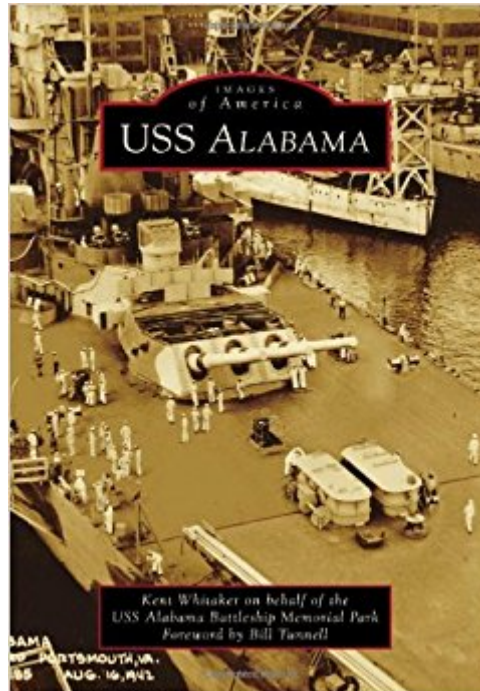


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# USS Alabama (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

Powerful: this single word aptly describes a naval vessel known as a battleship. The USS Alabama (BB-60) was the last of four South Dakota-class battleships built for World War II. She is well armored and designed to survive an attack while continuing to fight. Her main battery, known as the "Big Guns," consisted of nine 16-inch guns; each could launch a projectile weighing as much as a small car that could hit a target 21 miles away. Her crew numbered 2,332 men, none of whom were lost to enemy fire, earning her the nickname "Lucky A." She served as more than just a battleship: she carried troops, supplies, and seaplanes and served in the Pacific and Atlantic; her doctors treated patients from other ships; she was the wartime home for a major-league ballplayer; the movie setting for Hollywood films; and she traveled home to the state of Alabama with the help of schoolchildren.

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Author Kent Whitaker and Bill Tunnell, executive director of the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park, visually chart the course of the USS Alabama from the day her keel was laid to her present service as a museum ship and memorial in Mobile, Alabama.

Very good, but all these books are far overpriced. Just bought this one because I have a personal connection to the U.S.S. Alabama.

I bought this book as I am trying to get as much information on the USS Alabama as I can after my brother and I toured the battleship in Mobile, Alabama, in November 2014. We climbed 20 decks from the lowest engine room deck to almost the highest deck in the conning tower. The book provides a tour of the ship from its construction through its wartime service. The book is copiously illustrated and gives one the feeling of what it is like to feel the mastery of the ship's size and fighting power. While smaller than the USS North Carolina and the four Iowa class battleships (now all museum ships), the Alabama played an important role in protecting the aircraft carriers in World War 2 as well as bombardment duties while waiting for a chance to slug it out with a Japanese battlewagon which didn't happen.

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