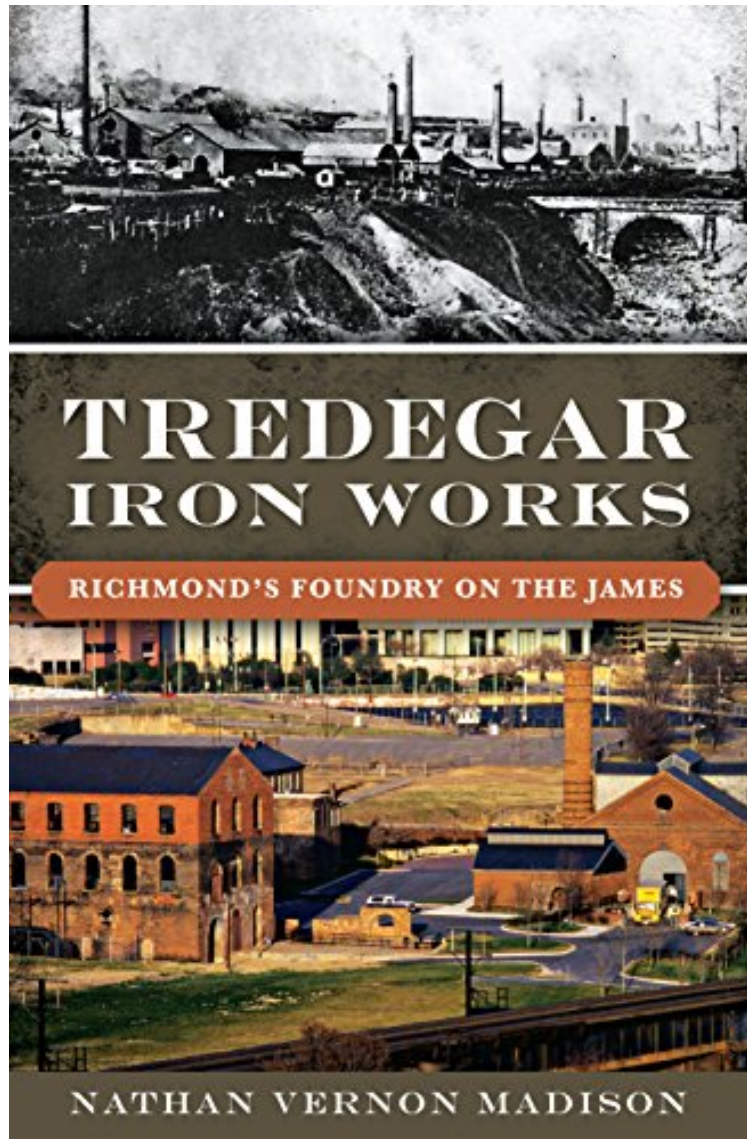


## Tredegar Iron Works: Richmond's Foundry on the James (Landmarks)

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**Nathan Vernon Madison : Tredegar Iron Works: Richmond's Foundry on the James (Landmarks)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tredegar Iron Works: Richmond's Foundry on the James (Landmarks):

2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Tredegar Iron Works fit the bill... I ...By R. Quinn Tredegar Iron Works fit the bill...I actually spoke to the author as I am doing some research on the iron works myself in a different area of interest. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Forge of the Confederacy By James D.

CrabtreeMadison's book is well-written and looks at the iron works as a whole, from its early establishment to its final shut down in the 20th century. It is very readable and entertaining. If there is a fault in the book I would say that it lies in the fact that the book really does not look much at the role the iron works played during the Civil War, during which it provided the only steady supply of armaments and other military material that the Confederacy could really count on. That is not to say that Mr. Madison ignores the role of Tredegar during the war... not at all. Madison spends much time on the management of the works, the labor issues involved, and the tragic explosion which killed so many young girls trying to work on percussion caps and raw materials. However, I just felt like there was more to the topic than what is in this book. Illustrated with photos and drawings.

One of the most important industrial landmarks in the nation lies in the heart of historic Richmond. The Tredegar Iron Works was the most prodigious ordnance supplier to the Confederacy during the Civil War, as well as an industrial behemoth in its own right. Named for the hometown of the Welsh engineers who built it, Tredegar remained one of Richmond's chief industrial entities for over a century. It produced ordnance during five wars and helped build the railroads that rapidly spread across the nation during the Gilded Age. Author Nathan Vernon Madison, utilizing a wealth of primary sources and firsthand accounts, chronicles the full history of a Richmond industrial icon.

About the AuthorNathan Vernon Madison is a historian and author, a graduate of the University of Mary Washington (BA) and Virginia Commonwealth University (MA). This book is his first major work of local and industrial history; he also writes regarding the history of American popular culture. His other works include contributions to The Dictionary of Virginia Biographies and BloodnThunder magazine, and he serves on the editorial board of the Pulp Magazines Project, a peer-reviewed, academic resource and database dedicated to the popular fiction of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.