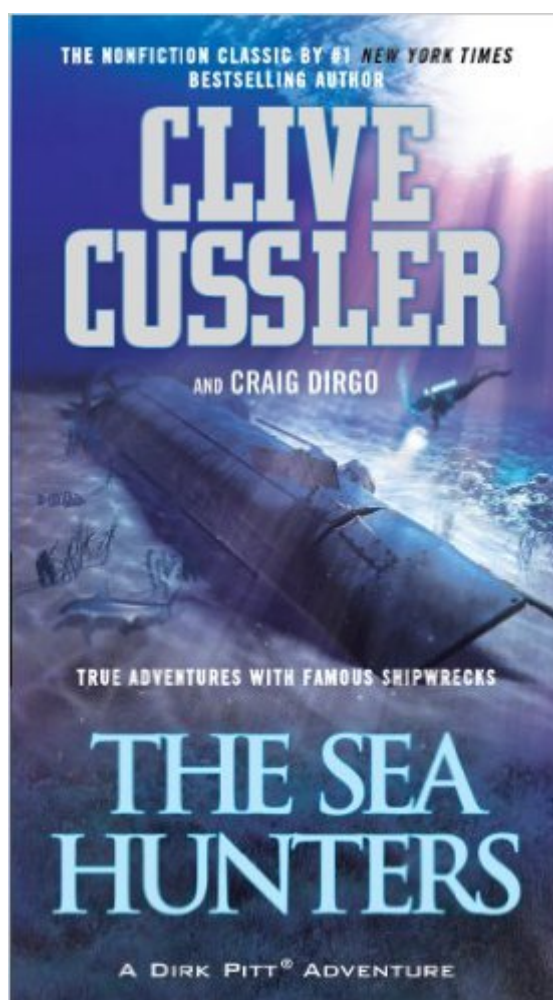


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The Sea Hunters



Synopsis

Clive Cussler brings his dramatic narrative to real-life in his New York Times bestselling *Sea Hunters*, now in mass market premium edition. A steamboat goes up in flames . . . and down to the bottom of the sea. A locomotive plunges into a creek . . . and vanishes into mystery. A German U-boat sends an American troop transport, and eight hundred on board, to a watery grave . . . on Christmas Eve. Clive Cussler and his crack team of NUMA (National Underwater Marine Agency, a nonprofit organization that searches for historic shipwrecks) volunteers have found the remains of these and numerous other tragic wrecks. Here are the dramatic, true accounts of twelve of the most remarkable underwater discoveries made by Cussler and his team. As suspenseful and satisfying as Cussler's renowned Dirk Pitt novels, *The Sea Hunters* is a unique story of true commitment and courage.

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Customer Reviews

When I found this book in the discount bin at Wal-Mart, I knew nothing about Cussler or his other books. I have since read all of his novels. This book is a real(istic) account of Cussler living out his Dirk Pitt fantasies of hunting for lost ships. Each ship is dramatically depicted in its final moments before its tragic demise, followed by Cussler's band of merry men trying to locate the wreck. While the searches aren't nearly as exciting as the ones in his novels, they still held my interest. Though based on actual events, this book shouldn't be confused with a reference book, it's not. The author uses his talents as a fiction writer to breathe life into the unfortunate souls on board the doomed

ships. Cussler is also very opinionated and doesn't hesitate to share his slant on a subject. Anybody dumb enough to base a college paper on this book alone, probably didn't have much chance of passing anyway (earlier review). It's a nice insight into how Cussler comes up with ideas for his Pitt stories, but don't expect beautiful marine biologists being stalked by evil billionaires here.

Before purchasing the above mentioned book I read some of the customer reviews. Most were disappointed in that they thought this was another Dirk Pitt mystery. Some people never understood what they were reading. I am a Clive Cussler fan, and have been since day one. I have read all thirteen books at least twice, and have been fascinated by his tales. My personal favorites are "Vixen-03, and Treasure." I am a writer, not an author, but a writer. I have learned the importance of cliff-hanging your readers. I seldom put a Cussler book down until I have finished it. However, getting back to "The Sea Hunters." If the reader would only look at what they are reading they will meet every standard character ever written in a Cussler/Pitt novel. They are there in real life, and the adventures of each book are present in what Cussler is accomplishing. It is evident they cannot see past the word on the page. My humble suggestion to them is to please look at the book as one of the best action novels of non-fiction Cussler has penned. If I am lucky enough to be published someday, I would like to keep the same thought taught to me by Cussler, and repeated by him in the book. "You can never do enough research." (C Cussler) Read the book and please with an open mind understand: 1 - you first do it because it's there, 2 - It always makes a good story afterward, 3 - you can never do enough research! Someday I hope these ideals will turn me from a writer into an author. Thank you for your time.

Dusting off Dirk Pitt novels for a bit, Clive Cussler took some time to write "The Sea Hunters" True Adventures with Famous Shipwrecks." In it, Cussler writes a small dramatization of what might have happened to certain ships, from the terror of the Mississippi that was the C.S.S. Arkansas, to the wretched misfortune of the Leopoldville. After each dramatization, Cussler then explains the actions taken by himself and his group, NUMA, as they seek out each of these wrecks. Some of them are successful hunts, while others end with less impressive results. The group finds wrecks in some of the strangest places. They uncover one ship in a parking lot on Galveston Island. They also "find" a locomotive in Colorado that was washed down river when a storm destroyed the train tracks. I won't spoil what they actually find on that particular case, but it does have a slightly humorous result. Cussler seems to be more relaxed with his writing style in this particular book. He attempts to come off as an egotistical lurch, but it is easy to realize that this man really enjoys what he is doing.

His enthusiasm is what keeps this book afloat, and it makes for a fun read that's just as good or better than his Dirk Pitt books. Highly recommended to fans of nautical history, especially those interested in the Confederate Navy. Cussler reveals quite a few gems in the Rebel fleet. My personal favorite is the aforementioned C.S.S. Arkansas. Until I read this book, I had never heard of it. But much like Cussler says in this book, "The winners write the history." A very nice read.

Back in 1997, I sent the following to Clive Cussler (to which he responded). It pretty well expresses my feelings about this marvelous book. Having just read and enjoyed your book, *The Sea Hunters*, I just wanted to drop you a note. Your search and salvage exploits have been amazing!! The book presented numerous situations and scenarios that were unknown to me. Sections of your book should be used by teachers to make the study of history more interesting. Although some people may criticize your fictional accounts of the incidents presented in your book, the writing is certainly vivid and brings to life a somewhat tedious and dull subject. My only criticism of your book is that it did not include a bibliography, although you do mention a few references throughout the text. I guess I'll just have to go to my local library and start looking for appropriate books on subjects of interest. I've read all of the Dirk Pitt® exploits, but they certainly don't compare to some of your non-fictional adventures. Dirk's are becoming a bit "over the edge." But who cares. A well-crafted story is what the reading public wants. Dirk Pitt - What a great name for an adventure hero!! James Bond sounds like a sissy name compared to the one you've created.

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