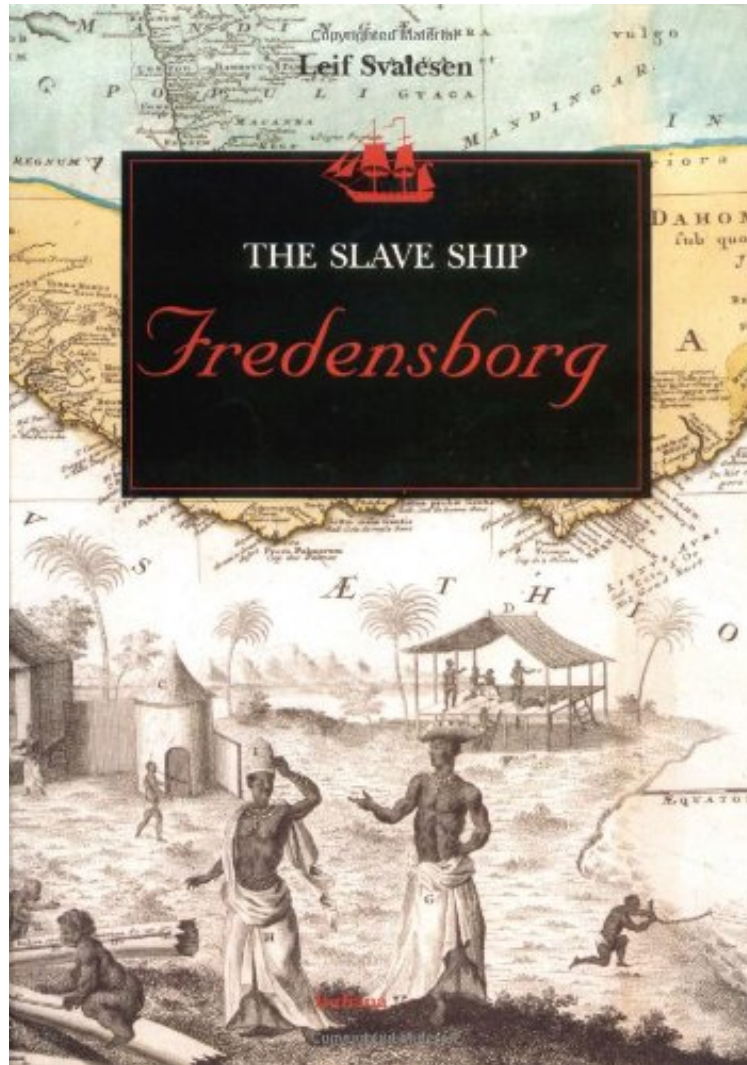


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**Leif Svalesen : The Slave Ship Fredensborg** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Slave Ship Fredensborg:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Slave Ship Fredensborg makes accurate history a reality through personal lives to this day. By Old dog So much has been forgotten about the slave ship era. How the sailors lived and died, about the same as their captives. How the slave trading empires drew upon the baleful traditions of capture and slavery as a custom long abiding in Africa. The meticulous records of the Fredensborg owners and operators helps bring accuracy to history, and how tough lives were for the lowly sailors. Particularly interesting are the rum and beer allocations to the slaves, never heard of this in any stories. The book makes history a real picture of the times. 6 of 6

people found the following review helpful. Different Look at the Middle Passage By T. Carter Ross This book is essentially two books in one. The first two-thirds or so of it focus in depth on the ill-fated final voyage of the Fredensborg as it traveled from Denmark to Ghana to the Virgin Islands and back to Scandinavia, where it sunk off the coast of Norway. Because of the detailed logs and letters of the crew, a great deal of insight is given into the day-to-day shipboard life of the crew throughout the journey. The final third of the book traces the modern underwater archaeology involved in recovering the ship and journeys by the author to St. Croix and Ghana. Much of the second part of the book dwells on the fate of those who were enslaved and carried across the Middle Passage, something that is glossed over in the first part due to its reliance upon the crew logs, which made little mention of the ship's human cargo. All in all, it is an interesting read because of the vast amount of detail included from the ship's logs and because very little seems to have been written in English about Dano-Norwegian involvement in colonization in the Americas and in the slave trade. Also in the book's favor are the lavish illustrations, including reproductions of the logs, period maps and sketches and contemporary photographs of the sites.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Tremendous Read By Lars M Kvale I just finished reading this book as I was traveling to St. Croix. It is written by a Norwegian amateur diver who found the wreck of the Slave Ship Fredensborg. He then went on a twenty year journey to trace the history of the ship (including detailed inventory records, diaries, personnel etc.) which traveled from Copenhagen to Ghana to St Croix before the wreck in Southern Norway. The book is a fascinating read and I highly recommend it if you want to learn more about that time period, Denmark, Norway, St Croix, Slave trade etc.

