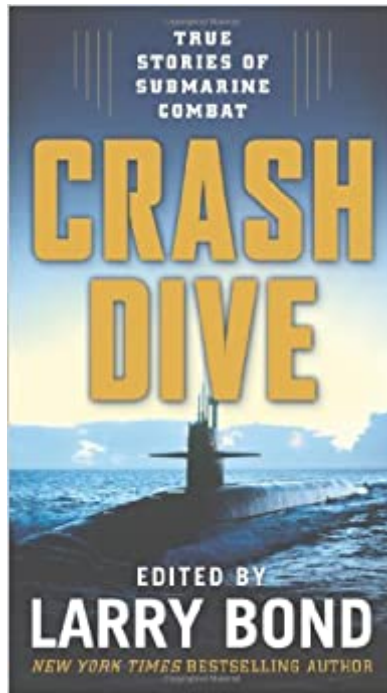




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Crash Dive: True Stories Of Submarine Combat



Synopsis

They are the ultimate unseen deterrent in modern warfare. Thousands of tons of steel, missiles, torpedoes, and men, lurking silently hundreds of feet underwater, able to lie off any coastline and unleash a devastating hail of destruction with pinpoint accuracy. They are the true masters of the oceans, bringing hostile military sea traffic to a standstill, striking swift and unseen, and slipping away in an instant, ready to do it all over again at a moment's notice. Edited by best-selling author Larry Bond, *Crash Dive* collects the best non-fiction excerpts about the mighty submarines and the crews that man them. From the tough Gato-class boats that harassed the Japanese Navy during World War II to the cat-and-mouse games played by U.S. and Soviet submarines during the Cold War, *Crash Dive* will take you inside the silent but deadly world of the military submarine.

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Former naval officer and best-selling thriller writer Bond offers a smorgasbord of excerpts from published narratives of submarine warfare. They range from the opening stages of WWII ("First Blood," about the Asiatic Fleet sub S-39) to "Improving the Breed" (Russian submarines successfully challenging NATO antisubmarine forces). In between are American, German, and British submarines sinking ships (at least once, a friendly one) and rescuing POWs in WWII. Here, too, are Nautilus's trail-blazing voyage under the North Pole, the disastrous voyage of the Soviet K-219, and intelligence missions in the deep Pacific. In

short, a feast for submarine buffs. Sizable naval collections may already own many of the better-known volumes Bond excerpts, and to those this anthology may serve as a tantalizing introduction. --Roland Green

“Nobody alive knows more about submarines and submarine tactics than Larry Bond, the designer of Harpoon. In addition, he’s one hell of a writer, which he proves once again in Cold Choices.”

•Stephen Coonts, New York Times bestselling author of The Assassin

“Larry Bond’s new submarine thriller, Cold Choices, sends The Hunt for Red October, Das Boot, and Run Silent, Run Deep straight to the bottom of the sea! A nuclear fireball of a thriller!”

•Douglas Preston, New York Times bestselling author of Blasphemy

“Forget everything you’ve ever heard about submarine novels! The sub battles in Cold Choices will have you biting your nails, shaking in your shoes and gasping for breath. The King of the 21st Century Sub Thrillers is back.”

•David Hagberg, New York Times bestselling author of The Expediter

As a former nuclear submarine officer, I enjoyed this book. The stories about our nuclear submarines were accurate and realistic. The stories about WWII action was exciting. The format is different. The book's chapters are from a variety of books and sources about a variety of subjects. The book starts out in WWII and ends in the 1980's. The operational history of modern submarine activity was most interesting.

I've read it twice over the past year! Absolutely great stories, well-chosen, the lead-ins are super, as well.

I place this book with the fictional Naval researcher in the Clive Cussler books Perlmenter(?) who has the best library on the subject. The first hand accounts of the submarine captains grants tremendous insight into underwater warfare. The difference is that these are real Naval accounts.

This is another of those collections of tales from the cold war, when we sent guys out to do crazy stuff right under the nose of the Soviets. They are bad-asses!

I have a fascination with submarine stories, particularly those of WWII. Of the many non-fiction books I have read that relate the stories of submariners, "Crash Dive" is interesting but not as

compelling as I expected.

Good reading about the sea wars in the Pacific. This is about the submarine warfare, about which we really heard very little while the conflict was going on, but comes out in writing as history.

This is a very good compilation of many reports on military submarines operations, in and out of war. For those who are interested in knowing about submariners' lives it's a must. Mauro Taschner

This book is a real good read.

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