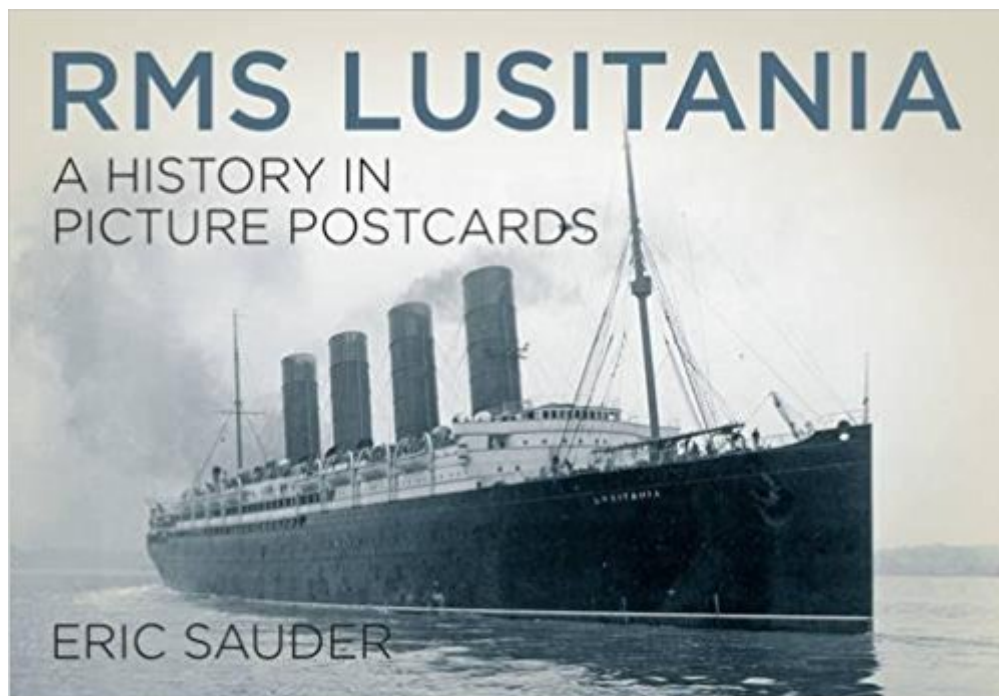




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Eric Sauder has been researching ocean liners for nearly four decades. He was historian for Dr. Robert Ballard's exploration of the remains of Lusitania and Britannic and has also dived to Titanic, Republic, and Andrea Doria. He has been involved in numerous documentaries for the A&E Channel, the History Channel, the Discovery Channel, and the Learning Channel; he has worked on a number of projects with the National Geographic Society; and he is the author of RMS Lusitania: The Ship and Her Record. He lives in North Carolina.

Eric Sauder is amazingly knowledgeable about ocean liners, having worked with Robert Ballard and written extensively on ships including the authoritative books "RMS Lusitania: The Ship and Her

Record" and "The Unseen Lusitania: The Ship in Rare Illustrations". "RMS Lusitania: A History in Picture Postcards" is a novel book, telling the story of the life and death of the great liner via postcards. When she was sunk by a German submarine in 1915, few people owned cameras and there was relatively little photo documentation of objects that would later assume historical or cultural significance. To illustrate grand journeys and commemorate significant events postcards were commonly sent, and as such became an important part of the historical record. In this book Sauder tells the tale of the "Lusitania" from concept to sinking with a huge number of postcards that vary in quality but make up a compelling collection. This book does not take long to read but those interested in maritime history will be thrilled with every page. This is great and unique book.

As the centenary for the Lusitania disaster continues, Eric Sauder wows the readers of this book with his impressive postcard collection. One of the more unique features is that many people used to take photos of or aboard the ship and turn them into postcards to send to friends and family. Several examples of these rare homemade postcards are included in the book. This is definitely an excellent companion to the author's other books. History buffs should buy all of his Lusitania books.

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