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Save the Day
Paloma Books
The New York
Times bestseller
from master
biographer Evan
Thomas brings to
life the tumultuous
story of the father
of the American
Navy. John Paul
Jones, at sea and
in the heat of the
battle, was the
great American
hero of the Age of
Sail. He was to
history what
Patrick O'Brian's
Jack Aubrey and
C.S. Forester's
Horatio
Hornblower are to
fiction. Ruthless,
indomitable,
clever; he vowed
to sail, as he put it,
"in harm's way."

Evan Thomas's
minute-by-minute
re-creation of the
bloodbath between
Jones's
Bonhomme
Richard and the
British man-of-war
Serapis off the
coast of England
on an autumn night
in 1779 is as
gripping a sea
battle as can be
found in any
novel. Drawing on
Jones's
correspondence
with some of the
most significant
figures of the
American
Revolution—John
Adams, Benjamin
Franklin, Thomas J
efferson—Thomas's
biography
teaches us that it

took fighters as
well as thinkers,
men driven by
dreams of personal
glory as well as
high-minded
principle, to break
free of the past and
start a new world.
Jones's spirit was
classically
American.
The Man to See
Lulu.com
Includes 6 charts
and 20 photos
Pulitzer prize
winning author C.
Vann Woodward
recounts the story
of the largest naval
battle of all time.
"The Battle for
Leyte Gulf was the
greatest naval
battle of the
Second World War
and the largest
engagement ever
fought on the high
seas. It was

composed of four separate yet closely interrelated actions, each of which involved forces comparable in size with those engaged in any previous battle of the Pacific War. The four battles, two of them fought simultaneously, were joined in three different bodies of water separated by as much as 500 miles. Yet all four were fought between dawn of one day and dusk of the next, and all were waged in the repulse of a single, huge Japanese operation. "They were guided by a master plan drawn up in Tokyo two months before our landing and known by the code name Sho Plan. It was a

bold and complicated plan calling for reckless sacrifice and the use of cleverly conceived diversion. As an afterthought the suicidal Kamikaze campaign was inaugurated in connection with the plan. Altogether the operation was the most desperate attempted by any naval power during the war-and there were moments, several of them in fact, when it seemed to be approaching dangerously near to success. "Unlike the majority of Pacific naval battles that preceded it, the Battle of Leyte Gulf was not limited to an exchange of air strikes between widely separated

carrier forces, although it involved action of that kind. It also included surface and subsurface action between virtually all types of fighting craft from motor torpedo boats to battleships, at ranges varying from point-blank to fifteen miles, with weapons ranging from machine guns to great rifles of 18-inch bore, fired "in anger" by the Japanese for the first time in this battle."

The Newcomer

Simon and Schuster
A suspenseful account of the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944 is told through the

commands of four naval leaders, including two American commanders and two Japanese admirals, and offers insight into how the war reflected profound cultural differences.

Reprint. 75,000 first printing.

The Very Best Men
Simon and Schuster
Dr Robert Ballard's challenge for this work was to discover and photograph the ships sunk in the Battle of Midway, one of the most dramatic engagements of the Pacific War. After

the bombing of Pearl Harbour in 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy seemed almost unstoppable, and a final strike in Midway Island was planned by Admiral Yamamoto for June 1942. But the Americans, aware of the plan, were prepared for the attack and in a great victory sank three of the four Japanese carriers, losing only one of their own. The battle was a turning point in the Pacific War and never again would Japan take the offensive. The story of this battle is illustrated using

Ballard's underwater photographs of the ships' remains, and Ken Marschall's evocative paintings.

The Sailor's Bookshelf

Simon and Schuster

The definitive biography of America's best-known naval officer, who commanded the legendary fast carrier force during WWII.

