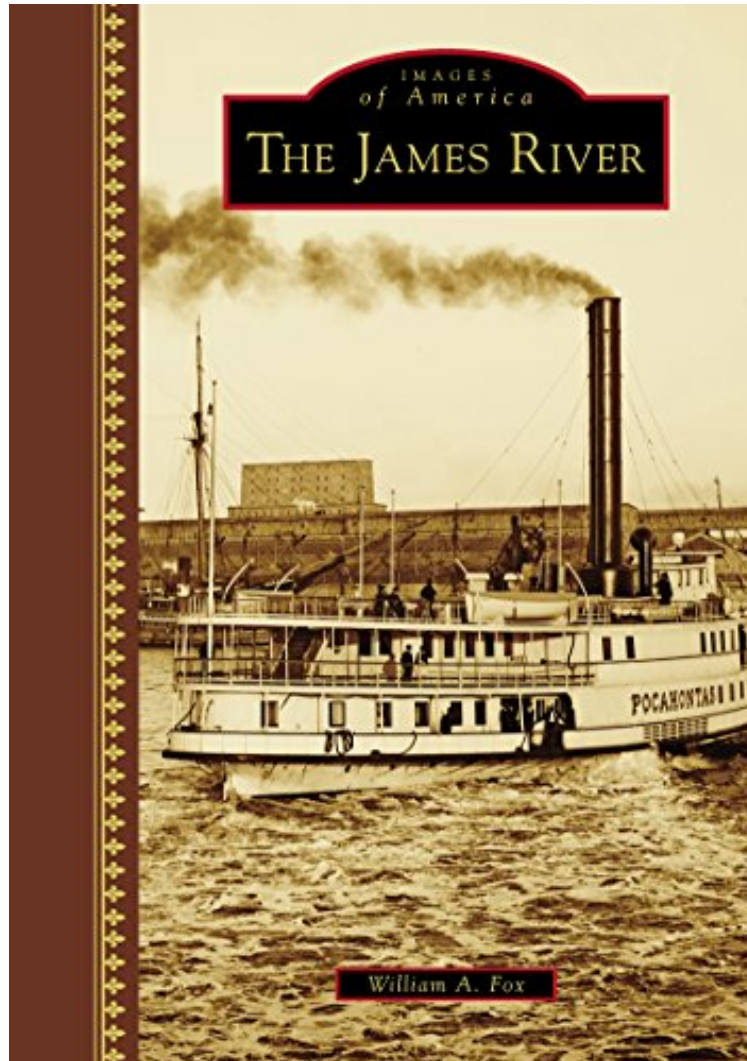


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About the Author Author and naval architect William A. Fox was born in Newport News and has lived, worked, and recreated on or near the James River for most of his life. He is the author of *Always Good Ships: Histories of Newport News Ships*, *Downtown Newport News*, and many articles on local and maritime history.