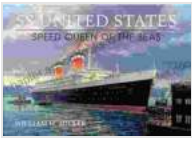


SS United States: Speed Queen of the Seas

In the golden age of ocean travel, the SS United States reigned supreme. Launched in 1952, this sleek and powerful ocean liner was the fastest passenger ship ever built, and for decades held the transatlantic speed record.





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The SS United States was built by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Virginia. She was designed to be the ultimate ocean liner, with a combination of speed, luxury, and efficiency. Her hull was made of lightweight aluminum, and her twin propellers were driven by four huge steam turbines that generated a total of 240,000 horsepower.

On her maiden voyage in 1952, the SS United States set a new transatlantic speed record of 3 days, 10 hours, and 40 minutes. She held this record for nearly 10 years, until it was broken by the French liner SS France in 1962.

In addition to her speed, the SS United States was also known for her luxurious accommodations. She had a capacity for 1,961 passengers, and her cabins were decorated in a modern and elegant style. The ship also had a wide variety of amenities, including a swimming pool, a movie theater, a ballroom, and a library.



The SS United States was a popular ship with both passengers and crew. She was often used by celebrities and dignitaries, and she was also a favorite of troops traveling to and from Europe during the Cold War.

However, the advent of jet travel in the 1960s led to a decline in ocean travel. The SS United States was retired from service in 1969, and she has been laid up ever since. There have been several attempts to restore the ship to her former glory, but so far none have been successful.

Despite her current state of disrepair, the SS United States remains an iconic symbol of the golden age of ocean travel. She is a testament to the

engineering and design skills of her creators, and she is a reminder of a time when travel by sea was both glamorous and efficient.

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If you are interested in learning more about the SS United States, I highly recommend the book "SS United States: Speed Queen of the Seas" by William H. Miller. This book is a comprehensive history of the ship, from her design and construction to her service and retirement. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in maritime history or the golden age of ocean travel.



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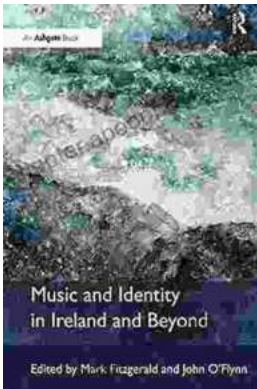
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