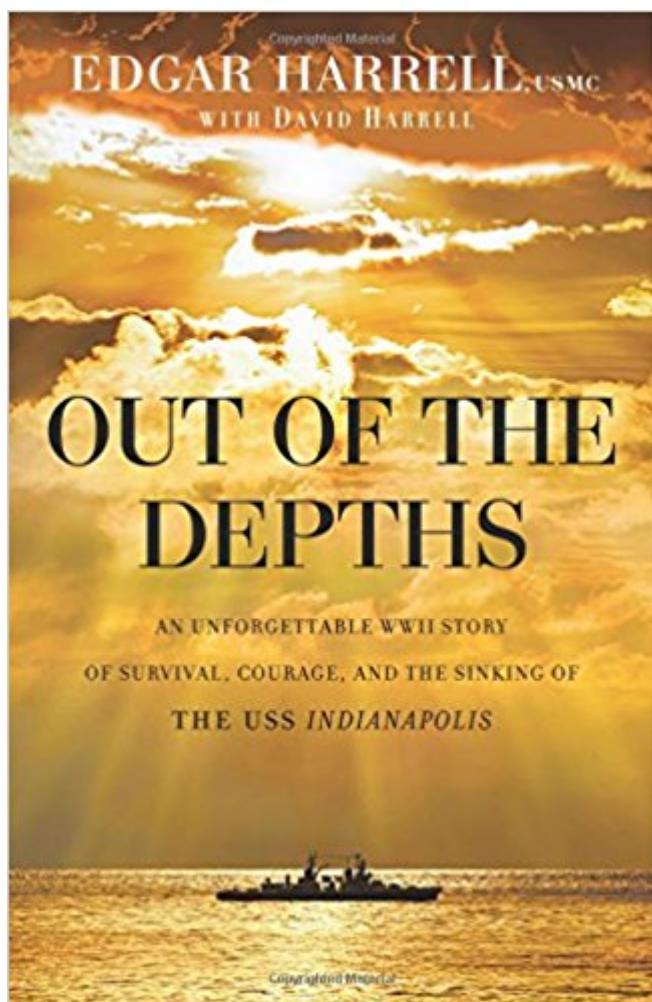


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# Out Of The Depths: An Unforgettable WWII Story Of Survival, Courage, And The Sinking Of The USS Indianapolis



## **Synopsis**

A WWII Hero's Miraculous Survival at Sea

July 30, 1945: After transporting uranium for the atomic bomb that would soon be dropped on Hiroshima, the USS Indianapolis headed unaccompanied toward a small island in the South Pacific. At 12:14 a.m., she was struck by two Japanese torpedoes, rolled over, and sank. Marine survivor Edgar Harrell vividly describes the horrors of being plagued by dehydration, exposure, saline poisoning, and sharks. This is a story of courage, ingenuity, and faith in God's providence in the midst of the greatest catastrophe at sea in the history of the U.S. Navy.

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## **Customer Reviews**

"A gripping account . . . I highly recommend Out of the Depths for all Americans." ---Tennessee Christian Reader --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

To keep us all together through the massive crests of waves, our dwindling little group formed a circle and fastened our life jackets to one another. Those who didn't have a jacket hung on to someone who did. As our bodies baked in the open sea, we began to realize that the sun was transitioning from friend to foe. It soon blistered our previously chilled and now exposed flesh. We tore our clothing to make protective hoods, but the ultraviolet rays reflecting off the water still managed to find our skin. The bright glare forced us to squint our eyes until our facial muscles became utterly exhausted. Our eyes also burned from the caustic saltwater waves that constantly

splashed our faces. Late on that first day, around dusk, we had company. To our horror, we saw several large black dorsal fins cutting through the water and circling our group. I cannot describe the fear . . .

After I started reading this book I couldn't put it down. The authors articulate with acute detail this harrowing ordeal and takes you on a spiritual journey. The men from the USS Indianapolis suffered beyond comprehension, this is a story of the ultimate test of endurance of the human spirit. Edgar and the men from the USS Indianapolis are truly heroes.

This tells the story of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis during WWII. The author is a survivor. Edgar Harrell is a Christian and tells how God helped the survivors in the days following the sinking of the ship in the shark infested Pacific Ocean. It also tells the story of how the Captain of the ship was used as a scapegoat when others in higher command made several blunders. The surviving men and a student put forth the facts to exonerate the Captain. This book is a reminder of the cost of our freedom. You will be glad you choose to read this book.

Read this book! A story of faith, perseverance, justice, injustice, grit, life, death, suffering, and healing. The strength and heart of the WWII generation is something we should strive for. Many didn't ask to fight but they answered when called. Patriotism is more than just giving good sound bites...it is about giving yourself for a greater good. This book discusses all of that while celebrating the power of faith in something greater than ourselves. The number of WWII survivors walking in our midst dwindles every year. If you have an opportunity to meet one of them I implore you to thank them for their service! May we never restrain our gratitude from these great men and women!

A great story of one man's experience of survival. Anyone wanting to hear a personal side of the USS Indianapolis and the horrors they had to survive will want to read this book. It was a quick read, and I enjoyed it very much.

The book is enjoyable a quick read but paints the picture of the authors experiences on the Indianapolis very well. He writes through his conviction for God and Jesus Christ and quotes much scripture, passages that he ran through his mind while floating helplessly in the Pacific Ocean, trusting in God to deliver him through his ordeal. I especially enjoyed the details regarding post war investigations and the creation of the survivors group.

I bought this book for an uncle after he saw my copy which I had been given from a friend who actually met Mr. Edgar Harrell who was still alive and kicking in January 2014! A great book of the personal experiences of the author from the sinking of the U.S.S Indianapolis. This book has religious quotes in it but the quotes only serve to enhance the story! When you consider that the author's religious beliefs helped him to endure almost unthinkable horrors which he endured during and after the sinking of the ship, the religious quotes add to the theme. A+ book of living military history.

Fantastic story. I'm Happy to have purchased this one along with many others through the years.

I really enjoyed reading this book and recommend it to anyone who has had a parent, relative or friend who fought for this country in any war; to anyone whose has association with any patriot who has helped make this great country what it is today. It really brings to light the trials and tribulations the crew of the US Indianapolis endured after they were sunk by the Japanese Submarine. Really gives a perspective on many fronts; political and real time personal stories from the depths of sea and the battlefield as well as after the fact and the cover ups that went along with experience.

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