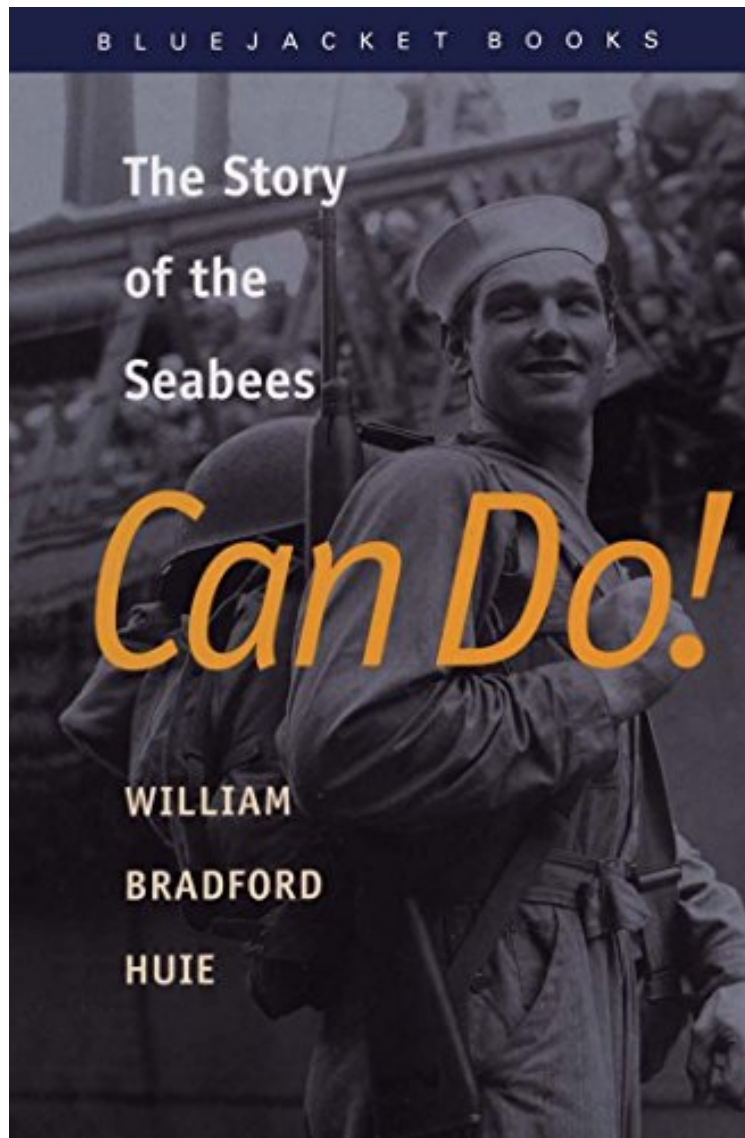


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Huie Can DO! Von Ein Kunde As a son of a submariner from WWII, I grew up hearing all the navy stories and meeting the naval pals of my father. This garnered me a more than casual interest in things Naval regarding WWII. I also grew up with the John Wayne version of the Seabees. I like Huie's version better. Written during the war, it carries all the

flavors of patriotism it was written to impart to the American public. I found it a "page turner" once I got past the first few preliminary chapters as he was setting the story line us. Well worth the money. I am looking forward to reading his sequel: From Omaha to Okinawa.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The color commentary to the Seabees' official historyVon sckaroly@seabeescook.comHuie, editor of the American Mercury and author of two books (Mud on the Stars and The Fight for Air Power) before joining the Seabees, presents the Seabee story, often in their own words. He introduced the concept of the "five roads to victory," so often seen in World War II Seabee writings. Appendices include lists of awards and casualties and an introduction to Seabee poetry. Like a skilled sports commentator, Huie provides color commentary to the official Navy account. The introduction is written by Admiral Ben Moreell.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. this is exactly the way things were on each islandVon Ein Kunde served in the 1st special construction and steverdoring batt. on the canal guadalcanal and made 2 trips and ended in sasebo in sept of 45 as soon as the peace treaty was signed. this book has pictures and stories by the men who were there. book was a job well done

KurzbeschreibungWhen William Bradford Huie, a reporter for H. L. Mencken's American Mercury, joined the U.S. Navy in 1943, he received a commission as a public relations officer in the little-known Civil Engineer's Corps Construction Battalions--the Seabees. With the publication of Can Do! the following year, Americans soon came to appreciate the significance of the corps's work and the danger of their wartime activities. As readable and entertaining today as it was some fifty years ago, this account tells the story of the Seabees who landed with the Marines at Guadalcanal and Wake Island, Sicily and Salerno. Experienced civilian engineers, carpenters, steam-shovel operators, plumbers, truck drivers, surveyors, and the like, they landed with the first waves of American assault troops, bringing heavy equipment ashore to build roads, bridges, and airfields and repair whatever they could. Often working under enemy fire, they incurred many casualties and won the deep respect of everyone who came into contact with them.Huie's book is filled with spirited accounts of the Seabees's achievements in the Aleutians, the South Sea islands, Europe, and Africa. A passionate and convincing advocate, Huie wrote the book not only to call attention to their accomplishments but to serve as an inspiration to others, and he often has the Seabees tell their stories in their own words. Appendixes offer valuable details, including lists of casualties, award recipients, and Seabees' poems. An introduction by Donald R. Noble is included in this new paperback edition.