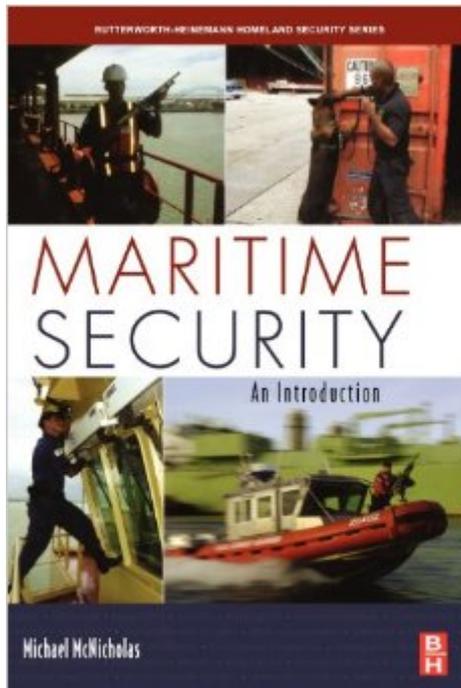


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Synopsis

The commercial maritime sector is highly vulnerable to theft and piracy, and presents a probable target for a major terrorist attack. The best way to prevent losses is to apply lessons learned in another arena—the struggle to curb drug smuggling. This effort has shown that successes can be achieved when effective and comprehensive security measures and procedures are implemented at key initial links in the cargo supply chain. The integrity and security of whole system are improved when efforts are focused at the primary "choke point" — the load seaports and their ships. This book provides practical, experience-based, and proven knowledge - and a "how-to-guide" - on maritime security. McNicholas explains in clear language how commercial seaports and vessels function; what threats currently exist; what security policies, procedures, systems, and measures must be implemented to mitigate these threats; and how to conduct ship and port security assessments and plans. Whether the problem is weapons of mass destruction or cargo theft, Maritime Security provides invaluable guidance for the professionals who protect our shipping and ports. - Holds the keys to successfully designing, implementing, and managing effective port and vessel security programs in a high-risk environment- Provides real-world experience in Maritime Security from the Managing Director of Phoenix Management Services Group in the USA and Panama.- Offers specifics of a model port security program and case studies of effective tactics in a high-threat environment

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This book is a well done introduction to Maritime Security. It is informative, easy to read, and thorough as an introduction can be. He hits on all the major topics, and also touches upon several key security concerns, not just the amorphous "terrorism". I immediately put the information learned from this text into use in my PhD coursework, and I have used bits of it in the undergraduate courses I currently teach. (EDIT: I will use it to teach a Maritime Security course in Fall 2015. It's probably THE best book out there on this topic.) It has definitely given me a broader context and better background with which to discuss issues that come up. I rented the Kindle Edition. This is brilliant. By allowing me to rent for a month, it has secured a sale of the physical book. Let me mention something about the Kindle edition. It is just OK. I thought that the publisher could have made better use of the ability to hyperlink inside the e-text. Many of the pictures were on pages well apart from the text that referred to the picture. There is no sense of pagination in the e-text either, making it impossible to cite. (This is the negative side of why I will buy the print version.) All in all, it was worth the money. (EDIT: The lack of a fifth star is due to the Kindle Edition formatting, not due to the content, which is top-notch.)

Firstly, let me inform that I just read nearly 75% of the book as I skipped sections that do not have anything to do with my professional interests, but I took a look on those sections. The ISPS Code issued after September 11 highlighted the importance of the maritime security area and the above book covers a wide range of subject concerning such area. Reference, however, is also made to SOLAS and MARPOL rules. The initial chapters give readers a general notion about commercial and port operation topics that affect every entity involved in maritime business. Those chapters help readers to having a broader view of the above business. The book is full of photos that provide visual support for every reader to figure out what it is exposed in writing along the book.

Nevertheless, I just regret the bad quality of many photos. Very practical and helpful hints are supplied all along the book that surprised me. It is important to draw attention that port terminals exporting to the USA must comply with all requirements of the ISPS Code, so that port security is a key subject nowadays. As the book is a up-to-date publication, readers will enjoy getting to know modern equipment and devices that might be used in security prevention tasks, many being totally new to me. Finally, the final chapter provides an interesting examination of information security.

This is such an interesting and eye-opening book I've read, (that was non-fictional in years) since my time in the army !! Should be taught in High Schools to teach awareness of danger in our surroundings! Also the author is smart and hot !!

I have only just received this volume and had a good look at it. As an introductory book on this topic, it is excellent. The text is easy to read and relevant. Some of the pictures are a bit unclear but overall the book is well worth the investment.

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