From the tragic

aftermath of Pearl Harbor, when he fashioned

America's first response to the attack, to the war's final day in Tokyo Bay when he witnessed Japan's

surrender, public Simon and
Admiral William relations Schuster
F. Halsey phenomenon. Due Winner of
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significantly debated figure. "Both a
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first offensive balanced of
strikes against biography, history...and
the Marshall historian John a
Islands and Wukovits marvelously
Wake Island, illuminates the readable
the Guadalcanal life of a man dramatic
campaign, and who ultimately narrative."
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draft. The son of devout Quakers, Richard Nixon (not unlike his rival John F. Kennedy) grew up in the shadow of an older, favored brother and thrived on conflict and opposition. Through high school and college, in the navy and in politics, Nixon was constantly leading crusades and fighting off enemies real

and imagined. He possessed the plainspoken eloquence to reduce American television audiences to tears with his career-saving "Checkers" speech; meanwhile, Nixon's darker half hatched schemes designed to take down his political foes, earning him the notorious nickname

"Tricky Dick." Drawing on a wide range of historical accounts, Thomas's biography reveals the contradictions of a leader whose vision and foresight led him to achieve détente with the Soviet Union and reestablish relations with communist China, but whose underhanded political

tactics tainted his reputation long before the Watergate scandal. A deeply insightful character study as well as a brilliant political biography, *Being Nixon* offers a surprising look at a man capable of great bravery and extraordinary y deviousness—a balanced portrait of a president

too often reduced to caricature. Praise for *Being Nixon* "Terrificall y engaging . . . a fair, insightful and highly entertaining portrait."—*The Wall Street Journal* "Thomas has a fine eye for the telling quote and the funny vignette, and his style is eminently re adable."—*The New York Times Book*

Review
Storm Over Leyte MIRA
On November 30, 1916, an apparently ordinary freighter left harbor in Kiel, Germany, and would not touch land again for another fifteen months. It was the beginning of an astounding 64,000-mile voyage that was to take the ship around the world, leaving a

trail of distant ports tried to
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and lethal secrecy, she huge
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Hohnen comply with including a
depict the the rules of number of
Wolf 's sea warfare, women and
assignment: her captain children,
to terrorize fastidiously from twenty-

five different nations. Sexual affairs were kindled between the German crew and some female prisoners. A six-year-old American girl, captured while sailing across the Pacific with her parents, was adopted as a mascot by the Germans. Forced to survive on food and fuel

plundered from other ships, facing death from scurvy, and hunted by the combined navies of five Allied nations, the Germans and their prisoners came to share a common bond. The will to survive transcended enmities of race, class, and nationality. It was to be one of the most daring clandestine

naval missions of modern times. Under the command of Captain Karl Nerger, who conducted his deadly business with an admirable sense of chivalry, the Wolf traversed three of the world's major oceans and destroyed more than thirty Allied vessels. We learn of the world

through which the Wolf moved, with all its social divisions and xenophobia, its bravery and stoicism, its combination of old-world social mores and rapid technological change. The story of this epic voyage is a vivid real-life narrative and simultaneously a richly detailed

picture of a world being profoundly transformed by war. Pacific Thunder A&C Black By October 1944, the US Navy had driven the devastated Japanese fleet across the far Pacific. But with each defeat, Japanese commanders became even more determined to destroy the Americans in a final decisive battle. In Storm Over Leyte, acclaimed historian John Prados gives

readers an unprecedented look at both sides of this titanic naval clash. Drawing upon a wealth of untapped sources Prados offers up a masterful narrative that breaks new ground in our understanding of the greatest naval clash in history. **Admiral "Bull" Halsey** W. W. Norton & Company The fall of Singapore and the brilliant victories achieved since the start of the war mean we are protected, but I don't know just how

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kamikaze pilot, Japanese. provides a
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were chronicle the insights into
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went through the war and its everyday issues
with the aftermath as that concerned
closing experienced by Japanese during
ceremony and a navy kamikaze a different and
received our pilot, an army disastrously
report cards. straggler on difficult time.

Sea of Thunder

Sun Tzu a high ranking military strategist and tactician, and it was believed to have been compiled during the late Spring and Autumn period or early Warring States period. The text is composed of 13 chapters, each of which is devoted to one aspect of warfare. It is commonly known to be the definitive work on military strategy and tactics of its time. It has been the most famous and influential of China's Seven Military Classics, and for the last two thousand years it *Rising Tide* University of Illinois Press traces the dramatic story of the submarine force that changed the course of World War II through strategic campaigns

involving Japan's merchant fleet and economy, revealing the formidable obstacles faced by the crews of three submarines.

