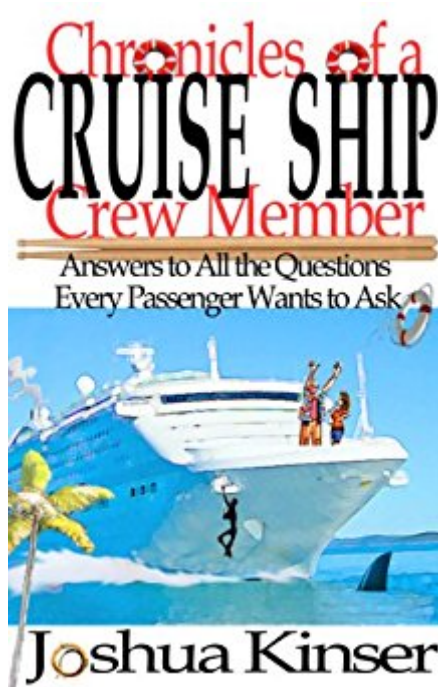


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# Chronicles Of A Cruise Ship Crew Member: Answers To All The Questions Every Passenger Wants To Ask



## Synopsis

Written by a well-published author who worked on cruise ships for more than five years, this often hilarious, sometimes shocking, and always insightful book provides a comical behind-the-scenes exposé into what it's really like to work on a cruise ship. Go below the waterline and explore the cramped, dirty, and dimly lit crew areas on a revealing journey through the cruise ship's underworld. Go where no passenger has gone before, and learn what the crew eats, where they sleep, how they party, and finally understand why all of the officers are Italian. Climb aboard an adventure on the high seas and witness the wonderful side of ship life where crew members have whirlwind escapades while traveling the world aboard a massive sailing city. Drawing from his experiences working as a musician, the author tells the laugh-out-loud and also poignant story of what cruise ship crew members experience from the minute they first step onto a ship to the day they walk down that gangway for the last time.

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## Customer Reviews

Finally. After years of saving spare change, and after talking Pops into returning to sea life for a few days (he was a seaman in the U.S. Navy during WWII), I'm taking my first cruise! I have been reading a lot of books written by frequent cruisers to get some insight into what I've signed up for.

And then I run across books by Joshua Kinser. He's a former ship musician and art dealer. I was really intrigued to get a behind the scenes taste of life aboard cruise ships. Boy, did his books pay off! I won't write any spoilers here, and you really may not believe me if I retold some of his stories, anyway, but I came away with some eye opening revelations. I had no idea! Though Mr. Kinser didn't write just to lay bare the crappy conditions cruise crew exist under, I'm sure going to be a lot nicer and more respectful of any crew I meet on my cruise. These books are definitely entertaining as well. Joshua Kinser is a masterful story teller. I enjoyed every story in his *Chronicles of a Cruise Ship Crew Member*. What are you waiting for? Get reading and see if your perceptions change, too! James Hofheins in land locked Utah

We are cruisers. My wife and I have been cruising about 65 years and have been on almost every ship that sails or has sailed. Started on the QE 1 and the original Queen Mary in 1951. Lots of change has taken place, and this book is a fun read for the first part of it. Unfortunately, the author laboriously goes into extraneous and long winded unnecessary detail in the latter of the book, but as a cruiser, I enjoy reading most of it

