



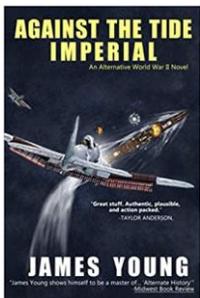
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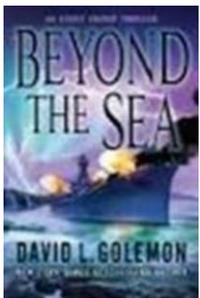
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***Against the Tide Imperial:  
The Struggle for Ceylon***  
By James Young · 2020

July 1943. When the United Kingdom was torn asunder under a hail of German firebombs and nerve gas, the distant outpost of Ceylon was an afterthought for both Allies and Axis.

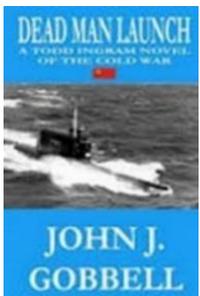
Now, one year after King George VI's death, the small island off-of India becomes center stage for a titanic confrontation. *Against the Tide Imperial* is the third novel of the *Usurper's War* series.



***Beyond the Sea: An Event  
Group Thriller***  
By David Lynn Golemon · 2017

The Soviet battle cruiser Simbirsk, which launched in June 1940 and was reported sunk in 1944 with the loss of all hands, is still sailing the open sea...

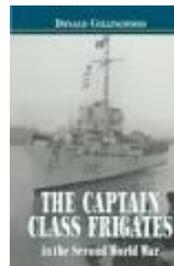
**Genres:** Science Fiction, Thriller, Adventure fiction, War story



***Dead Man Launch***  
By John Gobbell · 2017

"John J. Gobbell is the John Le Carré of Naval thrillers." --John Lehman, Former Secretary of the Navy. The year is 1968, and global upheaval is the norm...

**Genres:** Thriller, War story, Spy fiction, Nautical fiction



***The Captain Class Frigates in  
the Second World War***  
By Donald Collingwood · 1999/2020

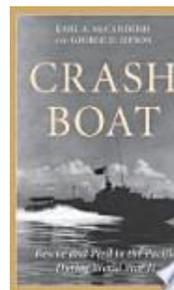
The Battle of the Atlantic was Winston Churchill's greatest of concern during the Second World War. By 1943 new tactics and technology, developed out of bitter experience, combined with the effect of long range maritime patrol aircraft were beginning to tip the balance in the Allies' favour. ...



***Clash of the Capital Ships:  
From the Yorkshire Raid to  
Jutland***

By Eric Dorn Brose · 2021

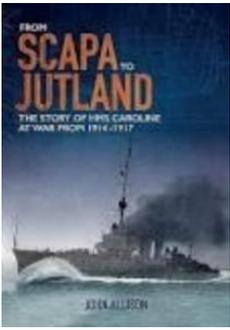
The Battle of Jutland, May 31-June 1, 1916, pitted Great Britain and Imperial Germany--the two largest fleets of World War I--against one another for the first time. At that time, it would be the largest clash of capital ships in the history of modern naval warfare. Arguably, the outcome of World War I was at stake.



***Crash Boat: Rescue and Peril  
in the Pacific During World  
War II***

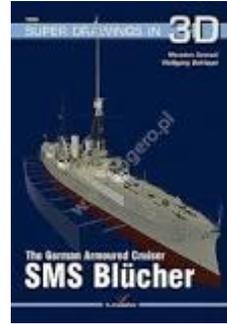
By Earl McCandlish & George D. Jepson · 2021

This is the compelling story of an American crash boat crewed by unknown heroes during World War II in the South Pacific, whose dramatic rescues of downed pilots and clandestine missions off Japanese-held islands were done at great peril ...



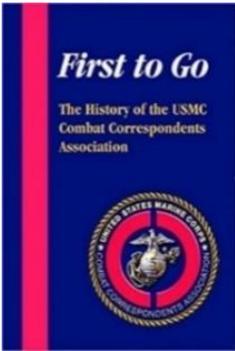
***From Scapa to Jutland: The Story of HMS Caroline ...***  
By John Allison · 2019

Amid the twists and turns of her survival to this day, the story of the light cruiser HMS Caroline spans a century and more. This book focuses on the role she played as part of the Grand Fleet in time



***The German Armoured Cruiser SMS Blücher***  
By Marsden Samuel · 2018

The SMS *Blücher* was the last armored cruiser built by the German Empire. She was constructed to counter the new armored cruisers rumored as being built by the British.



