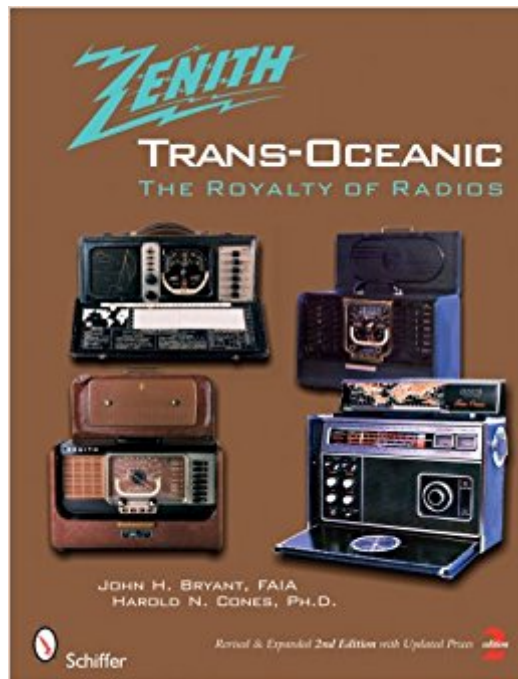


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Zenith Trans-Oceanic: The Royalty Of Radios



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The previously untold story of the Zenith Trans-Oceanic, the world's most romantic and expensive series of portable radios, now in a newly revised & expanded edition. Long a companion of kings, presidents, transoceanic yachtsmen and world explorers, the Trans-Oceanic was also carried into battle by American troops in three wars. Its great popularity in spite of a very high price can be laid at the feet of several generations of armchair travelers who used the shortwave capabilities of the Trans-Oceanic as a window on the world. With access to the Zenith corporate archives and their long experience as radio enthusiasts and writers for both the popular and scholarly press, Professors Bryant and Cones present the engrossing stories of the development and use of the Trans-Oceanic throughout its forty year life. They present a wealth of never-before published photographs, documents and information concerning these fascinating radios, their collection, preservation and restoration.

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Zenith TRANS-OCEANIC: The Royalty of Radios(Second Edition)and [The Zenith Trans-Oceanic, the Royalty of Radios: The Royalty of Radios \(Schiffer Book for Collectors\)](#)(First

Edition) If you own a Zenith Trans-Oceanic, you probably own the first edition of this book. If so, you'll love the second edition: not a word has been changed. You won't have any problem finding the new materials: it's all in a new section at the end of the book. As the authors point out, cost considerations precluded revising the text of the first edition. What's in the new material? A page or so of updated historical information, a discussion of the second military model unknown when the first edition went to press, nice photos of Trans-Oceanic wannabe's from RCA, Hallicrafters, and others; photos of some of the Zenith companion radios, and some other items of interest. What's missing? Much has happened in the collector world since the publication of the first edition, and an expanded list of parts and suppliers would have been welcome. There's an ever-growing network of resources for Zenith collectors that should be included in the book. Additionally, these radios aren't getting any younger, and an expanded section on maintenance, repair, and restoration would be helpful. More detailed information on electrical restoration would be especially useful along with discussion on building and using battery packs as many collectors want to run their Trans-Oceanics on battery power. Should you buy the second edition? Should you buy another Zenith Trans-Oceanic? Of course! If your first edition is getting a little dog-eared, you'll get the same book plus some new material. As a Zenith collector, you'll want to add this book to your Zenith resources. Hopefully, when it's time for a third edition, the authors can do a true cover-to-cover revision.

Very good and informative book packed with information about all models of the Zenith Trans-Oceanic Radio series from the first model to the last model made in 1981. Excellent book!

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Excellent book.....very pleased.....full of information on any subject about these radios.

I really can't say anymore about this book than what has already been said; it is a fantastic work, and anyone who owns a Trans-Oceanic, or is thinking of buying one needs to have this book. It is full of nostalgia, history, amusing anecdotes, and well... just very amazing stories about not just a radio, or a company, but a nation and an era that has slipped by us. This isn't just a book, it is a time machine.

Beautiful and useful, people that loves the Zenith family have dozens of pictures and tips to restoreradios of that golden era, like me that have one R-600 and a Royal D7000Y, in mint condition!If you have one Zenith buy the book !If you are dreaming to buy one, buy the book!

This is the definitive book on the Zenith Trans-Oceanic radio. It is as much about the story of the development of portable radios as anything else. If you are interested in The Trans-Oceanic, farm radios, etc you will find this book fascinating,

It is nice to have a reference available to answer questions about what went on at Zenith during the glory days of the Transoceanic Radios. My Dad came home with ours when I was young, and we listened intently to all the foreign languages and sounds from around the world.

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