A BLAST of a book that will get you thinking seriously as well as philosophically about some issues, but only fleetingly, as most of your reading time will be spent snorting in laughter. Wow. "Who would have thought!" moments will alternate with "yup, ain't that the truth?" -- especially if you've ever been at work on the sea, and I have. For me it really was a blast, as in, a blast from the past. Anyone new to seafaring will be steeped in ship lore right quick, and anyone that's an old hand will feel back "on board" with this book in tow. This book will show you how completely different ship life is when compared with normal life on land. Did I mention that I recommend standard Irish pub favorites such as "Drunken Sailor" by Patrick Day as the perfect backdrop/soundscape to accompany the reading of these briny chapters? I thought it was hilarious that the only Kindle readers' highlight that I found marked in the book was this little piece of advice: "You should sneak Everclear aboard the cruise ship in water bottles like everyone else. That will bring the fun ship (sic) to a whole new level." Three readers highlighted this as the most memorable part of the book! I guess they were planning their future cruise experience very carefully lol! Portholes were a big deal to me when I worked on ships and I see it was no different for author Joshua. At least the crew on oil tankers had one in their room; no such luck for most Cruise Ship Crew members (I'm capitalizing here because I liked this particular example of alliteration). We learn in intimate detail the many ways a cruise ship is divided - physical divisions, social and ethnic ones too. The descriptions of the some

of the staff are hilarious. The different cultures found on various levels of shipboard hierarchy are pored over with the fine-tooth comb of the author's funny bone. We learn, with humor, how the Indian security guards talk and think. But, most of all, we come to understand the "neurotic, spastic and intense personality that the author and every other musician [around the world] has developed." Overall, "Chronicles of a Cruise Ship Crew Member" provides a very enjoyable reading experience. However, there is some unnecessary wordiness and repetition that would be best eliminated. Several of the main chapter headings are formulated as questions, some of which don't seem to be adequately answered in their respective chapters; these are my only gripes. Finally, we learn that the author writes a good novel too, judging from the excerpt chapters of his new book "Cruz Ship Capers" that are included at the end of this book.

THIS BOOK IS HILARIOUS. AND REALLY TELLS ALOT OF GREAT STORIES. AND FACTS I JUST REALLY LOVED THIS BOOK AS A LONG TIME CRUISER I LOVE BOOKS ABOUT CRUISE SHIPS.I ALSO ORDERED THE SECOND BOOK IB THE SET. AND PLAN TO ORDER TO ORDER THE THRID JOSH SURE MUST OF WRITTEN DOWN ALL THE STORIES. THE ONLY THING I DIDN'T LIKE IN THE BOOK IS GARY HOW GOT DRUKEN AND GOT EVERY ONE FIRED I THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE JUST FIRED GARY AND NO ONE ELES. CAN'T WAIT TO GET THE SECOND BOOK.AND THEN THE THRID BOOK. I JUST LOVE HIS SHORT FUNNY LITTLE BOOK CRUISE SHIPS DO FUNNY THINGS TO ME I LOVED IT SO MUCH SENT COPIES TO TWO TRAVEL AGENT FRIENDS AND MYBOYFRIND WHO ALSO WAS A SINGER AND THEN CRUISE DRIECTER. SORRY FOR THE WRONG SPELLING. I MAY SEND ALL OF THEM COPIES THIS GREAT BOOK ALSO.

I read this book because I have taken several cruises and wanted to learn more about the life of a cruise ship crew member. This writer did live aboard a cruise ship for several years while working as a musician. He recounts his experience living aboard the ship and tries to write in the format of answering common questions that passengers want to know about the crews' livng conditions. However, the writing is not the best. Mr. Kinser repeats the same things many times in different ways. I felt like he was just trying to fill pages in his book.

Interesting, but this guy is not a great writer. He will make a point...like for instance, how it's hell to work on a Cruise Ship, then immediately contradict it by saying how wonderful it is to work on a Cruise Ship. Or he will excoriate the Cruise Lines for the hours crew members work and in the next

breath discuss how deadly boring it is when you're not working...nothing to do but drink in the Crew Bar. Etc., etc. Very passive-aggressive. I learned a few things, but actually, not much.

I was just captivated and drawn to this book like white on rice! Very very well written and found myself laughing out loud numerous times. Joshua Kinser is a natural at writing and makes it so much fun. Yes, I once also worked cruise ships and can verify that Joshua's chronicals are right on when describing ship life. He has the knack for taking something that can be dark and negative at times and "sailing" right through it with humor and insight. That's a gift ! Looking forward to reading now book two and three.

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