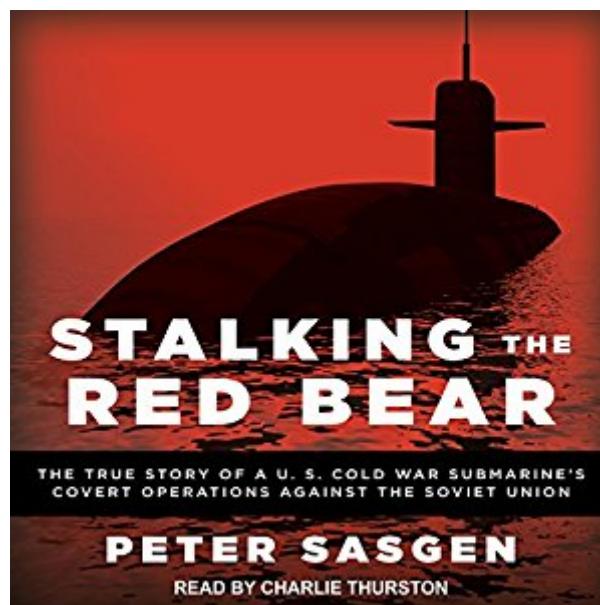




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Stalking The Red Bear: The True Story Of A U.S. Cold War Submarine's Covert Operations Against The Soviet Union



Synopsis

Stalking the Red Bear, for the first time ever, describes the action principally from the perspective of a commanding officer of a nuclear submarine during the Cold War - the one man aboard a sub who makes the critical decisions - taking us closer to the Soviet target than any work on submarine espionage has ever done before. This is the untold story of a covert submarine espionage operation against the Soviet Union during the Cold War as experienced by the commanding officer of an active submarine. Few individuals outside the intelligence and submarine communities knew anything about these top-secret missions. Cloaking itself in virtual invisibility to avoid detection, the USS Blackfin went sub vs. sub deep within Soviet-controlled waters north of the Arctic Circle, where the risks were extraordinarily high and anything could happen. Listeners will know what it was like to carry out a covert mission aboard a nuke and experience the sights, sounds, and dangers unique to submarining.

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Customer Reviews

As many reviewers have stated this is about the Cold War history of submarine data gathering both visual and electronic. Fact based with some liberties taken for conversational fluidity, it is a good and quick read. The quick is my major issue with this work. While the book lists as 330 pages, only about 2/3 are part of the direct story. The last 1/3 is 3 Appendix that generally rehash 3 WW2 sub commander missions briefly discussed in the main text. There is also an extensive glossary, and a very extensive bibliography. A lot of this seems to be to fill out the length of the book. Some of my

other issues with the books is the disjointedness of some of the descriptions. For example, one sub commander's debrief says that he moved his submarine under a Russian surfaced submarine. No reasons was given until later in the book when it was noted that there was a desire to get images of the hull of Russian ships and submarines to understand the extent of their technology. So, while I was left wondering until late in the book why a sub captain would risk his crew, career, boat, and an international incident for something that seemed more like counting coup.

I also served on a 637 class attack submarine and agree with most of the sentiments of the prior reviews. I did find the book fun to read and very informative. It created a great source of memories for something I experienced almost 40 years ago as a junior nuclear trained officer. I feel that the author did a great job of surmising what was happening on the Russian side of the equation. This was something we did almost everyday while on patrol. I am giving this book to my friends who really want to know what we did back in the day . As the former CO said, it wasn't flashy but it was an interesting job. I am very happy that I purchased this book. The author did a nice job.

Not a great book, but one that will keep your interest. I am no Navy man, but it seems like to me that there is a need for the a navy to issue wheel barrows so that these crews have an easier time carrying their brass male parts around- appoint well made by the book- A good read for a rainy afternoon.....

Being a "Cold War", boat sailor myself I found it very accurate with security bounds. Vividly illustrates the stress we operated under. Although as a "Nuke", I do take exception to the accidental "scramming", of the reactor. On the boats I served on, a total of five that never happened once!

May not have believed every word of the book, but it was a very good read.

Truly interesting. I recommend it to anyone interested in Submarine stories

Mediocre at best. In the preface it states that no current secret submarine operation or tactics were divulged or compromised. If that is true why not name the boat and the skipper and get on with the story. As written, it reads too much like a Tom Clancy novel to be subtitled "The True Story of a U.S. Cold War Submarine's Covert Operations Against The Soviet Union." I wish the author would have made up his mind: fiction or non-fiction.

Fiction with a dust jacket tarted up to look like real life adventure.

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