**Pacific Crucible:
War at Sea in the Pacific,
1941-1942 (Vol. 1)
(The Pacific War Trilogy)**

Simon and Schuster
NEW YORK
TIMES
BESTSELLER •
The extraordinary story of the World

War II air, land, and sea campaign that brought the U.S. Navy to the apex of its strength and marked the rise of the United States as a global superpower Winner, Commodore John Barry Book Award, Navy League of the United States • Winner, John Lehman Distinguished Naval Historian Award, Naval

Order of the United States With its thunderous assault on the Mariana Islands in June 1944, the United States crossed the threshold of total war. In this tour de force of dramatic storytelling, distilled from extensive research in newly discovered primary sources, James D. Hornfischer

brings to climactic end the war, and
life the of the the daring
campaign Pacific War combat
that was the as has never operations
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forever Tinian, and offensive
changed the Guam, the culminating
art of stunning in the
modern war. aerial atomic
With a close battles of strikes on
focus on the Great Hiroshima
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commanders, Turkey Nagasaki.
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and ordinary scale use of Central
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story of the attack of is a

stirring, and horitative, and cinematic portrayal of World War II's world-changing finale. Illustrated with original maps and more than 120 dramatic photographs "Quite simply, popular and scholarly military history at its best."—Victor Davis Hanson, author of *Carnage and Culture* "The fascinating." —The Wall Street Journal "An extraordinary memorial to the courageous—and a cautionary note to a world that remains unstable and turbulent to day."—Admiral James Stavridis, former Supreme Allied Commander, NATO, author of *Sea Power* "A masterful, fresh account . . . admirable, . . . ably"

expands on the prior offerings of such classic naval historians as Samuel Eliot Morison."—The Dallas Morning News *The Ultimate Battle* Weidenfeld & Nicolson This bestselling biography of legendary trial lawyer Edward Bennett Williams is "a skillful and lively portrait of a larger-than-life lawyer" (Kirkus Reviews). Legendary attorney

Edward Bennet Williams was arguably the best trial lawyer ever to practice. Now, for the first time, bestselling author Evan Thomas takes us into the courtrooms of Williams's greatest performances as he defends "Godfather" Frank Costello, Jimmy Hoffa, Frank Sinatra, The Washington Post, and others, as well as behind the scenes where the witnesses are coached, the traps set, and the deals cut. In addition to being a lawyer

of unprecedented influence, Williams was also an important Washington insider, privy to the secrets of America's most powerful men. Thomas tells the truth behind the stories that made Williams one of the most talked about public figures of his time, including Williams's role in the publication of the Pentagon Papers and the possibility that Williams may have been Watergate's Deep Throat. Based on Thomas's

exclusive access to Williams's papers, *The Man to See* is an unprecedented look at the strategies and influence of this exceptional man.

Seven Firefights in Vietnam

Potomac Books, Inc.
Evan Thomas's startling account of how the underrated Dwight Eisenhower saved the world from nuclear holocaust. Upon

assuming the presidency in 1953, Dwight Eisenhower set about to make good on his campaign promise to end the Korean War. Yet while Eisenhower was quickly viewed by many as a doddering lightweight, behind the bland smile and simple speech was a master tactician. To end the hostilities, Eisenhower would take a colossal risk by bluffing that he might use nuclear weapons against the Communist Chinese, while at the same time restraining his generals and advisors who favored the strikes. Ike's gamble was of such magnitude that there could be but two outcomes: thousands of lives saved, or millions of lives lost. A

tense, vivid and the same
and comforting time, the
revisionist sound to the Barb did far
account of a crew members more than
president of the USS merely sink
who was Barb, who ships-she
then, and frequently changed
still is found forever the
today, under themselves way
estimated, somewhere submarines
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is history enemy fire kill their
at its most and Davy prey. This
provocative Jones's is a
and locker. gripping
thrilling. Under the adventure
Air Force leadership chock-full
Combat Units of her of "you-are-
of World War fearless there"
II skipper, moments.
DIANE Captain Gene Fluckey has
Publishing Fluckey, the drawn on
The Barb sank logs,
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roar of tonnage of letters,
exploding any American interviews,
depth sub in World and a
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a familiar

