

TWENTIETH CENTURY SEA STORIES This list contains some books that Voices of Vision Readers Advisor Ross has read and enjoyed. They are twentieth century sea stories, both fiction and non-fiction. For more books on these or other subjects, contact Voices of Vision.

Fiction

RC 31442 BR 8215

THE CAINE MUTINY by Herman Wouk.

During World War II, the crew of the Caine mutinies against Captain Queeg, accusing him of incompetence. The novel reaches its climax during the court-martial when they must prove their charges.

RC 35641

THE CAPTAIN by Jan De Hartog.

Dealing with the maturing of a young Dutch tugboat captain and his experiences on the Murmansk run, this novel presents a graphic picture of the senselessness and brutality of war.

RC 29424

CONVOY SOUTH by Philip McCutchan.

Set during World War II, this naval action story features Commodore John Mason Kemp of the British Royal Naval Volunteer reserves. Kemp has been placed in charge of a convoy carrying Australian soldiers to the United States. He has on board a bundle of top-secret data in which it seems the Germans are interested. But the Germans are not Kemp's only concern - his son has been reported missing and is presumed dead.

RC 59359

WINGED ESCORT by Douglas Reeman.

1943. Fighter pilot Tim Rowan of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is injured while serving on a makeshift escort carrier for an Allied convoy. After he recovers he is sent to Australia where he falls in love with the rear admiral's wife. Some violence.

RC 30287

CAMERON'S COMMITMENT by Philip McCutchan.

Lieutenant Commander Donald Cameron is again piloting the old cruiser "Castile" on a secret mission - this time for Winston Churchill. His mission: to rescue the British leader of a Resistance group in the port of Dieppe in occupied France.

RC 43886

TO KILL THE LEOPARD by Theodore Taylor.

In March 1941, American merchant marine officer Sully Jordan survives the sinking of his oil tanker by a German U-boat. After the same U-boat torpedoes another tanker from under him one year later, Jordan takes command of an armed decoy Q-ship, hoping to settle the score. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers.

Non-fiction

RC 60823

TRAGEDY AT HONDA by Charles A. Lockwood.

Retired Navy Vice-Admiral Lockwood and retired Air Force Colonel Adamson chronicle the September 8, 1923, wreck of seven U.S. naval destroyers along a treacherous region of the California coast known as Honda, killing twenty-three men. Hour-by-hour account details heroic rescue efforts and attributes the tragedy to navigational errors. 1986.

RC 47621

GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECKS AND SURVIVAL by William Ratigan.

History of maritime disasters on each of the North American inland seas: Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie, Superior, and Ontario. Describes how vessels and their crews functioned during catastrophic storms. A separate section details the November 1975 wreck of the cargo ship Edmund Fitzgerald. 1994.

RC 48911

BLUE SKIES AND BLOOD: THE BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA by Edwin P. Hoyt.

Account of the spring 1942 battle between American and Japanese aircraft carriers that marked a new era in warfare and was considered a turning point in World War II. The unfolding drama is based on action reports of the U.S. and Japanese navies and participants diaries and narratives. 1975.

RC 58064

THE LAST STAND OF THE TIN CAN SAILORS: THE EXTRAORDINARY WORLD WAR II STORY OF THE U.S. NAVY'S FINEST HOUR by James D. Hornfischer.

Chronicles the October 1944 battle off Samar when an American naval escort unit supporting General MacArthur's liberation of the Philippines engaged overwhelming Japanese forces with little hope of reinforcement or victory. Minute-by-minute account drawn from interviews with survivors and official documents describes the valiant efforts of outgunned sailors and airmen. Some strong language. 2004.

RC 43934

THE SEA HUNTERS by Clive Cussler and Craig Dirgo.

A hunter of shipwrecks documents the discovery or survey of twelve major ships in deep waters. Each ship's story begins with an account of its final voyage, then describes how the ship was found. Featured are the Confederate submarine "Hunley" and the Allied troop transport "Leopoldville", among others. 1996.

RC 55661

SAILORS TO THE END: THE DEADLY FIRE ON THE U.S.S. FORRESTAL AND THE HEROES WHO FOUGHT IT by Gregory A. Freeman.

On July 29, 1967, off the coast of Vietnam an errant rocket on the U.S.S. Forrestal hits the plane piloted by future senator John McCain. Describes the crew's heroic efforts to save the ship (although 134 sailors died) and the reasons for the disaster. Some strong language. 2002.

RC 49223

THE TERRIBLE HOURS: THE MAN BEHIND THE GREATEST SUBMARINE RESCUE IN HISTORY by Peter Maas.

On May 23, 1939, the Squalus submarine failed to resurface from a test dive and settled 243 feet down on the ocean floor off Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Maas provides accounts of the thirty-three survivors and their families, and of Charles Momsen, who created the device used in their rescue. Bestseller. 1999.

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