



The Way of the Ship: Sailors, Shanties and Shantymen

By Richard Runciman Terry

Fireship Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 176 pages. Dimensions: 10.8in. x 8.2in. x 0.5in. This book is a gold mine for anyone who wants to know how the sea shanty was authentically used and sung. They say that sea shanties—authentic sea shanties—are no more. They died with the sailing ship, and will never again be heard in their original form. Or... will they? Richard Runciman Terry was born in 1865 to a family that had been seafarers as far back as the family history could be traced. As a child, he grew up hearing shanties sung to him by his uncles and grand-uncles—all tall-ship sailors. As a boy, he was constantly found among ships, learning more shanties, songs, and sea lore. As an adult he became one of the premier musicians of his day, as a noted organist, choir director and musicologist; but he never forgot the songs that originally inspired his love of music. Just after the turn of the century, he decided to capture as much of that dying musical heritage as he could. He sought out his relatives, and their friends, and the friends of their friends—coaxing and cajoling them into singing their repertoire of...



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