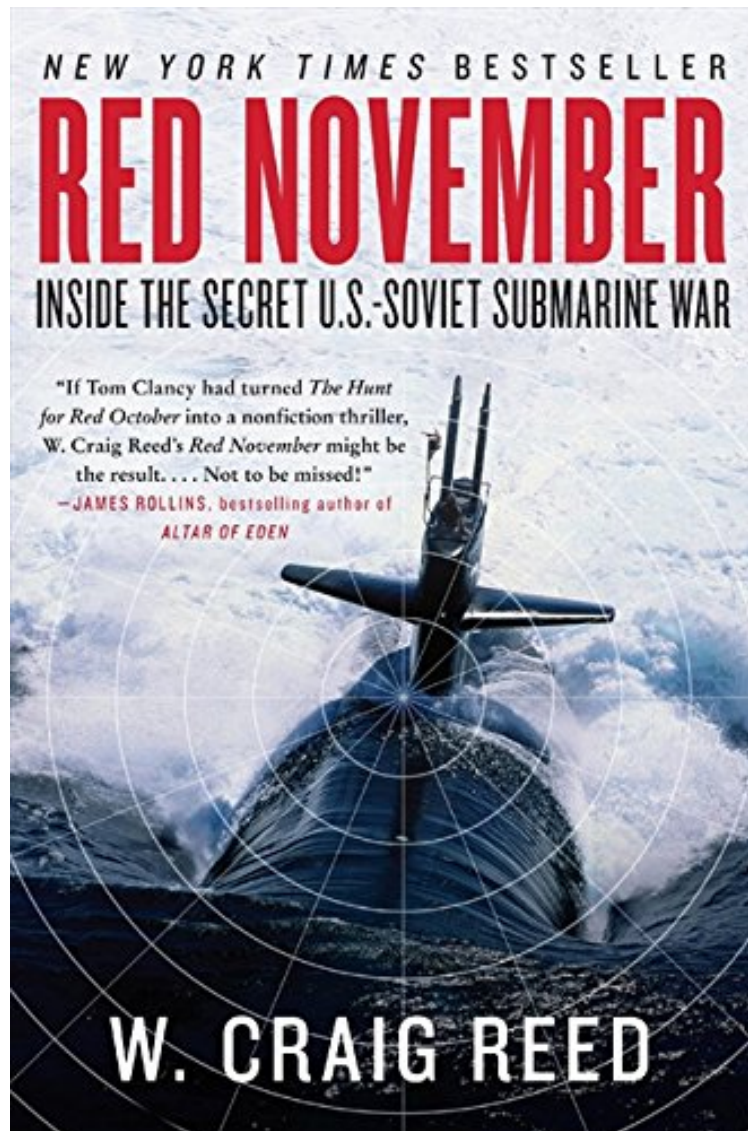


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“Red November delivers the real life feel and fears of submariners who risked their lives to keep the peace.” —Steve Berry, author of *The Paris Vendetta* W. Craig Reed, a former navy diver and fast-attack submariner, provides a riveting portrayal of the secret underwater struggle between the US and the USSR in Red November. A spellbinding true-life adventure in the bestselling tradition of *Blind Man’s Bluff*, it reveals previously undisclosed details about the most dangerous, daring, and decorated missions of the Cold War, earning raves from New York Times bestselling authors David Morrell, who calls it, “palpably gripping,” and James Rollins, who says, “If Tom Clancy had turned *The Hunt for Red October* into a nonfiction thriller, Red November might be the result.”

From Publishers Weekly Reed's personal experience as a navy recon diver, submarine weapons technician, and special ops photographer informs every page of this exhaustive and fascinating account of submarine technology and warfare from the end of WWII through the cold war. The author's father, William J. Reed, a navy communications specialist, helped develop the hardware that made possible long distance frequency direction finding that allowed listening stations to pinpoint the far away locations of ships or submarines. These HFDF stations, called "Huff Duffs," were instrumental in the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. Reed presents a vast cast of interesting characters and a daunting array of scientific technology, but manages to keep the material understandable, fresh, and exciting as befits a book devoted to the underwater world of high stakes submarine warfare. Decades-long gag orders keep participants from revealing really up-to-date secrets, though it's chilling to learn that from 1995 to 2005 the Chinese navy has launched 31 nuclear submarines. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist This history of the cold war beneath the sea reads very much like a thriller. Reed and his father were both personally involved in it as electronic experts aboard submarines—a key specialty, because the key technology employed was sonar, which became ever more sophisticated. At the beginning, in the early 1950s, the U.S. had a clear technological advantage, which it lengthened with the introduction of nuclear power. But the Russians got off to a faster start than is commonly believed, and from around 1960 to the present, each nation's navy has had to look over its shoulder to mark the progress of the other. As the narrative proceeds, we encounter the (allegedly) unsuccessful mission of the *Glomar Explorer*, the possible loss of the *Scorpion* to Soviet retaliatory action, the Ivy Bells operation to tap underwater Soviet telephone lines, and of course, the infamous Walker espionage affair, here depicted as nearly costing America the cold war. A little technical for rank tyros, but for serious submarine buffs, a feast. --Roland Green “This history of the cold war beneath the sea reads very much like a thriller.... For serious submarine buffs, a feast.” (Booklist) “Red November is palpably gripping and packs the excitement of a real-life thriller. I felt like I was literally on-board a submarine in the middle of a hair-raising mission and on the brink of World War III.” (David Morrell, bestselling author of *The Shimmer*) “If Tom Clancy had turned *The Hunt for Red October* into a nonfiction thriller, W. Craig Reed’s *Red November* might be the result.... Not to be missed!” (James Rollins, bestselling author of *The Doomsday Key*) “This is an astonishing and important book.... *Red November* is a book that anyone with an interest in espionage or clandestine naval operations should read.” (George Friedman, author of *America’s Secret War* and *The Next 100 Years*) “Red November delivers the real life feel and fears of submariners who risked their lives to keep the peace. Smart, detailed, and highly entertaining, this is a story everyone should read.” (Steve Berry, author of *The Paris Vendetta*) “Red November is a terrific, real-life thriller, filled with larger than life warriors, technological wizardry, undersea games of chicken, and a civilian world perched unknowing on the brink of push-button nuclear destruction.” (Barry Eisler, author of *Fault Line*)