

MILITARY AND NAVAL ADVENTURE

These are adventure genre rather than serious portrayals of warfare, although many have excellent scenes of battle. The war novel as a mainstream novel is not included.

Cold is the Sea by Edward L. Beach

[F/BEA]

There are some who go down to the sea in ships and some who go under the sea. The causes of catastrophe can be subtle as well as manifold but fortunately only a few fail to come back to port. To them and to their valiant memory, this story is dedicated.

Run Silent, Run Deep by Edward L. Beach

[F/BEA]

The Naval Academy, two years of antisubmarine duty in the North Atlantic, submarine school and eleven submarine war patrols in the Pacific, five as an executive officer and navigator and the very last in command, supplied the author with ample experience and information to write a novel of submarine warfare.

The Wild Blue by Walter J. Boyne

[F/BOY]

This novel is a panoramic novel of the men, the women, and the machines that made the Air Force the elite and gutsy flying corps it is today.

Into the Night by Suzanne Brockmann

[F/BRO]

White House staff Joan DaCosta finds her drawn to her Navy SEAL liaison, Lt. Mike Muldoon. As tension mounts between them, a far more sinister danger is lurking. Now, to protect their commander in chief, Joan and Muldoon must not only risk their hearts, but their very lives.

Chains of Command by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

When a conflict between Ukraine and Russia escalates, U.S. Air Force officer Daren Mace and Rebecca Furness, one of the first American women to fly combat aircraft, are drawn into the war.

Battle Born by Dale Brown

[LP/F/BRO][F/BRO]

With a newly reunited Korea threatening to use its nuclear and biological arsenal against the Chinese to the north, Patrick McLanahan is forced to take his untrained team of B-1B Lancer pilots on a daring mission to knock out this new threat to Asian stability.

The Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy

[VID/HUN]

A new Soviet sub, the Red October, is heading for the U.S. coast. Government, all experts but one, think it is planning to attack. He thinks the sub's commander is planning to defect but he has only a few hours to find the sub and prove his theory.

A Very Private War by Jon Cleary

[LP/F/CLE][F/CLE]

Among the great-unsung heroes of World War II are the Coast watchers of the South Pacific. A courageous handful of lonely volunteers, they fought a very private war. In this gripping novel, two New Britain planters, expatriate American Con Mulane, a onetime New York Yankee pitcher and Frank Vokes, a gawky Aussie youth, are joined in their chilling mission by a band of natives, both loyal and treacherous and by a beautiful mixed blood medic.

The First to Land by Douglas Reeman

[F/REE]

The nephew of Philip Blackwood in Badge of Glory continues to family tradition of military service by going to China to fight in the Boxer Rebellion and help the Europeans remaining in the country.

The Lieutenants by W.E.B. Griffin

[F/GRI]

They were the young ones, the bright ones, and the ones with the dreams. From the Nazi-prowled wastes of North Africa to the bloody corridors of Europe, they answered the call gladly. War – it was their duty, their job and their life. They marched off as boys and they came back, those who made it, as soldiers and professionals forge in the heat of battle.

Retreat, Hell! W.E.B. Griffin**[F/GRI]**

In the fall of 1950, the U.S. Marines confront an uphill battle as they make their way from Inchon across the 38th parallel, dealing with the full force of Chinese military might and the disappearance of an officer's son behind enemy lines.

Semper Fi by W.E.B. Griffin**[CAS/F/GRI][F/GRI]**

This is the first in the author's five volume series *The Corps*. *Semper Fi* sets the stage for WWII. It is the '30s and we meet the old corps, as it existed between WWI and WWII and on station in Shanghai, at Quantico in Washington, all nicely contrasted with civilian life stateside. But the calendar is moving relentlessly toward a fatal day in 1941. When it comes, we understand why nothing could ever be the same again and what it's going to take to win the awful conflict into which we have been bloody and unprepared thrust.

By Dawn's Early Light by David Hagberg**[F/HAG]**

In the wake of a Pakistani attack on India that could kill millions, the president's brother, a former Navy SEAL who is the plot's only witness, is captured, prompting Commander Frank Dillon of the nuclear sub *Seawolf* to launch a rescue mission.

