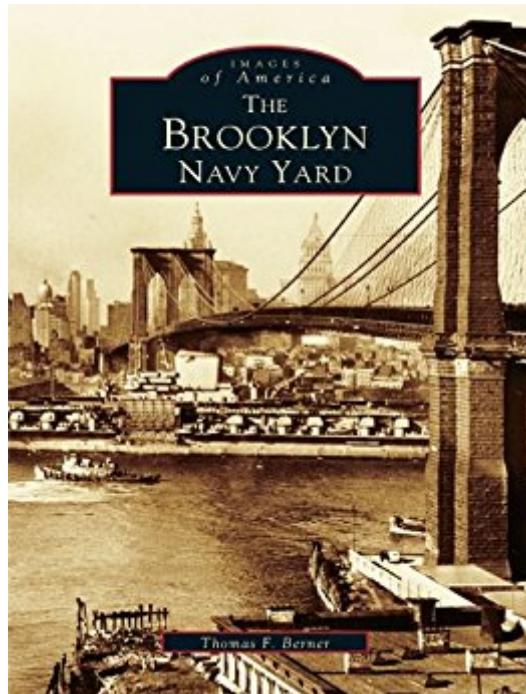


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# The Brooklyn Navy Yard (Images Of America (Arcadia Publishing))



## **Synopsis**

Not much larger than a few city blocks (219 acres, plus 72 acres of water), the Brooklyn Navy Yard is one of the most historically significant sites in America. It was one of the U.S. Navy's major shipbuilding and repair yards from 1801 to 1966. It produced more than 80 warships and hundreds of smaller vessels. At its height during World War II, it worked around the clock, employing some 70,000 people. The yard built the Monitor, the world's first modern warship; the Maine, whose destruction set off the Spanish-American War; the Arizona, whose sinking launched America into World War II; and the Missouri, on whose deck World War II ended. On June 25, 1966, the flag at the Brooklyn Navy Yard was lowered for the last time and the 165-year-old institution ceased to exist. Sold to the City of New York for \$22.4 million, the yard became a site for storage of vehicles, some light industry, and a modest amount of civilian ship repair.

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Mr. Berner's fascination with military and business history in the 19th century are combined here in a lucid account of the gradual growth of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The hardships undergone to produce what were then hi-tech weapons of war are also made clear. Although the pictures appear

to dominate the telling of this tale, the explanations Mr. Berner provides make the stories each picture tells come alive for the reader. A fine accomplishment and quite an interesting book for those enthralled by either New York City's history or American military history.

Twice I worked in "THE YARD". First was as an electrician aboard the USS Constellation. Due to sneezing rust from my lungs, I resigned from the job. One month later, she caught fire! My second job was MUCH later, in the 70's, assembling new French built New York City Subway cars. This lasted for about two years, until the contract was done. I expected a bit more from this book. :((

Given the fact that a book dedicated to the history of the Brooklyn Navy Yard is rare, if not non-existent, this is a decent book. It contains a multitude of wonderful photographs which I have never seen published before. I do, however, have two comments. While the book's photographs are excellent, there is a lack of verbeage. I was under the impression, the book contained a great deal more written history of this shipyard, it doesn't. It really is a photographic history. In addition, very little space is devoted to the yard's post-WW2 history, just one chapter. I personally would have liked to have read much more on the yard's swan song from the early 1950's to mid-1960's when many ESSEX Class aircraft carriers were modernized here, as well as the construction of three of eight FORRESTAL Class super carriers. However, on the whole, a fine addition to any naval historian's library to fill a void of information on a long-forgotten asset of the United States Navy. I do, however, have to make mention of my experience in dealing with . This book was advertised as having free shipping. Yet, when I received the invoice, not only was there a shipping and handling charge, but also sales tax. Unless shipped from your home state, the latter is never charged in mail ordering. As is usually the case with any dotcom operation, if there is a problem, reaching a human being to rectify it, is virtually impossible, no pun intended. I mailed a copy of my invoice, along with a note stating the problem back to and marked "Customer Service Dept." I NEVER received a reply ; no email, no phone call, no letter- nothing! So, deal with , if you must and I hope all goes as promised. If it doesn't, you're on your own. Dealing with them is a one way street. I for one, will not be patronizing them ever again. Poor customer service is bad enough, NO customer service is inexcusable.

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