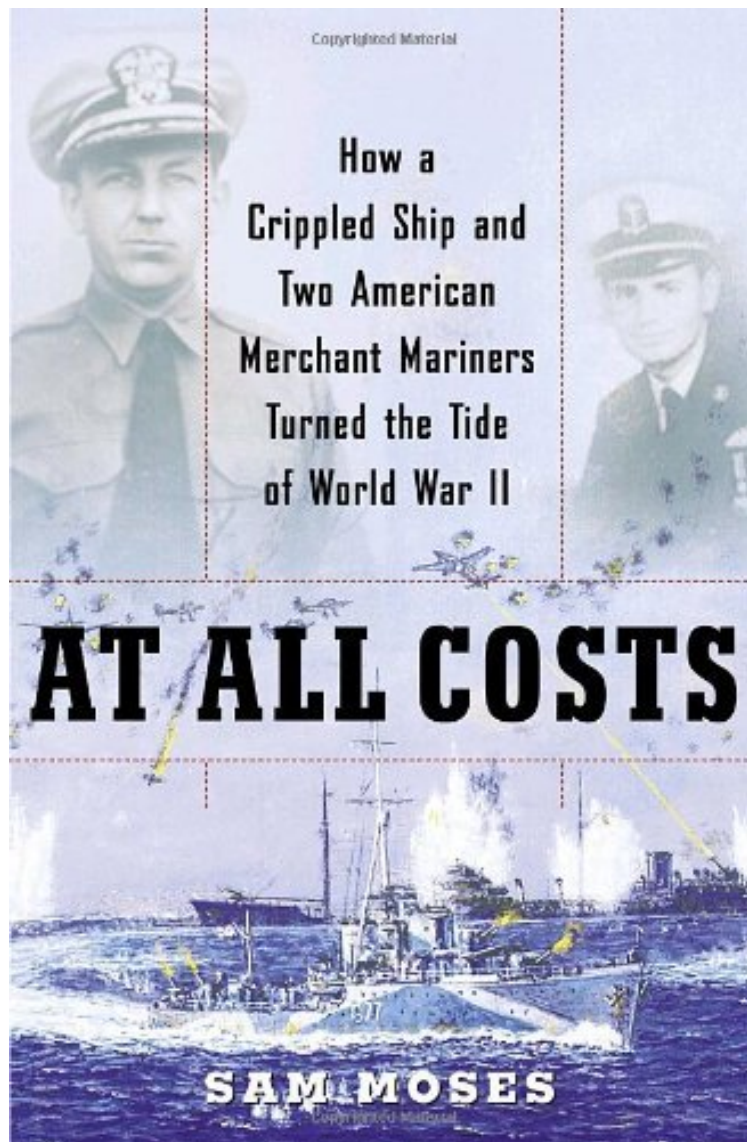


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Adventure or History, A Great Read! Von James Galloway "At All Costs" tells the story of the 60 ship convoy that carried crucial airplane fuel and other supplies to Malta in August 1942. This book casts light on the critical, but little known role of Malta and its supply convoys when control of the Mediterranean was in the balance. Like Britain, Malta relied on sea transport to provide the supplies it required to hold out against Axis attack and like Britain, those supplies were in jeopardy. During 1942 it was the most bombed area on earth. The Allied position in North Africa was dependent on holding Malta's place astride the sea lanes. The indispensable commodity was the fuel that would keep the RAF in the air. This book is the saga of the men who made the defense a success: Winston Churchill, who convinced Franklin Roosevelt to loan the tanker SS Ohio to the British, the Royal Navy personnel who protected it and the merchant seamen who guided it through incessant air and submarine attack until it reached its, and the Allies', goal. Well written, "At All Costs" provides insights into Coalition Warfare at its highest and lowest echelons. The writing is good, blending historical research with first person action. As adventure or history it is a great read. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mitreißende Kriegsgeschichte Von Esther Kirch Dieses Buch beschreibt unwahrscheinlich fundiert, aber trotzdem hochspannend den Kampf um Malta im 2. Weltkrieg im verzweifelten Bemühen Rommel auf seinem Weg nach Afrika aufzuhalten. Obwohl der Kampf um Malta schon entschieden schien, haben zwei Männer heldenhaft durch ihren Mut und ihr beherztes Eingreifen das Blatt im letzten Moment gewendet. Der zweite Erzählstrang ist die Flucht einer Mutter mit Kind, der Ehefrau eines unserer Helden, aus dem nazibesetzten Norwegen lebendig werden und führt sie nach Malta zu ihrem Ehemann. Es ist ein historisches, ein menschliches Buch, ein Buch, das man bis zur letzten Seite nicht aus der Hand legen kann.

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