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"This is a truly magnificent book. First, the lavish production of the cover and book itself is wonderful. The wealth of photographs come in all different sizes and provide visual details that help you better experience the text. The way the writer weaves the tale of the ship's origins, design and construction, her many voyages and career, preservation, and current renovated state flow seamlessly through the book. Aside from being a cherished monument representing all Clipper ships that sailed the world, *Cutty Sark* participated in the Great Tea Races from China, and although she set most of her sailing records transporting wool from Australia to the docks of England. As you read this book you learn every detail of her career, visit exotic ports around the world, and feast your eyes on black-and-white pictures and many two-page, full-color spreads. It's hard to get past the fold-out plans of Sails, Masts and Rigging, Deck-plans, and Stowage in the hull without studying them first! These fold-outs give a wonderful and complete view of this complex sailing vessel." ***Pirates and Privateers***

About the Author

Eric Kentley is a former curator at the National Maritime Museum, and assistant director of London's Design Museum. Now a freelancer, he assisted with the plans for the conservation of the *Cutty Sark* and authored the exhibition content. His books include *Eyewitness Boat*, *Cornwall's Bridge* and *Viaduct Heritage* and *Discover the Titanic*. He lives in south London.

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