The Slave Ship Fredensborg Leif Svalesen The best documented account to date of a working slave ship, fully illustrated. "Svalesen has turned up quite an amazing depth of sources on this ship! They allow him to reconstruct the tenor of the voyage in engaging, vivid detail, even to develop aspects of some of the personalities on board. It reads, when the sources are rich enough to bring it alive in these terms, like a dramatic narrative of the sea.... the illustrations are often new, mostly well integrated into the text.... They are a significant attraction in the published book...." Joseph C. Miller, University of Virginia [second quote still to come] The Slave Ship Fredensborg presents the richly illustrated story of a typical slave ship and its last voyage on the triangular trade between Denmark/Norway, the Gold Coast in Africa, and the Caribbean islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix. The wreck of the Fredensborg was discovered off the coast of Norway in 1974, more than 200 years after it sank. By examining the wreckage and surviving written sources (including the captain's log, which was recovered from the sea), Leif Svalesen, diver and author, has reconstructed the Fredensborg's journey in fascinating detail. He recreates, day-by-day, what life was like for captain, crew, and the newly enslaved. Svalesen documents the ship's provisioning from the number of nails to kegs of water and wine, the litany of illness, the number and type of armaments, the treatment of the slaves, the intricacies of trade, and the goods carried on the return voyage to Denmark. The triangular trade is made specific and personal through records and artifacts salvaged from the Fredensborg, the most meticulously documented slave vessel yet discovered. The book includes an account of Svalesen's discovery of the wreck, which led to his desire to learn the Fredensborg's full story and to retrace its final voyage. The Slave Ship Fredensborg is a marvelous account of history and discovery for scholar and general reader alike. From the ship's log upon arrival at St. Croix: 123 male slaves Remaining on the ship for the time being: 19 boy slaves 5 male slaves for work on board 73 female and girl slaves 7 ditto who are sick 4 freight slaves 8 ditto female slaves 1 ditto boy slave 1 freight slave 219 slaves in all 22 slaves in all A total of 18 male slaves and 6 female slaves died 24 slaves Brought ashore 215 slaves and for Mr. Reimers 4 slaves Remaining on board 22 slaves - A total of 265 assorted slaves which is the number we received at the Danish Fort Christiansborg Leif Svalesen grew up on Tromsøya Island off the coast of Arendal in Norway, an area known for its rich shipping traditions. He is a member of the Norwegian Maritime Museum's Council and a Board member of UNESCO's International Scientific Committee for the Slave Routes Project. 240 pages, over 200 illustrations

From Publishers Weekly How much do any of us know about the role of Denmark and Norway in the slave trade? A book published in Norway last year, now available in English, won't quite tell readers all they ever wanted to know about Norwegian slave traders, but it provides a fascinating first glimpse. The Fredensborg ferried slaves and sailors from Denmark and Norway to the Gold Coast, St. Thomas and St. Croix. It sank in 1768, off the coast of Norway, and Svalesen was a member of the team of divers who discovered its remains more than two centuries later. Here he looks at the actual workings of the slave ship: Danish and Norwegians who married African women; at the "Negro dances" African slaves performed on board the ship; at how, in order to placate the slaves, the slave traders gave them brandy and tobacco on the trip from Africa to the Caribbean. The clunky translation gets in the book's way (the 1700s were "a time when much was different in comparison to modern criteria"). And Svalesen relies too much on Captain Ferentz's diary, quoting it for pages on end with little interpretation to help the reader. Moreover, though he offers other evocative details of daily life on the slaver: like the list of clothes the captain brought on board: he never tells what we might learn from knowing that a "slightly worn gold-braided hat" and a pair of red slippers made it into Captain Kimnig's suitcase. The result is a book long on antiquarianism but short on history. The subject might seem an incongruous one for a gift book, but the volume is heavily and handsomely illustrated (64 b/w and 93 color illus.), and

for readers who want an immediate sense of the horrific genesis of African-American history, this is an excellent choice. (Nov. 13) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist This remarkable account of Fredensborg's voyage from Denmark to the Gold Coast of Africa and then to St. Croix in what are now the U.S. Virgin Islands in 1768 was first published in Norway last years. The ship sank off the coast of Norway on the return trip, and in 1974 underwater archaeologist Svalesen was one of the divers who discovered the wreckage. Through accounts of the ship's logs and journals, he reconstructed the final voyage. The author also found African objects at the site of the wreck and talked with descendants of the slaves. Such details as a list of the ship's crew--12 died during the voyage--and their monthly salaries and the supplies of food and drink (rice, horse beans, brandy, beer, tapioca, barley groats, rock candy, fish, cheese, etc.) are included. After 205 days lying at anchor off the Gold Coast, the ship sailed to St. Croix with 26 slaves on board, all of them "burdened by grief and desperation." The captain's daily log re-creates the journey in engrossing detail, bringing to life the shame of slavery. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "The book has a sizeable list of source material, and is rich in imagery: maps, charts, prints, paintings, and illustrations of old sailing ships." *Terrae Incognitae* (*Terrae Incognitae*)