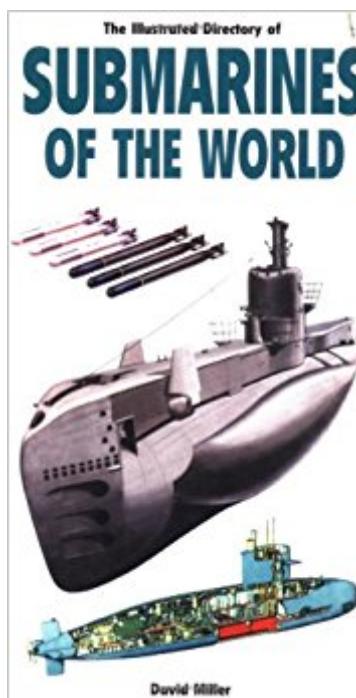


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I read this good book, here in Brazil. This book is about the submarines, since XIX Century. These are the main great things of this book: 1- This book has many pages, photos and illustrations. In fact, about half of it are photos and illustrations. 2- This book covers almost all kinds of submarines. With the exception of midget submarines, all others are well covered. Japanese, Russian, Italian are so well covered as American ones. Even a Peruvian submarine built in XIX Century is covered (see page 86). This isn't a Gringo's book. USA's submarines are so well covered as submerines from other nations. 3- This book is for the general public. No problems to learn anything on it. I never entered in any submarines and I understood 100% of this book. 4- This book is unbiased. When

there's problems in a kind of submarine, it is written in this good book.5-This book is concise about all kinds of submarines described on it.I found just three problems of this book:1-The table of contents is very weak. You must find the submarine knowing what kind of submarines it was/is and then searching for it in dozens of pages.2-There's nothing about midget submarines.3-On some pages, there's problems with wrong numbers. See page 296, as an example, where is written "2,126 tons" instead of "3,126 tons". And this kind of mistake is in dozens of times in this good book.Please, this book isn't for an expert, about any submarines covered on it. For to know, a little, about every kind of submarine described in this book, this book is a good choice to read and learn.

The author does a nice job of providing precise specifications, illustrations and photos of submarines, as well as grouping those submarines into separate mission categories (diesel attack submarines, cruise missile submarines, ballistic missile submarines). Although the Type 093 and Borei class submarine were built after this book was published, anyone who's fascinated by those seagoing marauders will surely enjoy this field guide.

This book has a lot of pictures and info about submarines from all around the world. Lots of historical and some modern submarines.

I bought the book for a friend of mine, he liked the book very much. The book has information about submarines from WWI to the present day. I liked the book very much. This book is very informative you will find information from attack submarines to ballistic missiles submarines, diesel submarines, nuclear powered submarines. P. Corti.

Distributors of the type of books should take the initial of approaching submarine museums in Hawaii, Baltimore, Connecticut etc to sell for the visitors there. I found very little of submarine books displayed there. K.L.

This is far from a complete discussion of submarines of the world; much additional information is available elsewhere. However, it's a compact and competent discussion, and it includes much material that, although it can be found elsewhere, is scattered in so many different places as to take great effort to find. So I find it an exceedingly useful book.I have two suggestions for a future edition. First, for the most interesting designs, such as the German Type 212/214, it would make the book far more useful to include a diagram of the sub's layout, instead of or in addition to photos. Few

photos of modern subs reveal anything interesting, whereas diagrams of layout give an excellent idea of the advantages and disadvantages of the particular class. Such diagrams are available for the great majority of modern subs, although one must be careful to use the ones that are correct, not the ones created as disinformation. Second, and even more important, a very brief bibliography on each important type of sub would make it ever so much easier to find the additional information any serious reader wants. Although every country has always tried to limit the information publicly available about its submarines, an enormous amount of information is available "out there". But, for example, locating the available information on the Russian Akula is a truly tedious exercise. The author has obviously found very many sources of such information, and with little effort could include in a future edition references to the sources he has located. The author's omission of some of the most recent sub classes is understandable. If I consider the British Astute-class, for example, which is just briefly mentioned toward the end of the discussion of Trafalgar-class, Astute will not enter service until 2009 at the earliest, and although a surprising amount of information about Astute can be found in various places, it seems to me inevitable that significant changes will be made between now and then, and that the need for yet further changes will be revealed by experience in sea trials and shakedown. Given that, and given the draconian nature of the British Official Secrets Act, which makes publication in Britain of even much of what is publicly available about Astute in other countries a criminal offense, the author's decision to say little about Astute seems to me a very reasonable decision. (The book was created and published in Great Britain.)

I served on a submarine while in the Navy and am interested in them still to this day, this book was very facts only and accurate but not for the casual reader. You must be very interested in the subject matter or you will find it very dry.

An interesting summary of the submarine history from the beginnings to the present day. Grouped by period and type. One star below excellent because of the format that is small and difficult to read.

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