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 — *Model Ship Builder*




Frank Mastini acquired a lifelong curiosity about the sea and its historic sailing vessels as a youngster in Italy. A graduate of the Italian Naval Academy, Mastini honed his seamanship skills aboard the 270-foot, square-rigged training vessel, *Amerigo Vesputci*.

He began his professional model building career in 1961, developing a clientele of collectors for whom he still builds on commission. Mastini recently finished a scratch-built model of the *Mary and John*, a ship that carried a group of Pilgrims from England to Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1630. He is the author of a series of articles for *Ships in Scale* magazine and is in frequent demand as a coach for beginning modelers.

When not on the telephone discussing modeling problems, Mastini can be found at his Hartsdale, New York workbench, enjoying retirement.

Here is the advice you need for a troublefree start in an exciting hobby, including:

- Choosing the right kit
- Deciphering complicated plans
- Setting up an efficient workbench and buying the right tools
- Keeping sane while working with miniature blocks, lines, and planking
- Painting, decorating, and displaying your finished model.



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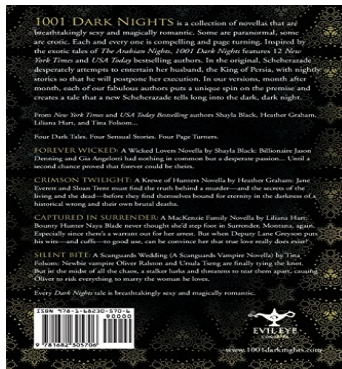
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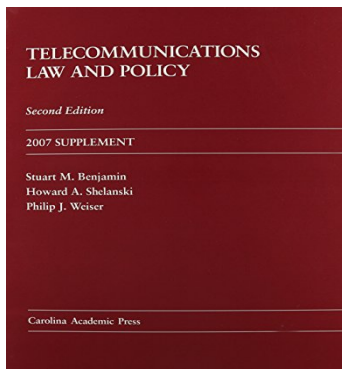
In Ship Modeling Simplified, master model builder Frank Mastini puts to paper the methods he's developed over 30 years at the workbench to help novices take their first steps in an exciting pastime. You don't need the deftness of a surgeon or the vocabulary of an old salt to build a model. What you need is an understanding coach. Mastini leads readers from the mysteries of choosing a kit and setting up a workshop through deciphering complicated instructions and on to painting, decorating, and displaying finished models--with patience and clarity, not condescension. He reveals dozens of shortcuts: How to plank a hull "egg-shell tight"; how to build and rig complicated mast assemblies without

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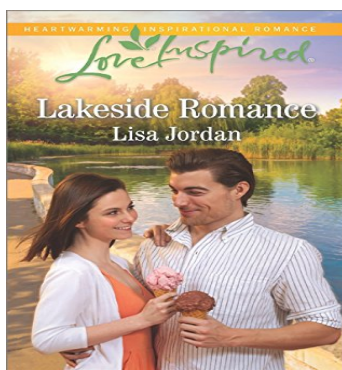
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