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Merriam Press Historical Fiction 1. (March 2013). Early one morning in September 1914, a new and terrible weapon changed naval warfare forever. On that morning, a single primitive German submarine sank three British armored cruisers, killing nearly 1,500 men. Up to that moment, few people knew submarines even existed. Overnight, terror swept England. At the beginning of the First World War, England's Royal Navy had the greatest fleet of warships the world had ever seen. Suddenly, because of one submarine's successful attack, the Royal Navy's supremacy was in question. Savage criticism rained down on the First Lord of the Admiralty, a young gentleman named Winston Churchill. People are interested in events that changed the world, but few people know of this incident. It is a story that deserves to be told. With the approach of the centennial of World War I, now is the time to tell this story. Although this book is a work of fiction, it hews closely to historical events. Many of the people and most of the action described are based on memoirs written by participants in the 1920s. Map.

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Debbie says

Wildly different from the other books I read but I enjoyed it especially having it deconstructed by the author himself.

J. Calvin says

A master telling of the development of submarine warfare in early 20th century Europe.

In this exceptional, historical debut, author Jim Thesing has created a work detailing a brilliant era in history. One early morning in September 1914, the relationship between the greatest European powers took a turn for the worse. Telling the little known story of the first consuming submarine battle of WWI, the portrayal of British naval officer, Henry Fischer, and German naval officer, Johannes Spiess, is well crafted—keeping the characters real and sympathetic. Thesing also delves into Otto Weddigen's career as an Undersea Boat Service commander, where he eventually created a brilliant reputation as a “most fearsome” combatant of the High Seas Navy. Until this moment, submarines were underestimated; putting the Royal Navy's superior reputation in question. The Germans revolutionized warfare for generations to come.

Well-documented history flows effortlessly in this work of fiction; making it seem more like an account of historical events. The easy to understand, conversational writing style makes this novel highly readable—will be of interest to scholars and general readers alike. Overall quality prose; this expert writer brings life to a story that deserves to be told by way of the men involved.

A highly engaging and informative work of fiction.

Mark says

Pleasant way to pass the time. Not great but good.

Did think it would be a non-fiction book. Serves me right for not reading description properly.