The Eagle Has Flown by Jack Higgins**[CAS/F/HIG][LP/F/HIG][F/HIG]**

This novel tells the heart-stopping tale of a desperate and diabolical plot by Adolf Hitler to kidnap, or kill Winston Churchill.

The Eagle Has Landed by Jack Higgins**[VID/EAD][LP/F/HIG]**

At precisely one o'clock on the morning of Saturday, November 6, 1943 Heinrich Himmler, Reichsfuhrer of the SS, received a simple message: "The Eagle has landed." The "Eagle" was a small force of German paratroopers, at that moment safely landed in England and poised to snatch the British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, from the Norfolk country house where he was spending a quiet weekend. The author brilliantly reconstructs this astonishing exploit.

Luciano's Luck by Jack Higgins**[LP/F/HIG][F/HIG]**

This is the story of the clash of two godfathers. The first was Don Antonio Luca, head of the Mafia in Sicily, whose brother went to the electric chair in Chicago in 1929, leaving Luca hating the Americans. The second godfather was the legendary prince of gangsters, Luck Luciano, who was sitting out World War II in the penitentiary. Can a story that sounds so true really be a work of fiction?

Storm Warning by Jack Higgins**[LP/F/HIG][F/HIG]**

At the end of August 1944 the Deutschland, a three-masted nineteenth century sailing vessel, slipped out of a Brazilian port at the mouth of the Amazon with a crew of twenty-two men and five nuns as passengers. The destination was Germany; the route five thousand miles of storm-swept ocean barred by the overwhelming military might of American and British forces, both on sea and in the air. While the ship and her crew set out on this voyage, fate moves other parties like chess pieces about the world, in preparation for the final encounter a month later off Scotland, on the Outer Hebridean island of Fhada.

Final Harbor by Harry Homewood**[F/HOM]**

This is the story of fleet submarine Mako and the men who took her to war in the far reaches of the Pacific Ocean against the forces of the Empire of Japan. It was a war that would claim from those who fought in submarines the heaviest casualty rate of all the branches of the armed forces. This is more than just a story about the "the boat," as submarines are called by their crews. It is a poignant and tender love story of men and women who are separated for months at a time and then come together in moments of stormy passion. It is a tapestry of joy and sorrow, brilliant battle scenes, honest heroism and a search for love and fulfillment.

Silent Sea by Harry Homewood**[F/HOM]**

As they listened to the death throes of their sister ship Mako sinking in the Pacific where the waters were six miles deep, the crew of USS Eelfish suddenly came of age. It was a brand new fleet submarine crewed by draftees and reservists. Hidebound regular Navy officers believed they wouldn't fight. But fight they did with reckless abandon, proving themselves on two fronts against the Japanese at sea and against their own Admirals, who clung to outmoded concepts of how to wage war under the sea.

Broken Ranks by Hiram King**[F/KIN]**

After the Civil War, gunfighter Ples Butler is hired to escort a group of black recruits from St. Louis to Fort Leavenworth to join the Negro Cavalry, but first they must make it through territory controlled by vengeful ex-Confederates.

Force 10 From Navarone by Alistair MacLean**[F/MAC]**

The wild and beautiful mountains of Yugoslavia are the setting for this thriller. The time is World War II. Suspense, danger, ironic twists of plot and rapid action are all here in this story of the men of Force 10 who set out to accomplish their objectives by means even more unexpected and thrilling than those employed in silencing Navarone's famous guns.

The Guns of Navarone by Alistair MacLean**[VID/GUN][F/MAC]**

An entire navy had tried to silence the guns of Navarone and failed. Full-scale attacks had been driven back. Now they were sending in just five men, each one a specialist in dealing with death.

San Andreas by Alistair MacLean

[LP/F/MAC][F/MAC]

It is the darkest days of World War II and the San Andreas, a Red Cross medical ship carrying the wounded, is on a perilous voyage from Halifax to Aberdeen. The ship is only a short distance out from port when a mysterious power failure knocks out the lights identifying her as a hospital transport and without warning she is under siege by a devastating attack of German war planes and U-boats. With the captain and several senior officers seriously injured, it is up to Archie McKinnon, the cool and experienced bosun, to take command of the crippled ship. A hair-pounding race against time builds to a hair-raising climax revealing the secret that has haunted the ship across the North Sea and now threatens to destroy everyone on board.

