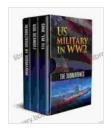
# Submarine Raider of the Pacific: The True Story of the Most Daring Underwater Warrior of World War II

#### By James Hornfischer

In the vast and unforgiving Pacific Ocean during World War II, one man emerged as a legend among submariners: Richard O'Kane. As commander of the USS Tang, O'Kane led his crew on a series of daring raids that sank more Japanese ships than any other submarine in the war.

O'Kane's story is one of courage, determination, and leadership. He was a brilliant tactician who devised innovative ways to attack the enemy. He was also a charismatic leader who inspired his crew to follow him into danger.



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Submarine Raider of the Pacific is the gripping, true story of O'Kane's wartime exploits. Hornfischer draws on extensive research, including interviews with O'Kane and his crew members, to create a vivid and unforgettable portrait of this extraordinary man.

The book begins with O'Kane's early life and career. He was born in Chicago in 1911 and attended the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. After graduating, he served on a variety of submarines, including the USS Plunger, which was sunk by a Japanese destroyer in 1942.

O'Kane survived the sinking of the Plunger and was assigned to command the USS Tang in 1943. The Tang was a new type of submarine, designed to be faster and more maneuverable than previous models. O'Kane quickly realized the Tang's potential, and he began to develop new tactics for using it in combat.

O'Kane's first major success came in October 1943, when he sank a Japanese cruiser off the coast of Formosa. This was followed by a series of other daring raids, in which O'Kane and his crew sank enemy ships almost at will.

In October 1944, the Tang was sunk by a Japanese destroyer. O'Kane and most of his crew were killed in the attack. However, his legacy lived on. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, and his name became synonymous with submarine warfare.

Submarine Raider of the Pacific is a fascinating and inspiring story of one of the most daring and successful submarine commanders in history.

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exploits to life, and his book is a must-read for anyone interested in World War II history or naval warfare.

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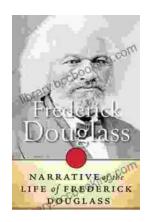
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