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BIOGRAPHICAL

Admiral Hyman Rickover: Engineer of Power [PROOF COPY] By Marc Wortman (Yale, 2022)

Known as the "Father of the Nuclear Navy," Admiral Hyman George Rickover (1899–1986) remains an almost mythical figure in the United States Navy. A brilliant engineer with a ferocious will and combative personality, he oversaw the invention of the world's first practical nuclear power reactor.

20th CENTURY TO PRESENT

Escape From Java: The Extraordinary World War II Story of the USS Marblehead

By John J. Domagalski (Pen and Sword. 2022)

The tale of an elderly Asiatic Fleet light cruiser that manages to escape the Philippines and survive the early months of WWII.

Schnellboote: A Complete Operational History

By Lawrence Paterson (Seaforth, 2022)

A detailed operational history of the German supersized equivalent of the American PT Boats that had notable success against allied warships and merchantmen.

Fly Boy Heroes: The Stories of the Medal of Honor Recipients of the Air War Against Japan

By James H. Hallas · (Stackpole 2022)

Thirty U.S. Navy, Army, and Marine Corps aviation personnel were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions against the Japanese during World War II. They included pilots and crewmen manning fighters and dive bombers and flying boats and bombers. Some shot down large numbers of enemy aircraft in aerial combat. Others sacrificed themselves for their friends or risked everything for complete strangers.

Blue Angels Decades Vol. 1 1946-1955

By Matthew Garretson (Blueanglesdecades.com, 2022)

Heavily illustrated soft-covered book that offers interesting details on the Navy's flight demonstration squadron.

Grumman EA-6B Prowler: Flying with the US Navy and Marine Corps. By Duke Hawkins, (HMH Publications, 2021)

A very impressive illustrated softbound book illustrating aspects of an aircraft that played a key electronic warfare mission for the Navy and Marine Corps.

Hell in the Streets of Husaybah: The April 2004 Fights of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines in Husaybah, Iraq By Lt. Col. David E. Kelly USMC (Ret.) (Casemate 2022)

Based on US Marine Corps field history interviews and the personal combat field history journal.

Landing Craft and Amphibians: Seaborne Vessels in the 20th Century

By Ben Skipper, UK: Pen & Sword (2022)

A 64 page illustrated book that provides historical background and a section on modeling these types of military vessels.

19th CENTURY & AGE OF SAIL

The Trafalgar Chronicle: Dedicated to Naval History in the Nelson Era: New Series 5 By John A. Rodgaard, Judith Pearson, & Sean Heuvel · (Seaforth 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.

MARITIME/MISC.

The Partnership: George Marshall, Henry Stimson, and the Extraordinary Collaboration That Won World War II

By Edward Farley Aldrich (Stackpole, 2022)

Though not directly naval in nature, a review of this book might touch on how sea power impacted this collaboration.

The SS United States: Ship of Power, Might, and Indecision

By William H. Miller (Fonthill, 2022)

A lavishly illustrated soft cover book detailing the ship's career as an ocean liner and then the years of decay as efforts continue to preserve the ship not the 21st century.

To Provide and Maintain a Navy: 1775-1945

Captain Richard L. Wright (Xlibris, 2022)

A 300 page study about determining the Navy's shipbuilding needs and how the nation's shippards turned out the types of hulls needed to meet the needs of the fleet.

First to Go: The History of the USMC Combat Correspondents Association

By Jack T. Paxton · (St Johan Press 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.

Homecomings By Laura Bogan · (Mascot Books 2018)

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.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Hunters in the Stream: A Riley Fitzhugh Novel By Terry Mort (McBooks Press, 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...

Dead Man Launch: A Todd Ingram Novel of the Cold War By John Gobbell · 2017

It's 1968, a time when global upheaval seems the norm. The war in Southeast Asia rages along with prolonged civil unrest at home. Amongst this, turncoat Navy Warrant Officer Johnnie Walker begins an extended relationship with the Soviet Union by selling top-secret crypto key lists to them to fulfill a voracious appetite for the good life.