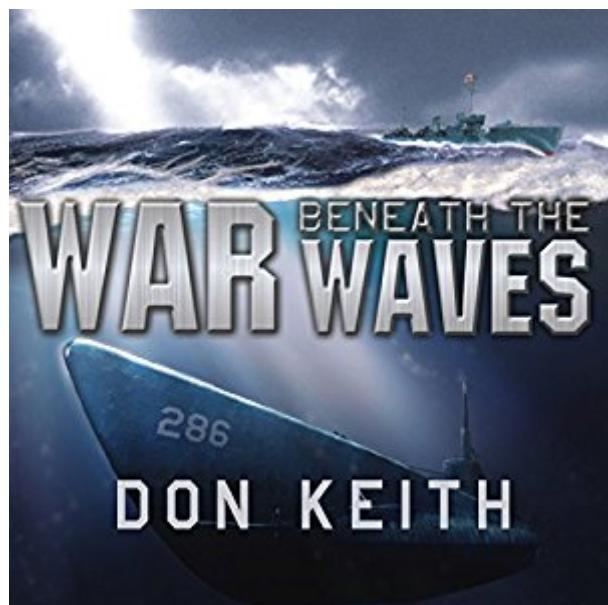


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The gripping story of heroism under the sea, from the national bestselling author of Final Patrol Â In November 1943, while on war patrol in the Makassar Strait, the U.S.S. Billfish submarine was spotted by the Japanese, who launched a vicious depth charge attack. Explosions wracked the sub for fifteen straight hours. With senior officers incapacitated, diving officer Charlie Rush boldly assumed command and led key members of the crew in a heroic effort to keep their ship intact as they tried to escape. Told in harrowing detail, War Beneath the Waves is an inspiring tale of one man's leadership and courage under fire, and of the remarkable efforts of a submarine crew to do their duty and save their ship. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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This review is from a submariner with 29 years of naval service. The story of the events that led up to and including the afternoon of November 11th, 1943 are the focus of this story. It is a story long overdue in the complete telling. Author Don Keith came to this task with a fair reputation of authorship of books on submarine warfare (Final Bearing, Gallant Lady, Final Patrol), however, here he presents a flawed book. The essentials of the book may well be true, but there are so many mistakes that the credibility of the whole must be drawn into question. Some examples include the following:^{*} Page 27, quoting: "Destroyers, depending on their vintage and class, were about 350 feet in length, could travel very fast - 35 to 38 knots (65 to 70 miles per hour)"...any seaman knows that 35 knots is 40.3 mph.^{*} In another place author Keith states that a Japanese destroyer could not

catch a surfaced submarine because the destroyer's top speed was 20 knots. Almost all Japanese destroyers could easily top 35 knots. It is true that some patrol boats (equivalent to USN sub chasers) may not have been able to exceed 20 knots, but a destroyer certainly could.* On page 72 he says: "Admiral Ralph Christie, the Pacific fleet submarine commander, was a torpedo expert,"...the highest WWII submarine post held by Christie was Commander Submarines, Southwest Pacific. He was never the commander of Submarines, Pacific Fleet.* He refers to a "peer review" of chief petty officer candidates by senior and master chiefs before there were SCPOs and MCPOs.* He has a LT calling an enlisted man "Mister so and so." At this time in the Navy, enlisted men below chief petty officer were always referred to by their last name, especially by officers.

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