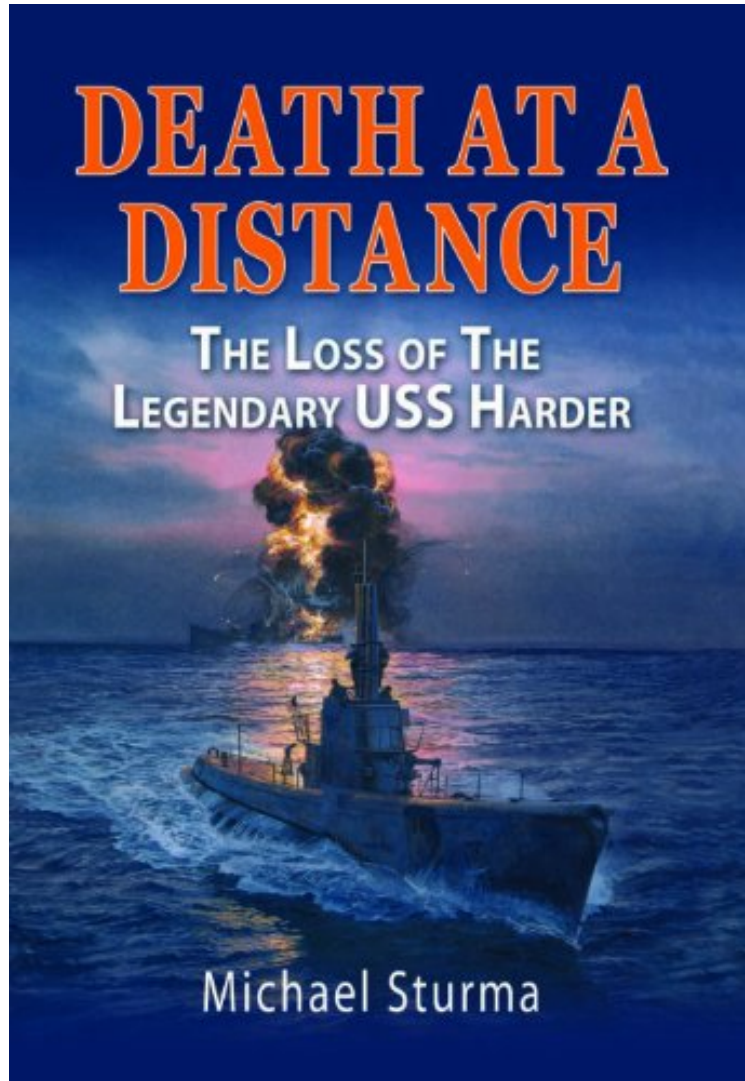


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**Von Michael Sturma : Death at a Distance: The Loss of the Legendary USS Harder** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Death at a Distance: The Loss of the Legendary USS Harder:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good, but not for "beginners" Von M. K. The book recalls the career of Sam Dealey, commander of the WW II US submarine Harder. All war patrols of the Harder, including what is known about the last one, are described, as well as lots of background information. The book is rather specialized, and the writing is convoluted in places. Many incidents, events and developments are described that appear out of context at first glance. Ultimately, everything falls into place, and

all in all, the book gives a good analysis of why the story of this famous sub turned out as it did. But readers with little background on the submarine war in the Pacific will often have a hard time following the "storyline". Also, if you expect precise descriptions of every war patrol, encounter and sinking (with maps, vessel names and tonnage), then this is not the book for you. Reading is recommended, but it will help a lot to read other accounts of the Pacific war first.

Kurzbeschreibung Only seven U.S. submariners earned the Medal of Honor in World War II. Sam Dealey, the USS Harder's commander, was one of them. His honor was awarded posthumously after the entire crew was lost off Bataan during a depth-charge attack in August 1944 by a Japanese convoy. The Harder's fighting spirit is legendary, and its record of sinking a total of eighteen enemy ships (with a tonnage in excess of 55,000) made Dealey one of the top five submarine skippers in the war. During a single patrol his crew sank five enemy destroyers in five short-range torpedo attacks - an unprecedented feat. In addition, the Harder played important roles in rescue missions, extracting secret operatives deep in enemy territory and saving downed pilots. Drawing on previously untapped sources, Michael Sturma, an Australian teaching at Murdoch University, details several daring missions, one that involved the heroic Australian commando Bill Jenkins, and puts the Harder's action in the context of the overall Pacific campaign. In doing so, the author adds not only significant information to the Harder's story but also provides a fresh perspective on the submarine war.