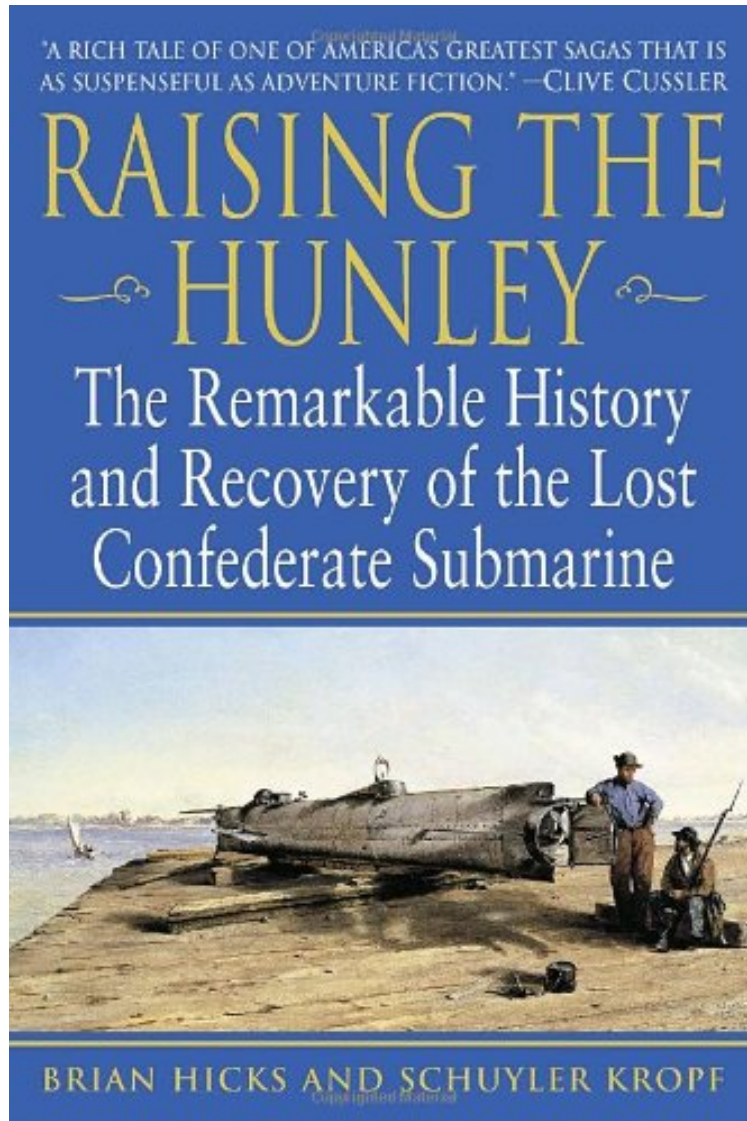


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The history of the Confederate submarine H. L. Hunley is as astonishing as its disappearance. On February 17, 1864, after a legendary encounter with a Union battleship, the iron "fish boat" vanished without a trace somewhere off the coast of South Carolina. For more than a century the fate of the Hunley remained one of the great unsolved mysteries of the Civil War. Then, on August 8, 2000, with thousands of spectators crowding Charleston Harbor, the Hunley was raised from the bottom of the sea and towed ashore. Now, award-winning journalists Brian Hicks and Schuyler Kropf offer new insights into the Hunley's final hours and recount the amazing true story of its rescue. The brainchild of wealthy New Orleans planter and lawyer Horace Lawson Hunley, the Hunley inspired tremendous hopes of breaking the Union's naval blockade of Charleston, only to drown two crews on disastrous test runs. But on the night of February 17, 1864, the Hunley finally made good on its promise. Under the command of the heroic Lieutenant George E. Dixon, the sub rammed a spar torpedo into the Union sloop Housatonic and sank the ship within minutes, accomplishing a feat of stealth technology that would not be repeated for half a century. And then, shortly after its stunning success, the Hunley vanished. This book is an extraordinary true story peopled with a fascinating cast of characters, including Horace Hunley himself, the Union officers and crew who went down with the Housatonic, P. T. Barnum, who offered \$100,000 for its recovery, and novelist Clive Cussler, who spearheaded the mission that finally succeeded in finding the Hunley. The drama of salvaging the sub is only the prelude to a page-turning account of how scientists unsealed this archaeological treasure chest and discovered the inner-workings of a submarine more technologically advanced than anyone expected, as well as numerous, priceless artifacts. Hicks and Kropf have crafted a spellbinding adventure story that spans over a century of American history. Dramatically told, filled with historical details and contemporary color, illustrated with breathtaking original photographs, *Raising the Hunley* is one of the most fascinating Civil War books to appear in years. From the Hardcover edition.

From Publishers Weekly Civil War Miscellany The legendary Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley was the first successful underwater warship that is, the first to sink an enemy ship. As chronicled in *Raising the Hunley: The Remarkable History and Recovery of the Lost Confederate Submarine*, the sub disappeared without a trace in 1864, crippled by a Union ship, and finding it became something of an obsession for many Americans until the vessel was finally brought to shore in 2000. Based on interviews with scientists and historians who studied the Hunley's remains, Charleston, S.C., Post and Courier journalists Brian Hicks and Schuyler Kropf reconstruct the sub's final voyage in this dramatic slice of Civil War history. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal Adult/High School-The Hunley was all but forgotten until its retrieval in August, 2000. Resembling a fictional adventure tale, the book takes readers back to federally blockaded Charleston, SC. Without access to goods brought in by ships to the formerly bustling harbor, the South feared certain defeat. An idea to develop a small underwater ship that could evade detection as it delivered a torpedo to a Union blockade ship was offered as a wisp of hope by New Orleans lawyer Horace Lawson Hunley. Its development, however, was fraught with danger, and the first two test runs resulted in the deaths of 13 crew members. Finally, the sub was sent for its maiden voyage on February 17, 1864, whereupon it accomplished its task: it sank the Housatonic. Shortly after signaling the shore that it was about to return, it disappeared. The struggles to locate and retrieve the ship, spearheaded by author Clive Cussler, and the efforts to preserve it as a historical treasure trove, are nearly as fascinating as the story of its construction. The description of the Hunley's reentry into Charleston Harbor on August 8, 2000, before a cheering, saluting crowd of more than 20,000, is quite an emotional moment. Photos are mostly from the salvage and raising operation, with a few portraits of the crew included. Diagrams give readers a feel for the confines of the limited space within the submarine and the frightening conditions in which these men died. This exciting, well-done slice of history should have broad appeal. Carol DeAngelo, Kings Park Library, Burke, VA Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal This book offers two separate but interconnected stories about the first attack submarine, the Confederate H.L. Hunley. The authors first discuss the development of the primitive, hand-powered vessel, its successes in battle, and its eventual mysterious loss at sea. Their second story focuses on the raising of the Hunley at the end of the 20th century, covering the various archaeologists, historical agencies, and treasure seekers who attempted to find the "fish boat." The boat was finally recovered in 2000 by a team led by adventurer and author Clive Cussler. Hicks and Kropf, two Charleston, SC, reporters, spent considerable time covering Cussler's recovery and the historical secrets it uncovered.

Unfortunately, their book lacks sufficient background research. The first half is weak in historical context, while in the second half the authors fail to address the broader issues surrounding the boat's recovery. Certainly, Cussler was the hero in this case, but it may have been useful to address whether having historical treasures recovered by such private enterprise "cowboys" as Cussler is called is best for the future of such national artifacts. Recommended, with reservations, for regional libraries and libraries with large Civil War collections. Charles K. Piehl, Minnesota State Univ., Mankato Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.