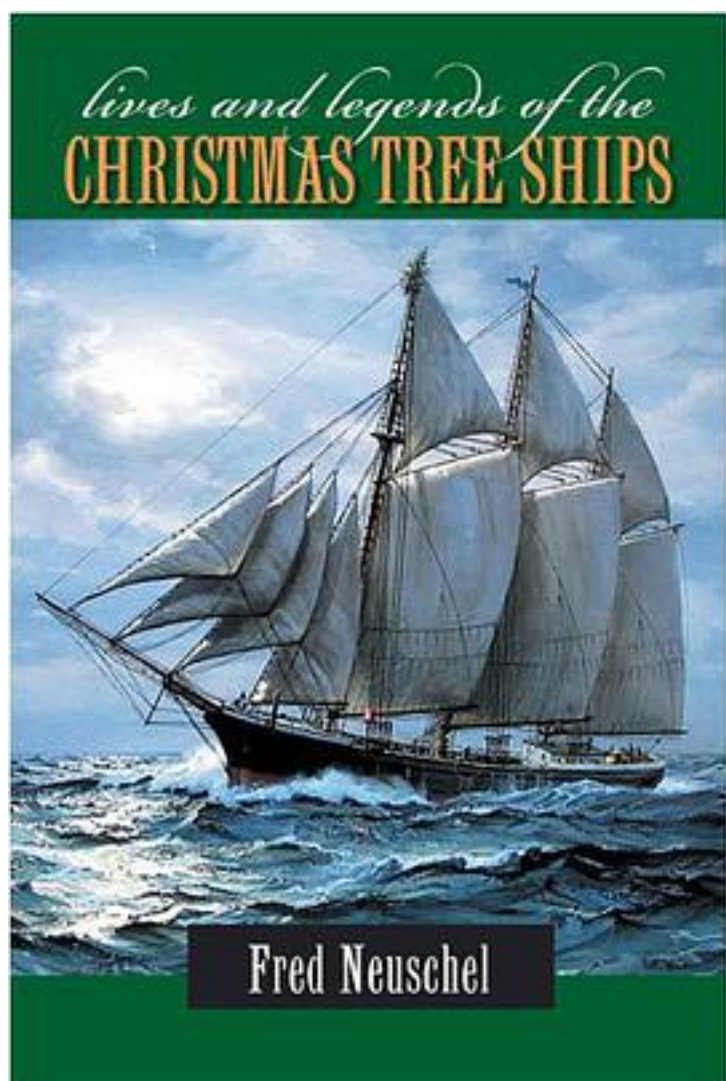


# Lives and Legends of the Christmas Tree Ships



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"Lives and Legends of the Christmas Tree Ships" brings the maritime heritage of the Great Lakes to life, using the tragic story of the schooner Rouse Simmons as a porthole into the robust but often forgotten communities that thrived along Lake Michigan from the Civil War to World War I. Memorialized in songs, poems, fiction, and even a musical, the infamous ship that went down in a Thanksgiving storm while delivering Christmas trees to Chicago has long been shrouded in myth and legend. As a result, the larger story of the captain, crew, and affected communities has often been overlooked. Fred Neuschel delves into this everyday life of camaraderie, drudgery, ambition, and adventure--with tales of the Midwest's burgeoning immigrant groups and rapid industrialization--to create a true story that is even more fascinating than the celebrated legends.

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