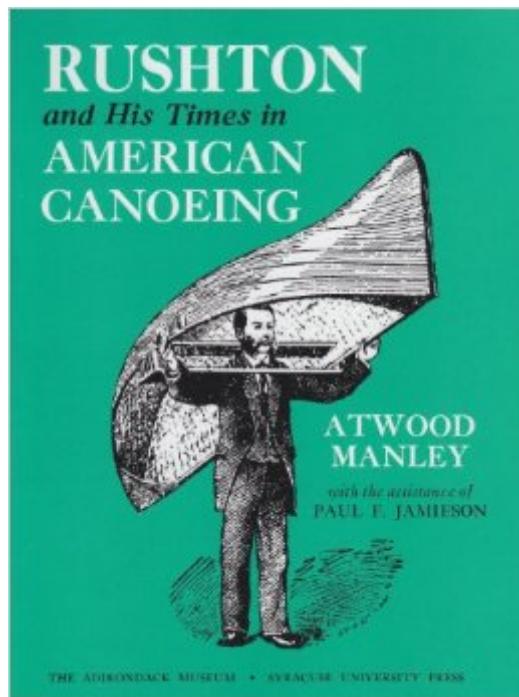


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If you all you know about old canoes is that some of them were made of wood and they looked as elegant as violins, then this book will show you that a) you were correct and b) there's lots of history swirling around that bit of knowledge you have. It gives an excellent description of America in a time when there were actual wildernesses within traveling distance from the big cities, and it details how the activity of wilderness camping came about. Along the way you learn a ton about not only Rushton's incredibly elegant and sturdy canoes, but about how the whole canoe industry came about in this country. It's a must read for any canoeing enthusiast, and particularly for anyone thinking about actually building a historic wooden canoe. That's what brought me to the book. It was great to see just much variation there was in the boats being built back then. That's helpful when you're trying to build an "authentic" canoe from the late 1800's. Rushton would regularly tweak the length, sheer, rocker... you name it to satisfy his customers. He's a great example of an industry leader who got there through hard work, attention to craftsmanship, and near constant experimentation based on the feedback from his customers.

Well written, good to see that it is still in print. Probably not enough info to actually build one but there are some rudimentary dimensions in the back. It also led me to read George Washington Sears 'Woodcraft and Camping'.

Rushton was ahead of his times in building light weight wooden boats. He built beautiful crafts that were easy to carry and yet carried many pounds of weight. This book gives you info about how his business started & grew. It also includes the basic lofting information from some of those who owned and enjoyed his crafts.

Received the book in a timely manner, and the condition was as good as was stated.

An interesting look at a time when there was still unexplored land in this country, transportation was not all motorized, and craftsmen were still turning out quality products by hand. Rushton was a skilled businessman as well as a craftsman. The photos, construction details and drawings may be of interest to builders, but they are not enough to build from.

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