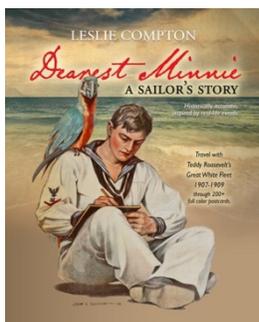


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Historical Narrative

Dearest Minnie, a sailor's story

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GLENEDEN BEACH, Ore. — Leslie Compton's *Dearest Minnie, a sailor's story* is a wonderfully accurate portrayal of Teddy Roosevelt's 43,000-mile, 14-month good will tour seldom told in depth in history books. Extrapolated from and including over 200 actual (collectible) postcards sent home to "Dearest Minnie," this book is an engaging narrative as seen through the eyes of an enlisted sailor aboard the USS *Virginia*.

12 December 1907. One hundred ten years ago, Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet sailed into the history books. Comprised of sixteen battleships and manned by 14,000 sailors and marines under the command of Rear Admiral Robley "Fighting Bob" Evans, the American fleet set out from Hampton Roads, Virginia on 12 December 1907, to visit 20 ports on six continents before returning to Hampton Roads, Virginia on 22 February 1909.

Dearest Minnie, a sailor's story is an engaging written and pictorial narrative about the battleships, the political climate, the animals aboard ship, the various cultures, the entertainment, the unexpected mishaps as well as the budding romance between a *Virginia* sailor and his "Dearest Minnie." The full-color collectible postcard images follow the fleet as it sails to each port. Included in the book is a detailed description of each card and photo.

Considered as one of the greatest peacetime achievements in US Navy history, *Dearest Minnie, a sailor's story* offers something for everyone: postcard collectors, history enthusiasts, and romantics. You only need a love for history and a desire to learn something new.



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