Where Eagles Dare by Alistair MacLean

[LP/F/MAC][F/MAC]

The story begins with eight Allied agents parachuting into Nazi Germany in 1944. Their mission is to rescue Lieutenant General Carnaby, a member of Eisenhower's staff who has full knowledge of the plans for D-Day, before he can be made to talk. It ends with four Allied agents flying out of Germany, to home and safety, knowing at last the mocking truth that made their adventure doubly perilous and facing the greatest danger of all.

Black Storm by David Poyer

[F/POY]

On the eve of America's invasion of Iraq, Lieutenant Commander Dan Lenson is ordered to prevent Saddam Hussein's threatened retaliation, but he and his recon team discover that destroying Iraq's weapons cache could unleash a greater terror.

The Deep Silence by Douglas Reeman

[F/REE]

This novel is about the men of the services who risk their lives continually beneath the sea that will stand marine stories of great novels.

A Soldier's Duty by Thomas E. Ricks

[F/RIC]

Two young combat officers, Majors Cindy Sherman and Bud Lewis, discover the dangerous politics within the military and become embroiled in a deadly game that holds the future of the American military hostage.

The Shark Mutiny by Patrick Robinson [F/ROB]

In a tense near future scenario, the U.S. Navy battles mines and a Chinese conspiracy out to inhibit the flow of oil from the Persian Gulf to protect its oil resources in the Middle East.

Falcons by Ray Rosenbaum [F/ROS]

This is a sweeping novel of men at war and traces the experiences of two Army Air Forces bomber pilots – Ross Colyer, a career minded, by the book officer and Broderick Templeton III, the pampered son of a U.S. Senator – from the dark days of Pearl Harbor to the flak and fighter filled skies of the Pacific, European and Mediterranean theaters during World War II.

Drop Zone by Michael Salazar [F/SAL]

Air Force pararescue expert Jason Johnson is teamed up with a daredevil Marine to parachute behind enemy lines in Bosnia and gather evidence of a horrifying act of genocide.

The Iron Men by Leonard B. Scott [F/SCO]

This novel tells of men who wear the Iron Cross and uphold the tradition of duty and honor. Filled with the superbly described action and understanding of the fighting man that have won the author both wide critical acclaim and a huge readership this novel is an exciting breakthrough and a stirring novel about men and honor.

Firefox! by Craig Thomas [F/THO]

Firefox is the NATO codename for the Russian Mig-31. Developed in the late 1970s, the warplane is a generation and a half ahead of its nearest American rival and is capable of reaching speeds of more than 4,000 mph, invisible to radar with a thought controlled weapons system.

Firefox Down! by Craig Thomas

[F/THO]

Mitchell Gant flies the Soviet Mig-31, the deadliest warplane ever built. He successfully battles a swarm of Russian Foxbat fighters, then streaks over Finland, heading toward the safety of a NATO air base. But a punctured fuel line forces Gant to bring Firefox down on a frozen lake forty miles from the Soviet border. Alone on the snowy wasteland, he watches in horror as the super plane breaks through the ice and is slowly swallowed by the forbidding waters. The shocking news sparks an international race against time. Gant is a desperate man who is running for his life with a secret that could tip the balance of world power.

Army Blue by Lucian K. Truscott

[F/TRU]

Lieutenant Blue IV is charged in 1969 with desertion and cowardice against the North Vietnamese, but he claims that his superiors ordered actions that would have harmed the men in his charge.

Buffalo Soldiers by Tom Willard

[LP/F/WIL][F/WIL]

In 1869, August Sharps, free from Kiowa captors, enlists in the Tenth U.S. Cavalry and spends his days as a soldier at Fort Wallace, Kansas until he and his wife retire to Arizona.

The Caine Mutiny by Herman Wouk

[VID/CAI][F/WOU]

A combat weary, paranoid Captain Queeg, loses his nerve during a typhoon and is relieved of command by his first officer.

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F=Fiction

LP=Large Print

CAS=Book on Cassette

M=Mystery

NB=New Book

VID=Vudeo