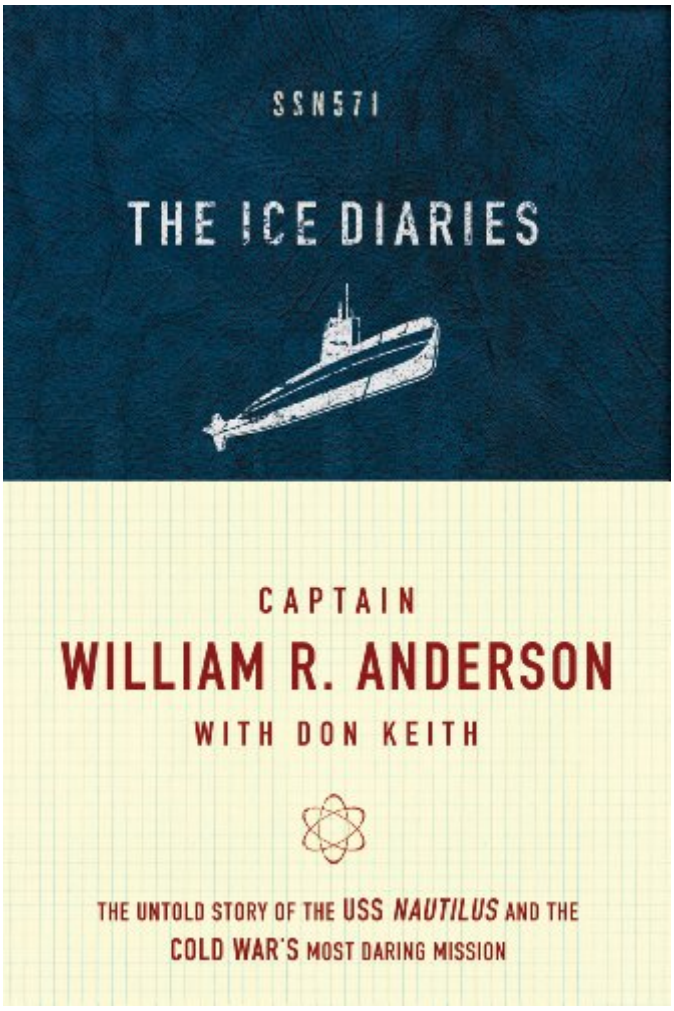
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Synopsis

The greatest undersea adventure of the 20th century. The Ice Diaries tells the incredible true story of Captain William R. Anderson and his crew’s harrowing top-secret mission aboard the USS Nautilus, the world’s first nuclear-powered submarine. Bristling with newly classified, never-before-published information and photos from the captain’s personal collection, The Ice Diaries takes readers on a dangerous journey beneath the vast, unexplored Arctic ice cap during the height of the Cold War. "Captain Anderson and the crew of the USS Nautilus exemplified daring and boldness in taking their boat beneath the Arctic ice to the North Pole. This expertly told story captures the drama, danger, and importance of that monumental achievement." ?Capt. Stanley D. M. Carpenter, Professor of Strategy and Policy, United States Naval War College "Few maritime exploits in history have so startled the world as the silent, secret transpolar voyage of the U.S. Navy’s nuclear submarine Nautilus, and none since the age of Columbus and Vasco da Gama has opened, in one bold stroke, so vast and forbidding an area of the seas." ?Paul O’Neil, Life magazine Ã Â

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Customer Reviews

I was one of the Crewmembers on USS NAUTILUS for both of the Under the Arctic runs. This book provided myself and all the other Crew the fantastic intrigue, undercover and secret plotting that went into our 2nd Transpolar trip. Check me out. Joe Degnan

A complete and factual accounting of a remarkable submarine voyage under the north polar ice cap during the 1950s by the crew of the first nuclear sub, the USS Nautilus. The mission was highly classified, authorized personally by then President Eisenhauer. Most of the ranking naval personnel were excluded from such knowledge by 'Ike' largely because of the international situation of the day. This book is all the more meaningful to me as Captain Anderson was an alumnus of the high school that I attended (Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, TN) plus the fact that I had the honor of meeting him when he was inducted into the Hall of Honor of our alumni association in 1996. He was the first such person to be so honored in the 75 year history of the school. What stands out most memorably to me was his humble attitude about that massive achievement the day he spoke to those of us present, when receiving the accolades of his fellow alumni. He gave full credit to his crew, from the most senior of his officers to the lowest rating for their combined skill and courage in making such a voyage possible. After retiring from active service in the Navy, Captain Anderson went on to serve his Native state of Tennessee as a congressman for a number of terms. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. After the Nautilus was decommissioned and established as a museum, most of the classified matters concerning this revolutionary ship were revealed, making publication of this book possible. A highly recommended read for history buffs and all patriotic minded Americans. The ship's crew was awarded a 'Presidential Unit Citation". Captain Anderson also told the history of the development of this remarkable vessel as it was overseen by Adm. Hyman Rickover, to whom he gives full credit for heading up the development of not only the power plant but the revolutionary hull design and special equipment required to make the Nautilus so effective in its defense role over a long period of time.Joe Clark.

Having been blessed to be a crewman in US Nautilus on all three of her Arctic cruises, one in 1957 and two in 1958, with the last successfully gaining the North Pole, I'm familiar with all the details. However, it was such a pleasure to read our late skipper's recent and highly updated accounting of

those wonderful days. Anderson's first book,'Nautilus 90 North', written just after the Polar trip of 1958 was also a great read, but of necessity, omitted much of the background information and intrigue that led up to all these trips, especially the 1957 trip. Capt. Anderson was one of the most remarkable and humble men I've ever had the privilege to know, and as was his nature, always put the interest of the crew and ship before himself. This is reflected in his writings and as I read 'Ice Diaries', I could hear his soft Tennasee accent speaking right off the pages. Anyone who has an interest in history, the sea, the Navy, or especially submarines, will enjoy this book. It is a complete accounting of our adventures across two years of under ice excursions and I highly recomend it. It should be on every school library shelf in the country. John C. Yuill

Well written story of the first nuclear submarine and the attempt to travel from ocean to ocean underneath the Arctic ice. Despite knowing the outcome, there is an element of suspense as the crew faces unknown dangers. The story also provides insight in the politics of the time (Cold War) and the structure and intricacies of Navel operations and administration. Glad I took a chance and read this entertaining and informative book.

The beautifully written story of the saga of the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus is truly an adventure of "being there". Having visited the Nautilus in Groton many times, it was a thrill to see it at its berth and under way in the book. The narrative by Captain Anderson and Mr. Keith is absolutely first rate and the admission of mistakes, so unusual from one connected with the military, is to be commended. Highly recommended.

A fascinating delve into the story of the Cold War and the first nuclear submarine. I was brought to this book by Keith's previous "War Beneath the Waves," and it does not disappoint. There was a measure of suspense even though I knew they'd eventually cross the North Pole!

This was very interesting for what they wanted to accomplish and how they went about it. It was hard to put it down

I loved reading this book as told by Capt. Anderson of his crew and his adventures and by those proved that the U.S.A. will always be at the forefront of technology at peacetime as well as adventurers. Hard book to put down read in a weekend.

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