***First to Go: The History of the USMC Combat Correspondents Association***  
By Jack T. Paxton · 2018

The Marine Corps Combat Correspondents trace their history to the pioneering work started by Brigadier Gen. Robert L. Denig, Sr., who began Denig's Demons in

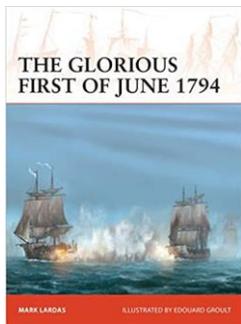
WWII. Never forgetting that they were riflemen first and writers, photographers, et al, second, the CCs have gone from the highly trained professional newsmen of the 1940s to the dedicated trained specialists that followed. of war. ...



***German Battleship Helgoland: Detailed in the Original Builders' Plans***  
By Aidan Dodson · 2019

This book is the latest in a series based entirely on original draughts which depict famous warships in an unprecedented degree of detail.

Using the latest scanning technology to make digital copies of the highest quality it reproduces complete sets in full color with many close-ups and enlargements that make every aspect clear and comprehensible. The result is a novel form of anatomy that will be a revelation to any warship enthusiast...



***The Glorious First of June***  
By Mark Lardas & Edouard Groult · 2019

Illustrated throughout with stunning full-color artwork, this is the full story of the only fleet action during the Age of Fighting Sail fought in the open ocean, hundreds of miles from shore.

Taking place over the course of a month, the inevitable battle was to be a close-run affair, with both sides claiming victory. To the French, it was le Bataille du 13 prairial, a notable day in their new, scientific Revolutionary calendar. For the British, it was the Glorious First of June.



***Guy Griffiths: The Life & Times of an Australian Admiral***

By Peter Jones · 2021

In his long career in the Royal Australian Navy, Guy Griffiths participated in its emergence from Depression-era stricture, pre-World War II, to its reinvention in the 1950s and 60s as a capable middle-power force centred on aircraft carriers in the missile age. In this time, he personally experienced the RAN's darkest days in the face of the Japanese onslaught and its finest hour in the Philippines Campaign of World War II, and its close involvements in the Korean War and then the Vietnam War. He witnessed the realities of war in positions of increasing responsibility.



**History of American Navy Ships of the Line: Lessons for the Navy Today**

By Richard D. Hepburn · 2021

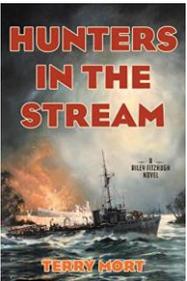
The USS *Constitution* is preserved as our oldest sailing warship; however, there were much larger and more magnificent U.S. Navy sailing warships that have not survived. These were called Ships of the Line.



**Homecomings**

By Laura Bogan · 2019

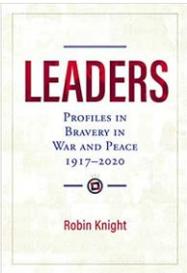
The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, better known as the Blue Angel, is one of the most iconic and respected aerobatics teams in the world. For years, photographer Laura Bogan has been chronicling the Blues as they return to Pensacola, the team's beautiful seaside home on Florida's Gulf Coast.



**Hunters in the Stream: A Riley Fitzhugh Novel**

By Terry Mort · 2021

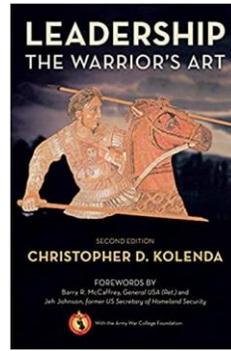
Riley Fitzhugh goes through officer training and is assigned to PC 475, a new anti-U-boat vessel stationed in Key West. The 475 is nicknamed Nameless by her crew because patrol craft vessels were only given numbers...



**Leaders: Profiles in Bravery in War and Peace, 1917-2020**

By Robin Knight · 2021

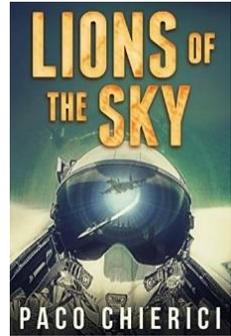
Leaders collects in one place for the first time the remarkably personal and distinct stories from Pangbourne College of the courageous men and women in war and peace accounts that are in danger of being forgotten today. Based on original research and neglected first-person accounts, it covers the period 1917-2020, with a particular emphasis on World War II, the Cold War, the Falklands War and contemporary conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.



**Leadership: The Warrior's Art (Second Edition)**

By Christopher Kolenda · 2021

This wide-ranging anthology brings together noted military minds as they examine the crucial role of leadership in combat, relate the lessons learned, and apply the principles to the stressful world of business. The book covers classic and modern concepts of leadership and uses case studies from Alexander the Great through post-9/11 wars to illustrate the principles of leadership in concrete historical contexts.

