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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Introduction To Celebrity And The "Solstice" Class By Robert I. Hedges "An In-Depth Guide to Celebrity Cruises Solstice Class Ships - 2014 Updated Edition: Possibly the Best Mainstream Cruise Ships on the High Seas Today!" by Rick Bissell is a very good introduction to the Celebrity Cruises experience and their biggest and newest class, the "Solstice" sisters. I am an experienced cruiser and my enduring favorite cruise line is Celebrity as the service for the dollars spent is an excellent value (I also like Princess). I've been on numerous Celebrity cruises on all classes of ships including "Horizon" (my enduring favorite), "Century", "Mercury", "Millennium" (my current favorite ship in the fleet), "Infinity", "Constellation", "Solstice", and "Reflection" (the oldest and newest of the "Solstice" class, respectively). I have loved all these ships and I think Bissell's advice about Celebrity and the "Solstice" class is generally right on the money, though I personally prefer the "Millennium" class. I read this book in preparation for an upcoming cruise on "Reflection", and it provided a nice overview. The book is probably best for those new to cruising or people who have never been on Celebrity before, but cruise veterans will still find interesting nuggets within. His "Five Rules of Stateroom Selection" (pp. 43-46) are especially helpful, and I have to say that I found rule four the most insightful tip in the book (pass on the stateroom next to cabins with a sofa bed and upper berth as they invite particularly noisy occupants; typically families of four). I admit I had never thought of that before, but it was a great "ah ha" moment that I'll remember. I do think this is a good book for newer cruisers, and really does justice to Celebrity and the "Solstice" class, though experienced cruisers may find it less useful. Stylistically the book is a bit peculiar in that it has lots of friendly, almost chummy, tips, but then lapses into the more formal third person, though that's a nitpick. I will say that Bissell is extremely smitten with Celebrity and the book almost reads as if it came from the Celebrity PR department, although you probably could have guessed that from the title alone. I liked this book and generally agree with Bissell about these ships and think this is a useful guide that particularly those new to cruising will find helpful. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Basic, Basic, Basic Information By Cheryl This book is not bad, but VERY basic. Most of the information is also available on the Celebrity website. I didn't find anything that I would consider an insider tip. I was hoping for suggestions on how to get an upgrade, or a fabulous out of the way experience you could find on the ship, or ANYTHING that he could shine a light on from his experience. His info is fine, but VERY basic. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. VERY INFORMATIVE! By Leslie F. Serpas Have gone on a few cruises, but never sailed with Celebrity before. We have a Celebrity cruise booked for March 2015 aboard the Constellation (a Celebrity "Solsticized" ship). This book was a very easy, quick read and I think it covered all the bases. The Kindle addition worked on my iPad and I plan on taking it on board for reference. Great little ebook! Will look for the same author for our next travel book.

This Guide provides readers with in-depth knowledge of all aspects of cruising on any of the five luxurious Celebrity Cruises Solstice Class ships. Moreover it includes money saving strategies that can be used to reduce the cost of your cruise, as well as onboard products and services while cruising. A strategy to reduce your deposit to only \$100.00 per person rather than \$450.00 per person, as well as a way to receive a possible stateroom upgrade and onboard credit for your next cruise will be explained. Readers will also be introduced to Celebrity Cruises latest new and exciting money saving promotional offers for 2014 and early 2016 cruises which include Beverage Packages, Free Gratuities or Stateroom Credits. How to most effectively use Celebrity's revised loyalty program to obtain excellent onboard money saving perks during your cruises will be outlined. Readers will also obtain detailed information regarding the many stateroom sizes and options, amenities, dining options, dress codes, lounges and bars, entertainment and activities, shopping on board and in Ports-of-Call, the Fitness Center and Spa, gratuities and cancellation fees, as well as the embarkation and disembarkation processes. The authors preferred stateroom locations and decks will be identified along with some accommodations that in his opinion are less desirable. This is an all-encompassing Guide to Solstice Class ships with loads of extra general information and cruising tips that can be applied to booking a cruise with any cruise line.

About the Author R.H. Bissell (Rick) was born in Montreal Quebec and except for a three year stint living and working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia accompanied by his spouse and son during the early 1980's has spent his entire career residing in Toronto and London Ontario, Canada employed by Nortel and Bell Canada. While stationed in Saudi Arabia, Rick along with his family travelled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, as well as North America. After retiring from Bell Canada in 1996 Rick worked as a Telecommunications Regulatory Witness appearing before State Regulatory bodies across the U.S.A on behalf of ATT and MCI. Rick's cruise ship experience

includes 31 cruises for total of 285 nights on numerous cruise lines including Celebrity Cruises, Royal Caribbean, Princess, Disney Cruise Lines, etc., with itineraries bringing him and his lovely wife to Ports of Call in the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Panama Canal, Hawaii, Northern Europe and Russia, as well as Transatlantic cruising. He has cruised with Celebrity Cruises 16 times. Over the past four years 10 of those cruises were on the latest Solstice Class ships for a total of 107 nights making him an authority on this particular class of ship. His spouse retired as a travel agent at a large land based travel agency in 2003. Rick Bissell considers the new Celebrity Solstice Class Ships to be one of the best large mainstream ships cruising the high seas today and believes that by the end of his book so will all readers!