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Author Steven Ujifusa

“Barons of the Sea: And Their Race to Build the World’s Fastest Clipper Ship”



There was a time, back when the United States was young and the robber barons were just starting to come into their own, when fortunes were made or lost importing goods from China. It was a secretive, glamorous, often brutal business- one where teas and silks and porcelains were purchased with profits from the opium trade. But the journey by sea from Canton to New York could take six agonizing months, and so the most pressing technological challenge of the day became ensuring one’s goods arrived first to market so they might fetch the highest price.

In *Barons of the Sea: And Their Race to Build the World’s Fastest Clipper Ship* Steven Ujifusa tells the story of a handful of cutthroat competitors who raced to build the fastest, finest, most profitable clipper ships to carry their precious cargo to American shores. They were visionary, eccentric shipbuilders, debonair captains and socially ambitious merchants with names like Forbes and Delano- men whose business interests took them from the cloistered confines of China’s expatriate communities to the sin city decadence of Gold Rush era San Francisco, and from the teeming hub of East Boston’s shipyards to the lavish sitting rooms of New York’s Hudson Valley estates.

Learn more about this fascinating time and story by tuning in on Zoom to hear author Steven Ujifusa elaborate upon them. Steven received his A.B. in History from Harvard University and a master’s degree in historic preservation from the University of Pennsylvania. The Wall Street Journal named his first book, *A Man and His Ship*, one of the best non-fiction titles of 2012. Steven has given presentations across the country and on the high seas and has appeared as a guest on CBS Sunday Morning and NPR. A recipient of the McDowell Colony fellowship and the Athenaeum of Philadelphia’s Literary Award, he lives with his wife and two sons in Philadelphia.

Copies of *Barons of the Sea* are available through Diane’s Books in Greenwich and Amazon.

Next week, February 17, Congressman Jim Himes, U.S. House Representative from Connecticut, “Conversation with Rep. Jim Himes about the new Congress and Biden Administration.”

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