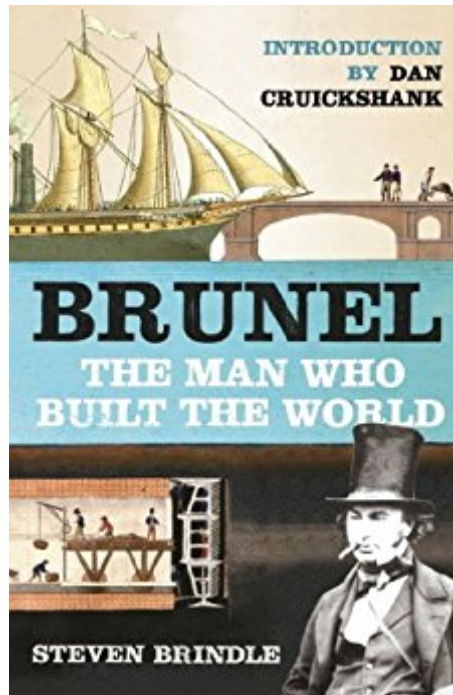


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Synopsis

A celebration of the life and engineering achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel by two of the world's foremost authorities. In his lifetime, Isambard Kingdom Brunel towered over his profession. Today, he remains the most famous engineer in history, the epitome of the volcanic creative forces which brought about the Industrial Revolution - and brought modern society into being. Brunel's extraordinary talents were drawn out by some remarkable opportunities - above all his appointment as engineer to the new Great Western Railway at the age of 26 - but it was his nature to take nothing for granted, and to look at every project, whether it was the longest railway yet planned, or the largest ship ever imagined, from first principles. A hard taskmaster to those who served him, he ultimately sacrificed his own life to his work in his tragically early death at the age of 53. His legacy, though, is all around us, in the railways and bridges that he personally designed, and in his wider influence. This fascinating new book draws on Brunel's own diaries, letters and sketchbooks to understand his life, times, and work.

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Excellent read!

This is an excellent book giving a most comprehensive and well illustrated account of the man and his work. It seems to have become rare, having only been published for a few years. Thus it was difficult to obtain a copy. I bought one for myself immediately it was published and was so impressed by the book that I wished to buy a copy as a present. I could only find one in the U.S.A. is a good source of out-of-print books and can be recommended.

EVERY HOUSE SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THIS. AN AMAZING MAN FULL OF INSIGHT AND VISION.

Reduced size was disappointing. This slipped by me when ordering. I thought I was ordering the hard copy with the gate-fold, etc. but this is the soft cover with reduced images. My mistake. A very good read though about an interesting man.

A broad brush-stroke introduction to a monumental figure, this book leaves you wanting to know more, both about him and his creations.

Good factual reading in a brilliant, passionate Engineer.

This book, for me, provides much missing info on Brunel pere, which I had looked for in vain. Also a new perspective on Isambard, which complements the earlier Rolt biography I read years ago. Well worth the read for anybody interested in the industrial revolution or engineering in general.jp

The book was nicely organized, but the exploration of each subject was extremely shallow and not in the least worthy of its subject, or even its title. Brunel deserves far better than this.

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