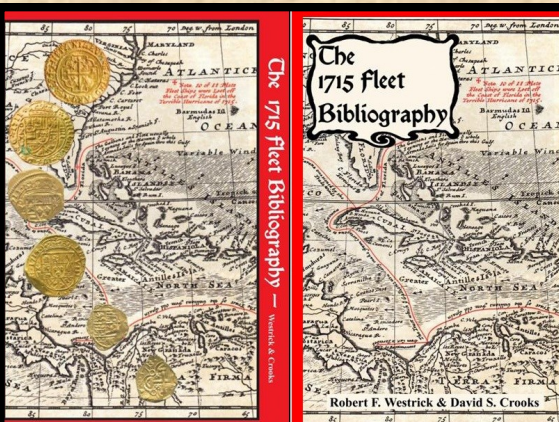




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Dave Crooks worked for Mel Fisher in the mid-1970s as V.P. of Treasure Salvors (Mel's company). The company ultimately recovered \$400 million from the Spanish galleon, "Nuestra Senora de Atocha," near Key West, FL. Mr. Crooks started collecting sunken treasure and underwater archaeology books (and related auction catalogs) while working on the "Atocha" salvage ... and has continued to build his collection over the last 40 years to 2000 volumes. In 2000, Dave conceived the idea of a comprehensive bibliography devoted to sunken treasure and underwater archaeology books ... for the armchair adventurer, the researcher, the bibliophile and the treasure hunter. In 2002 he published *Bibliography of sunken treasure books* and in 2004 published *Bibliography of important shipwreck auction catalogs*. With the advent of the 300th anniversary of the 1715 fleet Mr. Crooks teamed up with underwater archaeologist Rob Westrick to produce *The 1715 fleet bibliography*. This book contains references to all known written materials related to the 1715 fleet including books, periodicals, auction catalogs, newspaper articles, unpublished manuscripts, and archival materials.



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