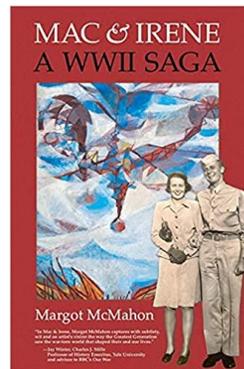


**Lions of the Sky**

By Francesco Chierici · 2019

In the world of fighter pilots, the most alpha of the alpha, competition is everything and the stakes are impossibly high. A Top Gun for the new millennium, LIONS OF THE SKY propels us into a realm in which friendship, loyalty, and skill are tested, battles won and lost in an instant, and lives irrevocably changed in the time it takes to plug in your afterburners.

**Genres:** Thriller, Adventure fiction, War story



**Mac & Irene: A WWII Saga**

By Margot McMahon · 2021

*Mac & Irene: A WWII Saga* is based on the true story of Franklin "Mac" McMahon, Emmy and Peabody award-winning artist-reporter and filmmaker. *Mac & Irene: A WWII Saga* is the first in a trilogy on McMahon's legendary life and legacy.

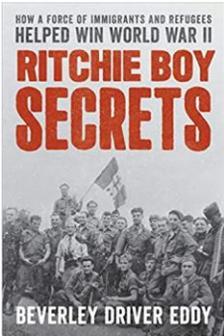


**The Medal with a Heart**

By Karen Kulinski & Karen Gruntman · 2018

Every medal tells a story of bravery, hard work, great achievement. But

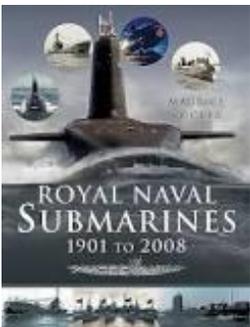
few people know how one of America's greatest military awards, The Purple Heart, came to be. The Medal With A Heart tells this story, and it begins in 1782 with George Washington and the Revolutionary War.



**Ritchie Boy Secrets: How a Force of Immigrants and Refugees Helped Win World War II**

By Beverly Driver Eddy · 2021

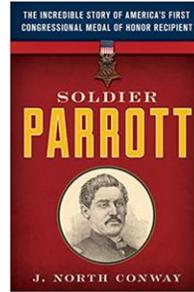
In June 1942, the U.S. Army began recruiting immigrants, the children of immigrants, refugees, and others with language skills and knowledge of enemy lands and cultures for a special military intelligence group being trained in the mountains of northern Maryland and sent into Europe and the Pacific. Ultimately, 15,000 men and some women received this specialized training and went on to make vital contributions to victory in World War II.



**Royal Naval Submarines 1901 to 2008**

By Maurice Cocker · 2020

This is a must-buy for the Royal Navy and Submarine enthusiast, being a complete directory of RN submarines from the outset to the present day. There is a wealth of detail on each class.



**Soldier Parrott: The Incredible Story of America's First Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient**

By J. North Conway · 2021

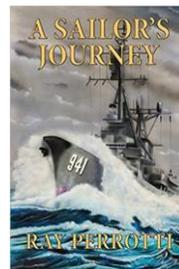
*Soldier Parrot* brings a new level of research and personal grit to Civil War history with this riveting account of how Jacob Parrott, an 18-year-old, illiterate orphan from Ohio became the first soldier to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Parrott, a private in the Union Army, volunteered in 1862 for a secret mission behind Confederate lines to steal a train, tear up railroad tracks, burn bridges, and cut telegraph lines.



**Splinter on the Tide**

Phillip Parotti · 2021

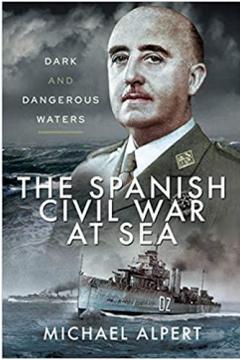
Having survived the sinking of his first ship, Ensign Ash Miller USNR is promoted and assigned to command one of the sleek new additions to “the splinter fleet,” a 110-foot wooden submarine chaser armed with only understrength guns and depth charges. His task is to bring the ship swiftly into commission, weld his untried crew into an efficient fighting unit, and take his vessel to sea in order to protect the defenseless Allied merchant vessels which are being maliciously and increasingly sunk by German U-Boats, often within sight of the coast.



**A Sailor's Journey**

By Ray Perrotti · 2021

Read firsthand accounts of working with NASA on Apollo capsule retrieval and participating in Naval rituals like crossing the Equator. Lose yourself in memories that have delighted friends and family for decades, now collected in this personal and honest look backward. In *A Sailor's Journey*, Ray Perrotti shares genuine, personal stories about Navy life during Vietnam. This memoir captures the good, the bad, and the hustle of a not-so-typical enlisted man, just trying to get through his commitment to serve.

