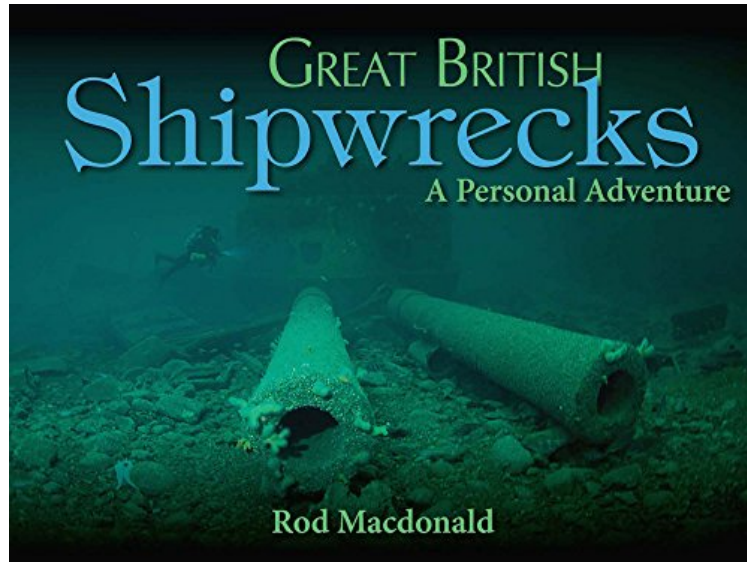


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Note the book's full title.Von Ned MiddletonI came to the subject of reviewing `shipwreck' books some years ago because so much inferior material was being published in the knowledge that, generally speaking, most divers knew little or nothing about the wrecks they visit and, therefore, accepted whatever was written for their benefit. Such criticisms, however, have never applied to this author, diver and shipwreck enthusiast because he simply knows his stuff, knows how to conduct thorough research and, equally as important, knows how to write it all down in an interesting and readable manner. In short, not only is this author yet to disappoint me, he continues to confound me with the depth of information he always seems to uncover.Before going any further, however, we must take a closer look at the full title so as not to miss the last bit which reads `A Personal Adventure.' I mention this for two reasons: Firstly, Mr Macdonald has included those wrecks he knows well because he has both visited the vessels in question and studied their details down to the last nut and bolt of information. There are 37 wrecks included here and my second point is that some of these are not open to everyday diving because of their status. This is why he has used the words `Personal Adventure.' Having said all that and, whilst the author makes no claims to these being the `best' or `top' 37 British wrecks, few could possibly disagree that they are all worthy of inclusion under the heading `Great!'Part 1 covers Orkney and Scapa Flow where we find a new, wholly original and well-researched account of the events which led up to the scuttling of the German High Seas Fleet in 1919. If, like me, you thought you knew this story, you may well have to think again. I was wholly unaware, for example, of the loss of life involved - not a proud day for the Royal Navy at all! In addition to the seven well known German ships another four - including HMS Hampshire and the 15 in. gun turret of the Bayern, are also included. Part 2 covers the English Channel from East Sussex to Plymouth where we find another 9 well-known vessels which include three liners, a submarine and a battleship. Part 3 is the North Channel, Irish Sea with a further three wrecks, Part 4, the West Coast of Scotland with yet another eight and finally the

journey concludes with Part 5 being North Sea and a final offering of 5 more outstanding vessels. If I were to commend the work it would be for two outstanding features; Firstly, as already mentioned, the history and attention to detail regarding the background information of each ship is exceptional. The second is easily the inclusion of some admirable artwork of a calibre rarely seen. These are not the computer-generated images which seem to satisfy so many authors and publishers today but are produced by a most competent artist from well-researched material. Having said all that, a number of the wrecks are former RN warships now designated as 'Protected Places' under the 'Protection of Military Maritime Graves Act 1986' (i.e. War Graves). Whereas diving is permitted on a very strict 'look but don't touch or enter' basis, this is not mentioned. In addition, HMS Hampshire is a 'Controlled Site' under the same Act and is, therefore, strictly out-of-bounds - although that is explained. Notwithstanding that very important point, I commend the author on a job well done on a work which more than deserves full marks NM

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for divers and non-divers alike.' Scotland Outdoors '...is very much a recommended book for your collection if you are a keen wreck diver of our British waters. ...he brings together a wealth of knowledge and research when writing about the history behind each wreck, its demise and how it lies in the water today. The detail that Rod goes into will definitely ensure that the reader gets the most out of their dive should they plunge into any chosen wrecks from this book. ...there are a number of historical and more recent photographs, maps and key wreck information to ensure that this book is an excellent guide for divers and those simply interested in our maritime history.' Tanked Up 'I found the book a fascinating one. The author Rod Macdonald has surveyed and researched shipwrecks around the world building up an impressive reputation. ...a vivid picture of some of the best shipwrecks around the UK. ... An excellent book.' Sea Breezes 'Plenty of detailed historical background accompanies each vessel, and Macdonald's immensely thorough research offers up some fascinating insights on both lives, and deaths, of these mighty vessels. ... This book will surely appeal not only to the divers and salvors amongst you, and to those interested in maritime and military history, but also to anyone simply curious about the hidden mysteries of our oceans'. International Tug OSV 'Shipwreck enthusiasts as well as the casual observer of maritime history will appreciate the laborious process that resulted in Ron Macdonald's Great Shipwrecks: A Personal Adventure. ...the drawings of ships in their current positions provided the greatest addition to the writing. ...encompasses both popular dive sites that an avid shipwreck diver might experience as well as more obscure locations that hold intriguing stories about the ships' demise. ... This book is directed to readers who are either shipwreck diving enthusiasts or have a casual interest in the subject area. ...his images, organization of information and first-hand experience will appeal to a popular audience. ...the author has created a new resource in the field of shipwreck diving'. The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord '...an informative 'coffee table' book it is presented in five large chapters divided into the geographical areas of Britain... ...this is a well-presented book that successfully culminates 30 years of diving and comprehensive research. This will be a valuable source and succeeds in Macdonald's aim to interest both the diving and non-diving enthusiasts in maritime history'. The Great Circle '...each of the wrecks discussed is dramatically described... ...extensive research on each wreck has facilitated some very concise and accurate vignettes describing the vessels concerned and the circumstances of their being wrecked'. 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