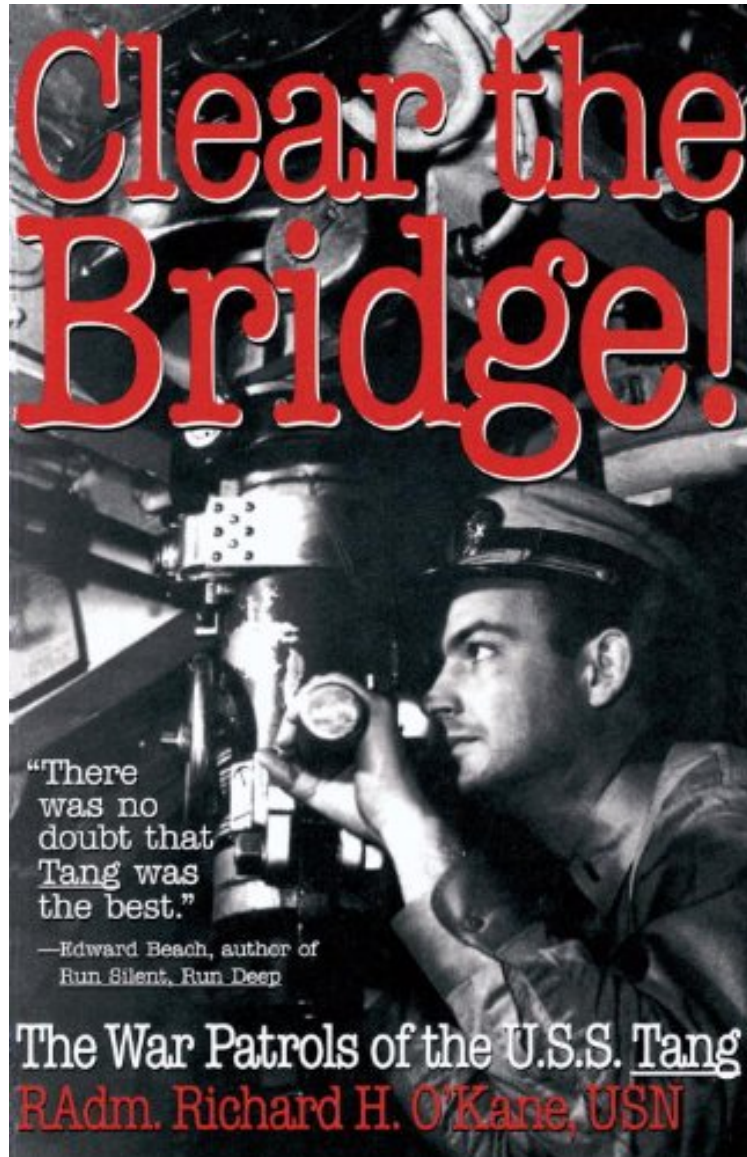


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent story about life and warfare in a WWII sub.Von AllanLong@MSN.comComander O'Kane takes us through his life aboard the U.S.S. Tang from original construction to her untimely and needless destruction in the Gulf of Formosa. O'Kane's love of his ship, his shipmates and the record performances of the Tang are clearly evident in this

story. To say that you can not put this one down is an understatement. The puzzling item here is the calm manner in which O'Kane discusses the poor performance of American made torpedoes during the war. From just duds to killing the sub who brought them, these torpedoes were a constant source of apprehension and even fear among crew members. O'Kane's frustration does not really surface in this book or in his first effort about his first sub the U.S.S. Wahoo. To find that two of America's most successful and famous subs were both sunk by our own poorly performing torpedoes is not only shocking to learn but criminal to know that it lasted almost through out the entire Pacific War. It soon became evident in reading this story that it took more than just luck to become a successful sub commander. Just finding your position after being submerged the entire day is a major endeavour. Finding ships to sink is not just waiting for them to come to you. O'Kane shows the hard work involved in piloting a ship in three dimensions with only primitive sound gear. Your life and that of your ship depends on your spatial ability. Finally, Tang's death as written by O'Kane shows the emotion he had for his crew and that long piece of metal to which he was so attached. I wished I could have met this ship Captain. To not only say thanks for a fine book, but to shake the hand of a real American hero.

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Von Ein Kunde
Rear Admiral O'Kane (Medal of Honor, three Navy Crosses), has taken us along on the exciting combat patrols of the hottest warship under the sea, the U.S.S. Tang. Tang was probably bureaucratically deprived of the record for enemy ships sunk, but won two Presidential Unit Citations and was possibly the most decorated ship in the Navy. When you read O'Kane's memoir it is easy to see why: this was as fine, highly skilled, and motivated a group of men as ever sailed. Their story is well told here, with a good narrative flow which keeps the action moving and respects the reader enough to expect him to follow closely and attentively. This attention is well rewarded; highly recommended for sub fans and students of naval action in World War II. (The numerical rating above is a default setting within 's format. This reviewer does not employ numerical ratings.)

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Von Ein Kunde
This book ranks with "Killer Angels" as one of the ten best of all time books on the experience of war. Written in the first person from first hand experience, it is entertaining, engrossing and, in the descriptions of confrontation and battle, riveting. O'Kane's skill and determination were matched by an extraordinary sense of adrenalin boosting nerve under fire in the face of almost overwhelming odds. The almost seamless integration of the crew, from Captain, through Exec and down thru the lowest ranking member of the team is admirable and would seem to belong more to the realm of fiction than reality. If it were not so fully documented, it would hardly be credible. A must read for war buffs, and anyone who loves adventure and suspense; Twentieth Century war when it was still "seat of the pants" and at the inception of modern technology

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