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A DEADLY GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK

She was a monster, sleek and gleaming, designed to strike without warning like the dreaded shark. She was the USS *Mako*, as fearless and bold as any submarine that ever prowled the blue Pacific. Her mission: seek out and destroy the hitherto invincible ships of the Japanese Imperial Navy — and revenge the earlier defeats of a long and dirty war.

Here is the story of the men who pitted their lives against impossible odds in the most dangerous branch of the American armed services. It is a story of men pushed to the breaking point and beyond in the most nerve-racking, heart-stirring warfare of all. A story of glory, grit and guts, and of the astonishing resources that human beings call forth when put to the ultimate test.

Author Harry Homewood was a qualified submariner before he was seventeen years old, having lied to the Navy about his age, and serving in a little "S"-boat in the old Asiatic Fleet. After Pearl Harbor he reenlisted and made eleven war patrols in the Southwest Pacific. He later became Chicago Bureau Chief for *Newsweek*, chief editorial writer for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and for eleven years had his own weekly news program syndicated to thirty-two PBS television stations.

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From Reader Review Final Harbor for online ebook

Greg Oaster says

Harrowing tale

Ever since I read The Hunt for Red October I've always enjoyed novels and movies about submarines.. the experience and sacrifices these men made must have been horrendous. Mr. Homewood's novel is well researched and written. He even explained some of the basic principals of torpedo warfare. This book had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.

Nooilforpacifists says

Decent Pacific sub war novel. Early days of the war; submarines are the United States's sole effective weapon, dogged, however, by faulty torpedoes. More life story than battle story, and writing acceptable, but not outstanding.

Sam Price says

Good,good,good book.

I love all kinds of military books.God bless our military.
Thanks to the authors,for bringing us these stories.
Keep them coming.

sarg says

"Final Harbor" by Harry Homewood

A good WWII naval story gave it 4 stars. About the submarine service in the pacific at the start of the war. Reminded me why I was a cruiser sailor and not a submarine sailor.

larry buckman says

Good Book

Good read on subject that is difficult for most of us to understand. The author gives a fair review of military life

But submarine war life is hard to imagine.

GymGuy says

I can't understand why this book isn't read more! Just a wonderful, very personal story of the courage of WWII submariners. Much of it is character driven, but there really wonderful battle scenes. Homewood's knowledge is detailed and first-hand. He was a qualified submariner at age 17, prior to Pearl Harbor and re-enlisted after the attack. I'm sure that many of his personal experiences are recorded to some extent in this book. As a qualified writer, he was an editor for Newsweek and the Chicago Sun-Times plus had a long-running PBS broadcast....so best of both worlds...first-hand knowledge of the subject matter and well-honed writing experience.

As I read this story I couldn't help but think of those men who experienced similar events, 20% never lived to fulfill their full dreams, and most of the remaining 80% are now lost to age. It seems so long ago, but was actually just a life-time. They lived, loved, raised families, had careers and contributed to our great fabric. We owe them.

I look forward to reading the next in the series.

Mike Wells says

Good WWII Submarine War Story

Enjoyed this book! Although a work of fiction, the author incorporated a great deal of factual wartime information about the Pacific theater of operations.

Martin Broad says

Very good book.

Compared against naval stories from the likes of Douglas Reeman this is up there. The battles are written incredibly well.

James Hanson says

Book content

While the story was good, the content of direction was misleading , there was a lot of misspelling and missed wording. All of this appear to take relativity away from the story.

Robert Gurin says

An excellent combination of a good read, a good war story, and considerable, informative insight into the

early days of WWII submarine warfare.

The author does an excellent job of developing the characters as well as providing the action that makes the book difficult to set down.

Jules Traugot says

Worth the read

Good story line and character development. Historical background woven well into the story but pretty elementary for anyone who has read about WWII. What I liked most was the descriptions of how the boats captains made decisions about attack and survival.

Nicholas T Pappas says

Real life one boat

Great read ! Sounds like could have really happened. Wished the boat made out better. Looking forward to the next book.

Bruce nightingale says

This is a very good read and probably reads best to anyone who served time aboard ship in the U.S. Navy. Going to sea with your ship mates is very rewarding experience that lasts a lifetime.

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Chaplain Stanleigh Chapin says

An interesting sea story

The plot development was excellent, terrific characterization,, intensity was great with intrigue. The distracting explicit sexuality action of one of the main characters kept it from five star.

James O'Neil says

Exciting, everything you need to know about sub warfare . Enough said.