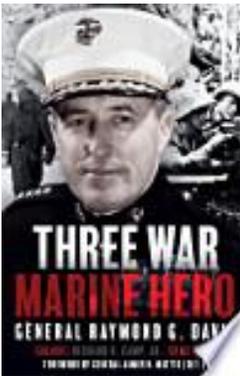


***The Spanish Civil War at Sea: Dark and Dangerous Waters***

By Michael Alpert · 2021

The Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939 underlined the importance of the sea as the supply route to both General Franco's insurgents and the Spanish Republic. There were attempted blockades by Franco as

well as attacks by his Italian and German allies against legitimate neutral, largely British, merchant shipping bound for Spanish Republican ports and challenges to the Royal Navy, which was obliged to maintain a heavy presence in the area.

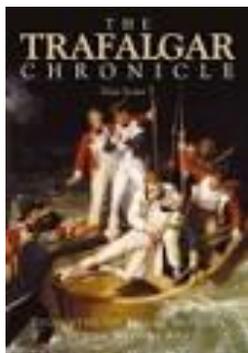


***Three War Marine Hero: General Raymond G. Davis***

By Richard Camp · 2020

This is the old man's third war!"—Dick Camp, introduction to book A native of Georgia, Raymond Davis joined the Marine Corps after university and would go on to serve in three wars and be decorated for

gallantry several times ...



***The Trafalgar Chronicle: Dedicated to Naval History in the Nelson Era: New Series 5***

By John A. Rodgaard, Judith Pearson, & Sean Heuvel · 2020

The Trafalgar Chronicle is a prime source of information as well as the publication of choice for new research about the

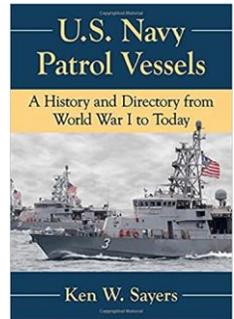
Georgian Navy, sometimes also loosely referred to as 'Nelson's Navy', though its scope reaches out to include all the sailing navies of the period.



***U.S. Aircraft Carriers 1939-45***

Ingo Bauernfeind · 2021

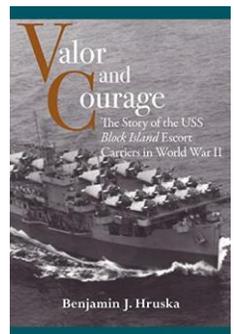
This extensively illustrated volume tells the dramatic yet successful story of US aircraft carriers in World War II by class, ranging from early pre-war designs to escort carriers built from destroyer hulls, to the gigantic fleet carriers serving as the predecessors of modern-day super carriers.



***U.S. Navy Patrol Vessels: A History and Directory from World War I to Today***

By Ken W. Sayers · 2021

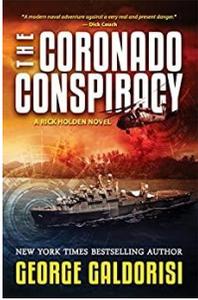
During the past century, U.S. Navy patrol vessels have operated everywhere larger warships have--as well as in places where the big boats could not operate. These bantam warriors have performed in a variety of roles, from antisubmarine warfare to convoy escort and offensive operations against enemy forces afloat and ashore.



***Valor and Courage: The Story of the USS Block Island Escort Carriers in World War II***

By Benjamin J. Hruska · 2021

Benjamin Hruska explores the history and commemoration of the USS *Block Island*—or, more properly, the Block Islands, as two escort carriers bore that name during WWII. The first, CVE 21, bears the distinction of having been the only American aircraft carrier sunk in the Atlantic Theatre after being torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of North Africa.



***The Coronado Conspiracy***  
**(Rick Holden Thrillers 1)**

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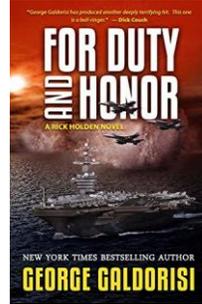
By George Galdorisi · 1998/2017

Off the shore of Costa Rica, the Navy command ship

USS *Coronado* launches an all-out assault against one of the most

powerful drug lords in Central America. The strike force is in position; the Blackhawks are armed and airborne, and the high-tech fist of the U.S. military is poised to come down like a sledgehammer. Everything is going according to plan until the quiet jungle erupts in a chaos of blood, shrapnel, and fire.

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***For Duty and Honor***  
**(Rick Holden Thrillers 2)**

[EBOOK]

By George Galdorisi · 2000/2018

A vicious terrorist attack leaves nearly seventy U.S. sailors dead, and the entire United States Navy looking for answers.

In the volatile waters of the Arabian Gulf, the USS Carl Vinson Strike Group - under the command of Admiral Heater Robinson - stands ready to unleash the full fury of a nuclear aircraft carrier against America's enemies. When it becomes clear that the government has no intention of punishing the murderers, Robinson decides to take justice into his own hands, no matter what the cost.

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