidents mentioned to illustrate the theme of each chapter. This would be a good book for someone who knows nothing about the blockade or has an interest in either Galveston or the aforementioned blockade runners which the author helped excavate. High school students might also find this to be a helpful book for a class project because the book gives a concise history and is an easy read.

Good to have another good book about naval actions out of Texas waters. This subject has not been covered much, but was very important to the people of Texas. Love the illustrations of ships I read about but not seen before. There was a lot of risk running the blockade and the stories are exciting.

The author has explored and researched a portion of the Civil War that, surprisingly, very few have done. He tells how blockade runners aided the Confederate cause and helped sustain the dying economy of the South during the war. In addition, the photographs and illustrations are very clear and defined. Now, for the criticism. I was not a fan of this book, and actually struggled to keep myself interested till the end. The title is hugely misleading, and should have been called "Blockade Running in Galveston," rather than the Texas Coast. The author really only tells of the blockading activities and experiences around Galveston, and seems to neglect the fact that the Texas Coast is way more than just Galveston. In addition, he spends far too much of the book talking about the Federal Navy and the members of its ranks; rather than talking about blockade running. In conclusion, the author did a good job on researching and relating the blockade running experiences that took place around Galveston. However, he neglected to find additional experiences from other portions of the Texas coastline to help tell about blockade running and its affects on the Texas Coast.

Well written. Helped me understand this part of history.

Very informative history about blockade running on the Galveston Coast. Knew about Mobile and the east coast but did not know there was such an extensive amount of blockade running out of

Galveston. Well written and presented strong research.

Ideal if you want to learn something about the subject-a narrow focus

Excellent book.

Good book

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