



Ironclad: The Monitor the Merrimack (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 203 x 127 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The narrative begins on April 6, 1861. We meet an anxious Gideon Welles, Secretary of the U.S. Navy. He fears war is about to break out and is concerned that the Confederates will confiscate units of the U.S. fleet in southern ports. He is particularly concerned about the recently built USS Merrimack, one of the few steam-powered ships in the navy. On April 12, the Confederates fire on Ft. Sumter and the long, devastating war begins. Abe Lincoln and his cabinet realizing the south has no industrial capacity and that it plans to import all weaponry and materiel in return for cotton, settle on the stratagem of blockade. To his dismay, Welles learns that the Confederates have seized Merrimack and plan to refit her as an ironclad with which to bust the anticipated blockade. Welles also learns that a New York engineer claims to have designed an ironclad that can counter Merrimack and moreover, guarantees to build it in one hundred days. Each side sets about frantically to build its ironclad, Merrimack in Norfolk, and Monitor in New...



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