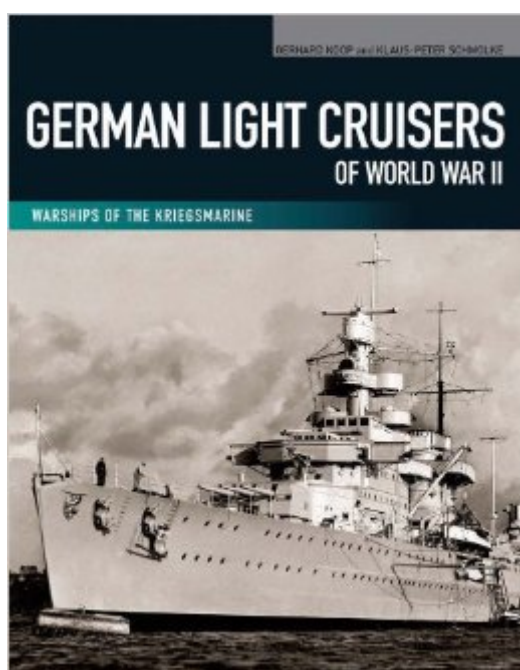


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# German Light Cruisers Of World War II: Emden, Königsberg, Karlsruhe, Köln, Leipzig, Nürnberg (Warships Of The Kriegsmarine)



## Synopsis

The warships of the World War II era German Navy are among the most popular subjects in naval history with many books devoted to the subject. However, for a concise but authoritative summary of the design history and careers of the major surface ships, it is difficult to beat the six volumes in the Warships of the Kriegsmarine series. Now in paperback for the first time, this sixth volume in the series is devoted to the six ships from Emden to Nuremberg that were built between the wars. Primarily intended for commerce-raiding, the war gave them few opportunities for such employment, although they did provide useful support for key naval operations in the Baltic and North Sea.

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Gerhard Koop does an excellent job writing up the design, construction, and operational life of the German light cruisers of WWII. These ships were all limited by restrictions by the treaty that ended The Great War. So, unlike the later "Panzer-schiffe" which pretty much openly cheated on the treaty, the German followed the treaty to the letter on these light cruisers. The end result was the Germans got some very expensive coastal cruisers, they were not better than "light cruiser monitors". Everything on the later ships will strike the typical reader as a little off. There is a picture of an Omaha Class US cruiser sailing with a Kohn class cruiser, both had about the same fire power but the US ship was a far better sea ship even though it had rivet construction that could stand little battle damage, as when the USS Marblehead nearly sank when a 550 pound bomb exploded close to the ship and popped all the rivets in her stern. Gerhard Koop's book is good. Yes, I gave it only

four stars. He has rather crude line drawings in the book and they are near useless to get any information from. I was hoping that this book would be like the excellent series of books from Dr. Norman Friedman. This is not the case. However, there are many excellent pictures and very good write ups on the operational history of these ships. However, this reviewer is generally happy with the book. It gives a complete write up on all the light cruisers in WWII, their design histories, operational usage, and their ultimate fates.

This was an excellent history the German Light Cruisers of WWII. The pictures were many & good quality given the period. The only thing missing for me was the lack of drawings. As a serious modeler, this are important. This is why I only gave it 4 Stars

though not much is known about the 6 light cruisers in the world war two german fleet because they saw little combat there are still a interesting class of warship. this book is a highly detailed book on the emden, k class cruisers and leipzig and nurnberg light cruisers. full of detailed information and drawings and many photos of each ship this book is a must read. i will definitely keep this book in my collection.

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