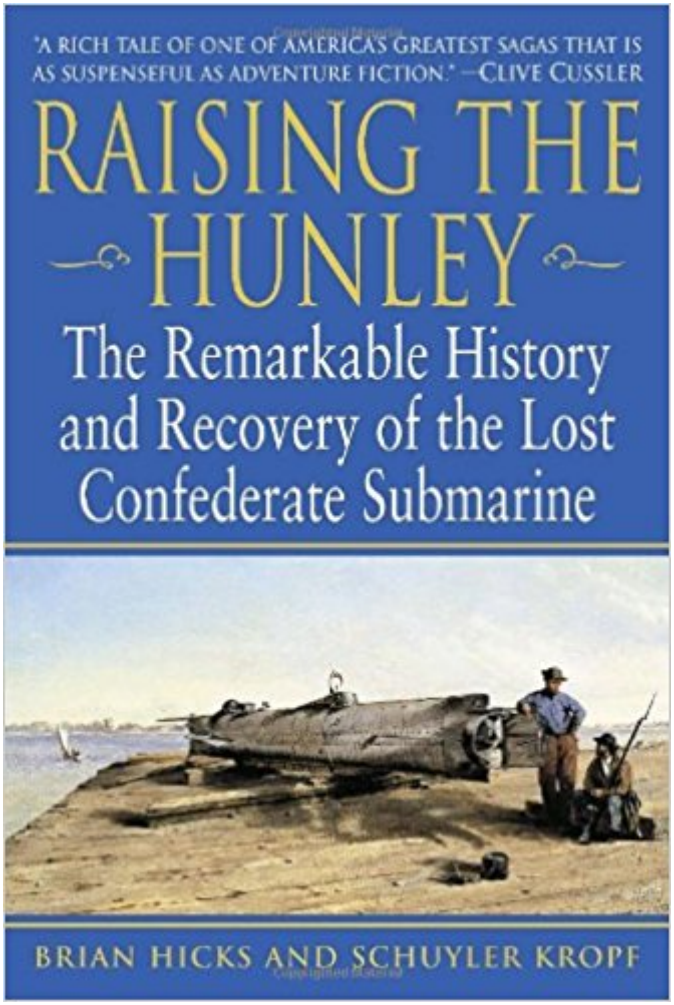
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Raising The Hunley: The Remarkable History And Recovery Of The Lost Confederate Submarine (American Civil War)



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Synopsis

The history of the Confederate submarine H. L. Hunley is as astonishing as its disappearance. On February 17, 1864, after a legendary encounter with a Union battleship, the iron Ã¢â ¬Å“fish boatÃ¢â ¬Â• vanished without a trace somewhere off the coast of South Carolina. For more than a century the fate of the Hunley remained one of the great unsolved mysteries of the Civil War. Then, on August 8, 2000, with thousands of spectators crowding Charleston Harbor, the Hunley was raised from the bottom of the sea and towed ashore. Now, award-winning journalists Brian Hicks and Schuyler Kropf offer new insights into the HunleyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s final hours and recount the amazing true story of its rescue.The brainchild of wealthy New Orleans planter and lawyer Horace Lawson Hunley, the Hunley inspired tremendous hopes of breaking the UnionÃ¢â ¬â„¢s naval blockade of Charleston, only to drown two crews on disastrous test runs. But on the night of February 17, 1864, the Hunley finally made good on its promise. Under the command of the heroic Lieutenant George E. Dixon, the sub rammed a spar torpedo into the Union sloop Housatonic and sank the ship within minutes, accomplishing a feat of stealth technology that would not be repeated for half a century.And then, shortly after its stunning success, the Hunley vanished.This book is an extraordinary true story peopled with a fascinating cast of characters, including Horace Hunley himself, the Union officers and crew who went down with the Housatonic, P. T. Barnum, who offered $100,000 for its recovery, and novelist Clive Cussler, who spearheaded the mission that finally succeeded in finding the Hunley. The drama of salvaging the sub is only the prelude to a page-turning account of how scientists unsealed this archaeological treasure chest and discovered the inner-workings of a submarine more technologically advanced than anyone expected, as well as numerous, priceless artifacts.Hicks and Kropf have crafted a spellbinding adventure story that spans over a century of American history. Dramatically told, filled with historical details and contemporary color, illustrated with breathtaking original photographs, Raising the Hunley is one of the most fascinating Civil War books to appear in years.From the Hardcover edition.

