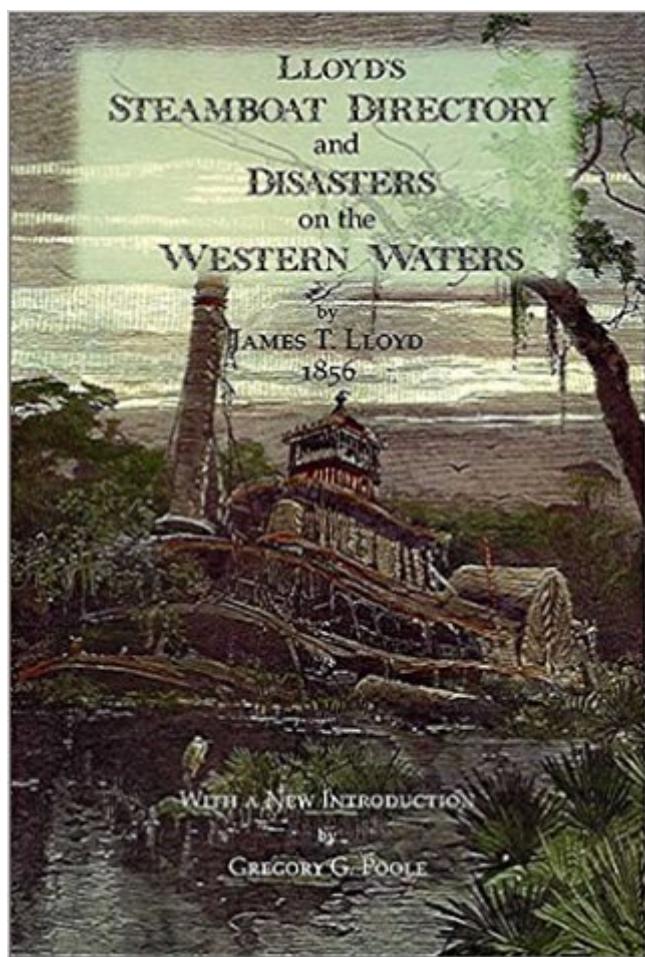


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There is a small error in this book in the part about the Steamboat Caroline. The pilot of the

Caroline was John Trice, not John Price. He was considered a hero for saving some of the passengers by remaining at his post and placing the Caroline in the only spot where some of the passengers could survive. Ten feet either way would have made a huge difference in the number of lives lost. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery at Memphis. There was a long article about the Caroline in the Memphis newspaper on March 15, 1854. The remains of one of my ancestors was also on the Caroline and was being brought home by his son, John R. Weaver, who was a survivor.

Great but the way it is copied makes for a lot of misprints and incoherent sentences. Charts and maps are great though!

Fantastic documentation on subject. Great for research on historic documents and artifacts. Very well reproduced and easily read. Thank you for offering it for sale.

Original published in 1856 as the first general reference available on the subject of American riverboats, this superbly reprinted edition from Land Yacht Press of Lloyd's Steamboat Directory And Disasters On The Western Waters features a new introduction by Gregory G. Poole and is a wonderful contribution to the history of American steamboating. Highly recommended, long out of print, Lloyd's Steamboat Directory And Disasters On The Western Waters will prove invaluable to students of steamboating, American river travel, and histories of the American frontier.

The best part of American history, as far as I'm concerned, is the history of paddlewheel steamboats. We knew that many of them sunk, but this book tells you HOW they sunk, and where. If you're a steamboat lover, this book will fill in the gaps for you. It has about 100 illustrations of steamboat disasters and maps, an index of boats, and an informative introduction to the new edition. Highly recommended supplement to the steamboat bible: Fred Way's Packet Directory.

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