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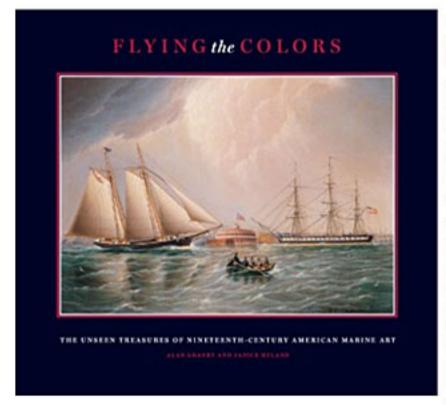
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Alan Granby and Janice Hyland add to this rich legacy with new attention to the prolific and versatile career of James Buttersworth, especially his beautifully drawn racing compositions and harbor scenes. The authors also reevaluate the maritime paintings of Antonio Jacobsen, with his accomplished handling of ship rigging and magnificent seas, as well as the colorful and charming folk variations of ship portraiture in the popular work of James Bard. There are illuminating sections here devoted to American artists painting American ships and harbors. Additionally, there are artists who worked abroad in England, Europe and the Orient who created images depicted here of American vessels and foreign ports.

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-- John Wilmerding, author of American Marine Painting, 1987

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In 2005 Alan Granby and Janice Hyland worked with Bill Koch on the maritime chapter for the book Things I Love: The Many Collections of William I. Koch, a catalog published by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, to accompany an exhibition of materials from Mr. Koch's collections. In 2006 Maritime Maverick: The Collection of William I. Koch, a book illustrating and describing Mr. Koch's magnificent maritime collection, was completed under the direction of Alan Granby and Janice Hyland. The book was awarded Best of Category for its graphic arts and design from Bookbuilders of Boston at the New England Book Show in 2007.

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