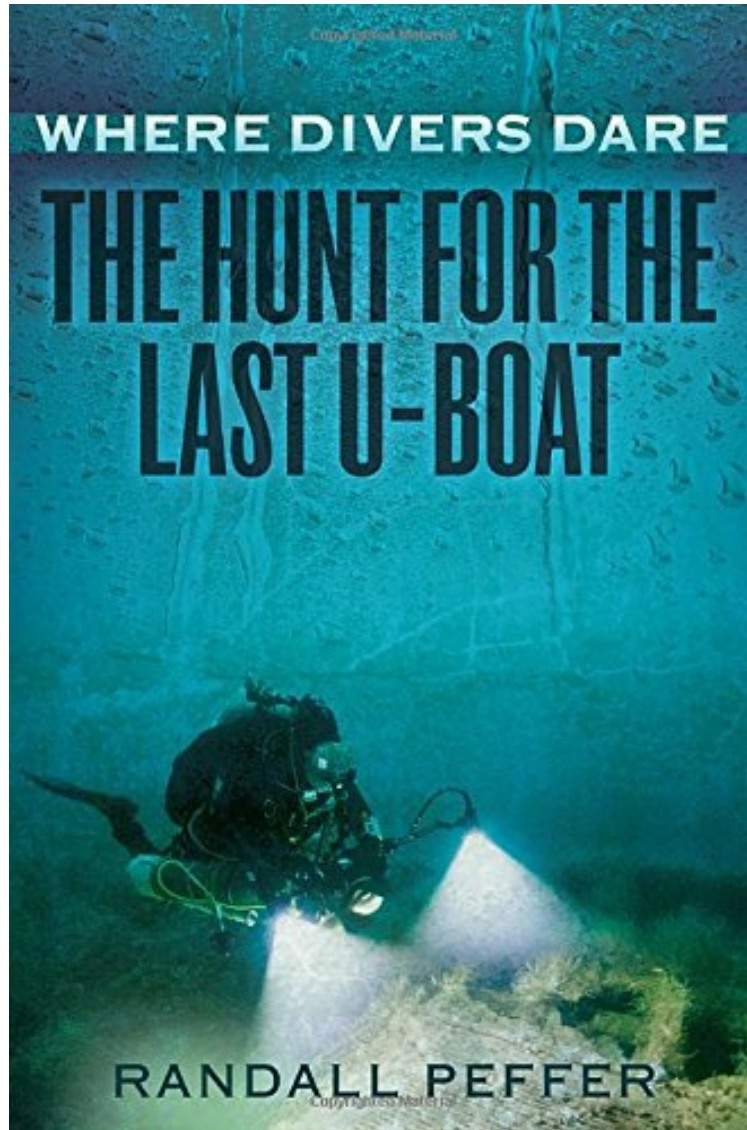


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Remarkable ReadBy NancyAs the daughter of a veteran survivor of the SS Pan Pennsylvania I read this book with a keen interest and can say that the author did a phenomenal job of recreating the true historical events as a story that truly captivates the reader and makes him feel as if he is there. From the recreation of the battle to the search and discovery for the long missing U boat we are taken on an emotional roller

coaster ride that encompasses everything from fear, anxiety, determination and camaraderie to pure joy and elation. We learn the dangers encountered in diving through the background stories of the divers whose relentless sense of adventure and search for the truth led them on this journey. The author did an impeccable job in his research and, although I knew the ending, I was overwhelmed by the vivid details and the accounts of the unlikely friendships and the bonding that occurs in wartime and peace. It is a remarkable read and, once started, a book that can not be put down. I highly recommend it. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. In the class of Shadow Divers By Bob Stinchum Great book--it starts with the commissioning of the sub, its first battle and the sinking. Then follows the location efforts and the discovery--300 feet down, very cold water and very limited visibility. I held my breath every time they went down. Then they have to document which sub it is then they interview the sub survivors in Germany. Tragically one of the US ships pulled away from picking up survivors and 40 men died in the cold waters but the reason is one of those hard choices in combat that have to be made. It is in the class of Shadow Divers. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Unforgettable By Madeira Lee Peffer brings the seaman's perspective, the reporter's instincts, the novelist's craftsmanship and the hero's sense of adventure to bear in his telling of this amazing story. The commander of the Nazi submarine comes face-to-face with the US captain who has sunk his vessel and the two of them become true friends. But the heart of the book belongs to the men who against long odds decide they will find this submarine -- buried by more than 300 feet of water and 60 years of time. What brings and holds together the remarkable swaths of history, technology, ingenuity and exploration is Peffer's deep commitment to finding and revealing the underlying humanity in each endeavor. One finishes the book understanding that these seemingly disparate threads were destined to be woven together by the connections that emerge in this masterful reconstruction.

In the tradition of Shadow Divers, this is the gripping true account of the search for German U-boat U-550, the last unfound, diveable wreck of a U-boat off the United States coast, and the battle in which it was sunk. On April 16, 1944, the SS Pan Pennsylvania was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-550 off the coast of Nantucket, Massachusetts. In return the sub was driven to the surface with depth charges, and then sent to the bottom of the ocean by three destroyer escorts that were guarding the naval convoy. For more than sixty years the location of the U-boats wreck eluded divers. In 2012, a team found it the last undiscovered U-boat in dive-able waters off the Eastern Seaboard of the United States, more than three hundred feet below the surface. This is the story of their twenty-year quest to find this "Holy Grail" of deep-sea diving and their tenacious efforts to dive on this treacherous wreck and of the stunning clash at sea that sealed its doom and brought the Battle of the Atlantic to America's doorstep.

Peffer ably conveys the lures and danger of the sport of deep-wreck diving [and] tempers the excitement of coming upon a virgin wreck with the dreaded responsibility of learning what happened to the lost crewmen. A nicely handled work that moves back and forth between the two narratives and provides suspense and also a sense of compassion for the victims. Kirkus s In this well-told tale of real adventure at sea, Peffer deftly combines WWII military history with an exciting account of a group of deep wreck divers searching for one of the most elusive and sought-after prizes: the sunken remains of the German submarine U-550 [A] true story of bravery [and] compassion. Publishers Weekly About the Author Randall Peffer is the author of eight nonfiction books, most with a nautical angle, as well as nine crime/suspense novels. His first book, Watermen, is a documentary of the lives of the Chesapeake's fishermen. It won the Baltimore Sun's Critics Choice Award and was Maryland Book of the Year. His novel Provincetown Follies, Bangkok Blues was a Lambda Award finalist and has been optioned for film by producer Barr Potter of Tripod Entertainment. The son of a career naval officer, Peffer holds a 100-ton masters license and has logged over one hundred thousand miles at sea, mostly in traditional working vessels. Peffer teaches writing and literature at Phillips Academy, Andover.