discovered
illegal
diary kept
by one of
his
torpedomen.
And in a
fascinating
twist, he
uses
archival
documents
from the
Japanese
Navy to give
its version
of events.
The unique
story of the
Barb begins
with its
men, who had
the
confidence
to become
unbeatable.
Each team
helped

develop
innovative
ideas, new
tactics, and
new
strategies.
All strove
for personal
excellence,
and success
became
contagious.
Instead of
lying in
wait under
the waves,
the USS Barb
pursued
enemy ships
on the
surface,
attacking in
the swift
and precise
style of
torpedo
boats. She
was the

first sub to
use rocket
missiles and
to creep up
on enemy
convoys at
night,
joining the
flank escort
line from
astern,
darting in
and out as
she sank
ships up the
column. Surf
ace-
cruising,
diving only
to escape,
"Luckey
Fluckey"
relentlessly
patrolled
the Pacific,
driving his
boat and
crew to

their limits. There can be no greater contrast to modern warfare's long-distance, videogame style of battle than the exploits of the captain and crew of the USS Barb, where they sub, out of ammunition, actually rammed an enemy ship until it sank. Thunder Below! is a first-rate, true-life, inspirational

story of the courage and heroism of ordinary men under fire. *The Battle For Leyte Gulf [Illustrated Edition]* Little, Brown Admiral Stavridis, a leader in military, international affairs, and national security circles, shares his love of the sea and some of the sources of that affection. The Sailor's Bookshelf

offers synopses of fifty books that illustrate the history, importance, lore, and lifestyle of the oceans and of those who "go down to the sea in ships." Stavridis colors those descriptions with glimpses of his own service—"sea stories" in popular parlance—that not only clarify his choices but show why he is held in such high esteem among

his fellow guides readers challenges, sailors. through the celebrations Divided into realm of sea of great four main literature, achievements categories—Th covering a and the e Oceans, spectrum of lessons that Explorers, topics that come with Sailors in range from failure, Fiction, and science to economic Sailors in No aesthetics, competition n-Fiction—Adm from history and its iral to modernity, stepbrother Stavridis' from solo combat, choices will sailing to explorations appeal to great of the deep, "old salts" battles. and poetry and to those Among these that beats who have eclectic with the never known choices are pulse of the the sights of guides to wave. Some of the ever- shiphandling the included changing and titles are seascape nor navigation, familiar to breathed the classic many, while tonic of an fiction that others, are ocean breeze. pits man likely less The result is against the well-known a sea, but are navigational ecological welcome aid that and strategic additions to

this encompassing collection. Admiral Stavridis has chosen some books that are relatively recent, and he recommends other works which have been around much longer and deserve recognition. *Against the Tide* Simon and Schuster On February 15, 1898, the American ship USS Maine mysteriously exploded in the Havana Harbor. News of the blast quickly reached U.S. shores, where it was met by some not with alarm but great enthusiasm. A powerful group of war lovers agitated that the United States exert its muscle across the seas. Theodore Roosevelt and Henry Cabot Lodge were influential politicians dismayed by the "closing" of the Western frontier. William Randolph Hearst's New York Journal falsely heralded that Spain's "secret infernal machine" had destroyed the battleship as Hearst himself saw great potential in whipping Americans into a frenzy. The Maine would provide the excuse they'd been waiting for. On the other side were Roosevelt's former teacher, philosopher William James, and

his friend and political ally, Thomas Reed, the powerful Speaker of the House. Both foresaw a disaster. At stake was not only sending troops to Cuba and the Philippines, Spain's sprawling colony on the other side of the world-but the friendships between these men. Now, bestselling historian Evan Thomas brings us the full story of this

monumental turning point in American history. Epic in scope and revelatory in detail, *The War Lovers* takes us from Boston mansions to the halls of Congress to the beaches of Cuba and the jungles of the Philippines. It is landmark work with an unforgettable cast of characters-and provocative relevance to today.

John Paul Jones Public

Affairs
Describes the life of the First Lady of South Vietnam, a glamorous, sexy and controversial figure known as the "Dragon Lady" who lived in exile after a U.S.-backed coup killed her husband and brother-in-law during the Vietnam War.