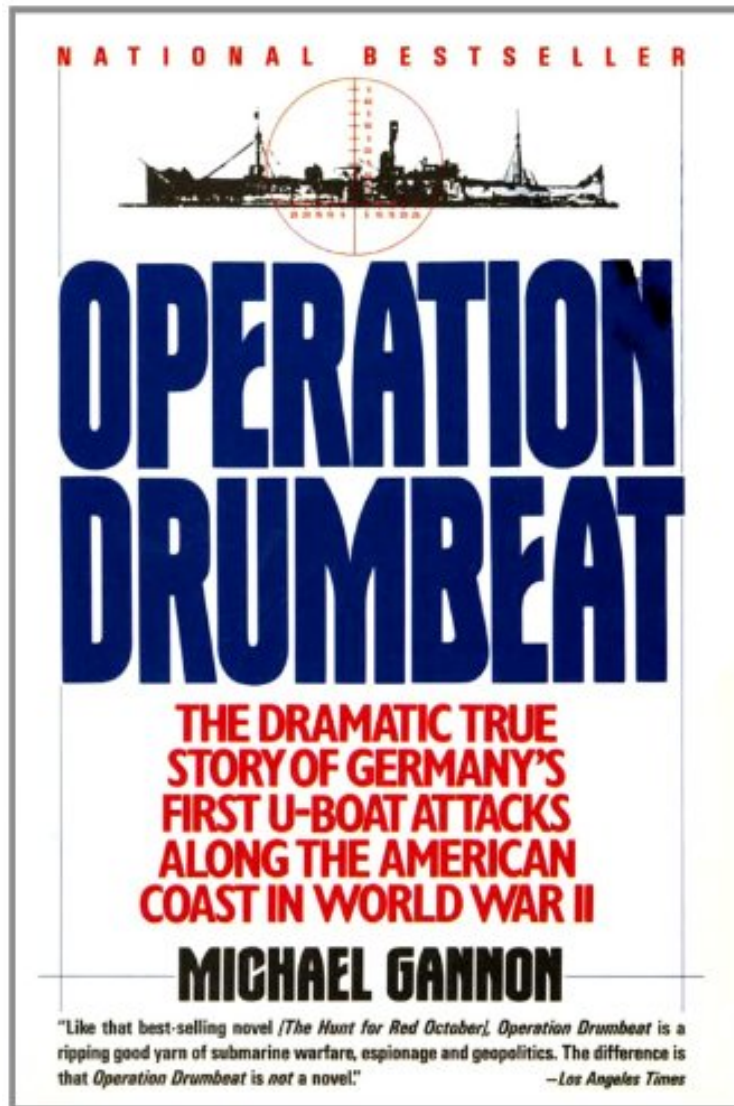


Operation Drumbeat: Germany's U-Boat Attacks Along the American Coast in World War II

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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Operation Incredible. Von choiceweb0pen0 It did take me awhile to get into this book, but reads more like a novel than

a 'history book' and I mean this as a compliment. Gannon spent a lot of time researching every possible aspect. Not only giving the German U-boat side, he also gives the U.S. Navy and Royal Navy perspective as well. This is important to realize how lax the American Navy was in the Atlantic, almost completely ignoring the threat until several thousand tons of shipping, boats, and lives were lost to U-boats. Cracking the Enigma code was an extremely important to the Allies defeat and sinking of many U-boats. It is impossible to write an account of German U-Boats and not mention it. The amount of detail Gannon provides is nothing short of amazing. Operation Drumbeat is an excellent account and look at one U-boats patrols to the East Coast of North America, a nearly forgotten event in history.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Entertaining and readableVon Jussi BjorlingWhile armchair historians will not learn much new about the U-Boat war from this book, enthusiasts will find a lively account of a German submarine's career against Allied shipping. Michael Gannon has written a detailed and accurate account of not only the initial onslaught against shipping off the East Coast in the first half of 1942, but of one U-Boat's entire war. Extremely absorbing.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the most important war books ever writtenVon Ein Kunde'Operation Drumbeat' is a well-written account of the until recently 'non-existent' submarine attacks that occurred off the Eastern coast of America in the early days of WWII before we had learned how to effectively combat Germany's U-boat menace. It details how only five boats managed to nearly cripple the supply lines between America and Great Britain and the seeming inability of either nation's navy to cope with them for a dangerously long time. Some of these boats were never even shot at and none were lost during their first sortie. The book describes the early days of what would become modern submarine and anti-submarine warfare as well as the evolution of the submarine as a modern weapon of war. The lessons this book can teach about military readiness cannot simply be swept under the rug and forgotten, else they be ignored and repeated. Had Operation Drumbeat been much more successful, WWII might have gone differently as the vital line of supplies and equipment which proved so important in gaining a foothold in Europe and to the survival of Great Britain might have been cut off. It is a riveting book that history fans will not be able to put down.

KurzbeschreibungAn account of Germany's little known U-boat campaign against merchant shipping along the North American Atlantic coast during the first six months of 1942. It also documents the failure of the US Navy to meet the German attack..deHistorian Michael Gannon argues that the systematic assault by German submarines on merchant tankers and freighters along the U.S. eastern seaboard in 1942 "constituted a greater strategic setback for the Allied war effort than did the defeat at Pearl Harbor." The case for the claim is intriguing and includes a damaging assessment of the U.S. naval command, which ignored information that might have allowed it to avert the disaster, but Gannon never lets his argument distract from the compelling wartime story. Through original interviews and archival research, he describes the exploits of U-123 and its 28-year-old Lieutenant Commander Reinhard Hardegen, who terrorized American home waters on two separate missions. Operation Drumbeat presents a remarkable picture of life on the U-boats. (Fans of the movie *Das Boot* especially won't want to miss it.) Gannon's book eventually may become a classic work of naval history; for now it's a great book on a particular aspect of the Second World War. --John J. MillerKurzbeschreibungAn account of Germany's little known U-boat campaign against merchant shipping along the North American Atlantic coast during the first six months of 1942. It also documents the failure of the US Navy to meet the German attack.