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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. incredible story unknown to most WWII buffsBy kmccarter@boncosky.comI had no idea of the extent or speed of the Pearl Harbor salvage operation nor the critical role the recovered ships served in the war. It makes one wonder if we have that capability (and will) today. The opening of the book gives a very deep analysis of the root causes of the war that provide a great understanding of the drivers behind WWII.Like many first hand accounts of WWII, the book is not a literary work of art with a lot of flowery descriptions or buzzwords. It doesn't flow as smoothly as a novel. BUT, the matter-of-fact writing about this story with all the facts is a whole lot more valuable to me than some fluffy stuff written by a professional writer.Well worth the read.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely GreatBy Thomas H. LawrenceMost people know about the terrible attack on Pearl Harbor that finally brought the US into WWII. But forgotten is the incredible story of the salvage operation that recovered the ship's that sunk into the mud. In fact almost all of the battleships that were salvaged were overhauled at west coast ship yards and participated in the battles in the Pacific theater. That is what I call payback. Ship's left as sunken, burning wrecks with many dead sailors aboard later sailed into Tokyo Bay as the victors.The book reads some what like an official report, but the drama and heroism come shining through. The salvage of each ship is covered and stories of the attack and aftermath from many different individuals are presented.But perhaps the most useful part of the book is the very first part that covers the events

leading up to Pearl Harbor including the strong isolationist and pacifist members of congress who hindered FDR's efforts to aid the British and build up the American fleet. This part should be required reading in every high school in the country. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pearl Harbor after December 7 By Alan B. This Naval Institute publication is a fascinating history of the Navy's Herculean recovery and salvage operations that began on December 7, 1941 and continued through the rest of the Pacific War. While the Pearl Harbor attack was a huge tactical success for Japan, it proved to be a gigantic strategic blunder which not only united America behind the war effort, but resulted in the restoration and modernization of the Navy warships which were sunk and severely damaged in a shallow harbor with extensive shipyard resources immediately at hand. This book covers every aspect of the effort in detail, with excellent illustrations, and makes clear the extraordinary expertise and creativity brought to bear by the U.S. Navy. It is invaluable to anyone interested in the naval war in the Pacific.

Pearl Harbor will long stand out in men's minds as an example of the results of basic unpreparedness of a peace loving nation, of highly efficient treacherous surprise attack and of the resulting unification of America into a single tidal wave of purpose to victory. Therefore, all will be interested in this unique narrative by Admiral Wallin. The Navy has long needed a succinct account of the salvage operations at Pearl Harbor that miraculously resurrected what appeared to be a forever shattered fleet. Admiral Wallin agreed to undertake the job. He was exactly the right man for it – in talent, in perception, and in experience. He had served intimately with Admiral Nimitz and with Admiral Halsey in the South Pacific, has commanded three different Navy Yards, and was a highly successful Chief of the Bureau of Ships. On 7 December 1941 the then Captain Wallin was serving at Pearl Harbor. He witnessed the events of that shattering and unifying "Day of Infamy." His mind began to race at high speeds at once on the problems and means of getting the broken fleet back into service for its giant task. Unless the United States regained control of the sea, even greater disaster loomed. Without victory at sea, tyranny soon would surely rule all Asia and Europe. In a matter of time it would surely rule the Americas. Captain Wallin salvaged most of the broken Pearl Harbor fleet that went on to figure prominently in the United States Navy's victory. So the account he masterfully tells covers what he masterfully accomplished. The United States owes him an unpayable debt for this high service among many others in his long career.