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This is an historical overview originally published in 1969. The book has been reprinted by the author as an historical accounting of the American Merchant Marine at its peak. The first edition of the book from 1938 to 1965 includes:

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- Great lakes ships
- Tugs and towboats
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For the 29 year period, the book includes 120 pages and 140 photographs and descriptions of ships. Also, included are the names of shipping companies and their ships built from 1947 to 1969. The size of the book is 5" x 8 1/2" and spiral wound.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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