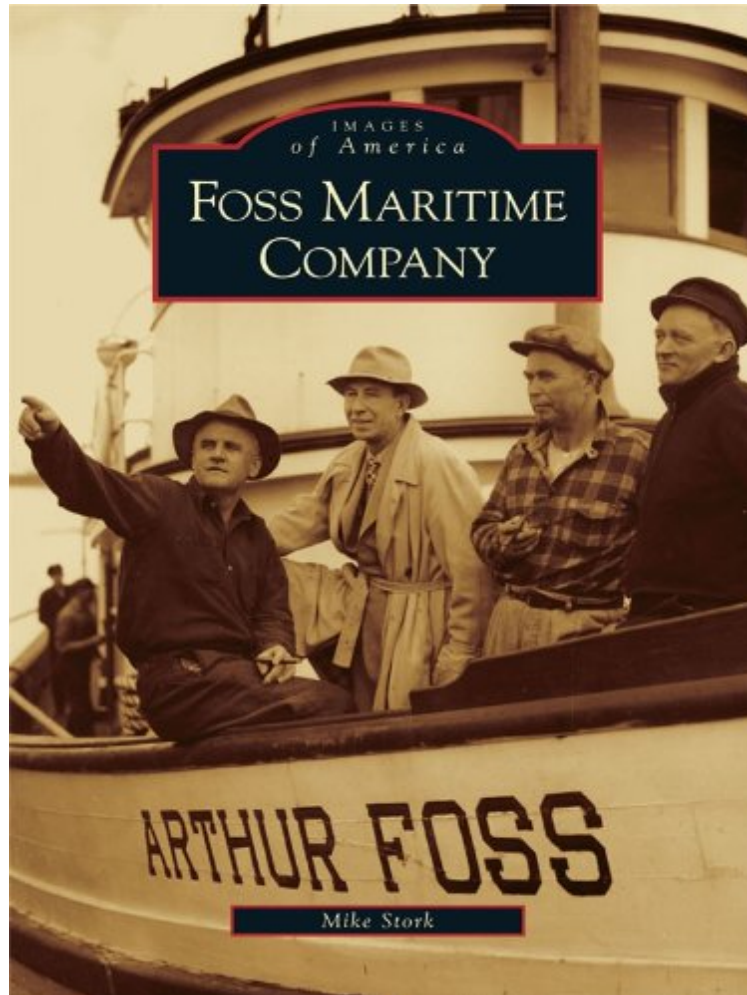


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About the Author Author Mike Stork has had a front-row seat to this industry growth, as his father was a captain for Foss Launch and Tug from 1946 to 1973. An avid maritime photographer, Stork has also taken numerous photographs for the company's newsletter, Tow Bitts. In this volume, he tells Foss's Always Ready story with more than 200 rare images and memorabilia contributed by the Foss Maritime Company archives, as well as by Foss families, friends, and employees. These images, combined with informative captions, pay tribute to one of the world's maritime industry leaders.