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Civil War MiscellanyThe legendary Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley was the first successful underwater warship that is, the first to sink an enemy ship. As chronicled in Raising the Hunley: The Remarkable History and Recovery of the Lost Confederate Submarine, the sub disappeared without a trace in 1864, crippled by a Union ship, and finding it became something of an obsession for many Americans until the vessel was finally brought to shore in 2000. Based on interviews with scientists and historians who studied the Hunley's remains, Charleston, S.C., Post and Courier journalists Brian Hicks and Schuyler Kropf reconstruct the sub's final voyage in this dramatic slice of Civil War history. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Adult/High School-The Hunley was all but forgotten until its retrieval in August, 2000. Resembling a fictional adventure tale, the book takes readers back to federally blockaded Charleston, SC. Without access to goods brought in by ships to the formerly bustling harbor, the South feared certain defeat. An idea to develop a small underwater ship that could evade detection as it delivered a torpedo to a Union blockade ship was offered as a wisp of hope by New Orleans lawyer Horace Lawson Hunley. Its development, however, was fraught with danger, and the first two test runs resulted in the deaths of 13 crew members. Finally, the sub was sent for its maiden voyage on February 17, 1864, whereupon it accomplished its task: it sank the Housatonic. Shortly after signaling the shore that it was about to return, it disappeared. The struggles to locate and retrieve the ship, spearheaded by author Clive Cussler, and the efforts to preserve it as a historical treasure trove, are nearly as fascinating as the story of its construction. The description of the Hunley's reentry into Charleston Harbor on August 8, 2000, before a cheering, saluting crowd of more than 20,000, is quite an emotional moment. Photos are mostly from the salvage and raising operation, with a few portraits of the crew included. Diagrams give readers a feel for the confines of the limited space within the submarine and the frightening conditions in which these men died. This exciting, well-done slice of

history should have broad appeal.Carol DeAngelo, Kings Park Library, Burke, VA Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Excellent book. I was fascinated. Great research and great writing.

A "must read" for all Hunley fans. Although published earlier than Chaffin's book, Hicks points out a few fascinating facts other authors have overlooked, especially the presence of stalactites found in the hull & the consequences of that discovery. I also like how the author, after summarizing eveything known about the Hunley to that date, puts it all together in his own theory of what happened the night the Hunley sank the Housatonic. In a factual book of history this is a bit unusual, but it ends by giving the reader a semi-plausible explanation of what might have happened based upon known historical fact.

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I've follwed the history, been to see the Hunley, and visited the grave sites of the various brave crew members, who gave their lives for the lost cause. Naturally, I very much enjoyed the book and the search for the Hunley and its recovery, plus the surprising discovery of the various artifacts onboard. The only downside was that I found several typos in my Kindle edition, but I could easily make out what the intended word was suppose to be - so no big problem! If your a Civil War history buff or navy man, you might really enjoy this book.

I rate this so highly because I was interested in learning as much as I could about the "Hunley" submarine and this book did exactly that. It provided a good summary of the details of the sub's conceptual development and the people behind that development. It sets the seen of the Hunley's use against the overall background of the Civil War and puts faces on the people who developed the machine as well as the men who manned her. I would recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in the Civil War as well as anyone who has interest in modern archeological techniques.

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What an exciting and informative book! Part history, part research, part archealogy, but all joined and very readable. The incredible dedication and bravery of the crews who parished aboard the

"fish-boat" deserve the highest honor. These men of the past never gave up, just as the modern day team who had to move natural and govermental mountains to raise her from her watery grave. Since the research is on going and the mysteries haven't been all solved this book does not have the definative answers, I try to log unto the hunley.org site periodically to check for new developments. It's well worth reading by anyone interested in Civil War history, early submarine warfare or archealogy.

This is one of the better accounts of the Hunley story. From start to finish it was of great interest to me. I, as a WBTS reenactor and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated in the funeral ceremonies for the crew of this historical underwater vessel. It was a once in a lifetime exerience. This book filled in great many questions I had about the development, discovery, and recovery of the first sub to actually sink a warship in combat.Though it may contain some errors it is nevertheless a very very interesting book. Read it is my recommendation.Dale Roberts author of Tales of Travis Hawkins McCleod

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