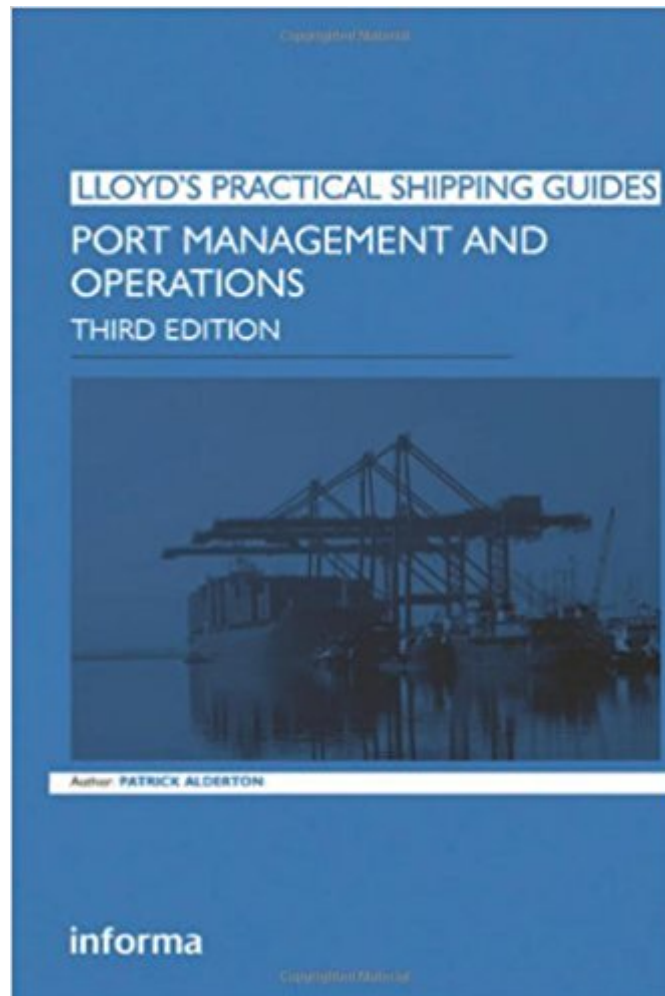




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Customer Reviews

Patrick Alderton qualified as an Extra Master and then became a lecturer of commercial transport at the London Guildhall University in the 1970s. He later moved to the World Maritime University in Sweden as the Professor of Ports and Shipping in the late 1980s.

I ordered this book for my class because it is required. When I received I was stunned by how small it is. It's only 205 pages including index, but it retails for more than \$205, which means that it costs more than \$1 PER PAGE!!! But it's required for my class and my class is very information intensive, so as I'm really getting into the statistics of the book I start to notice little things, like for example, as many as ten times the author has provided world-wide 'estimates' using as little as 10 Ports! How can you provide a WORLD WIDE estimate with only 10 Ports? Over and over I notice that the statistics the author uses have little stars and the supplemental says, "based on 6 responses" or

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