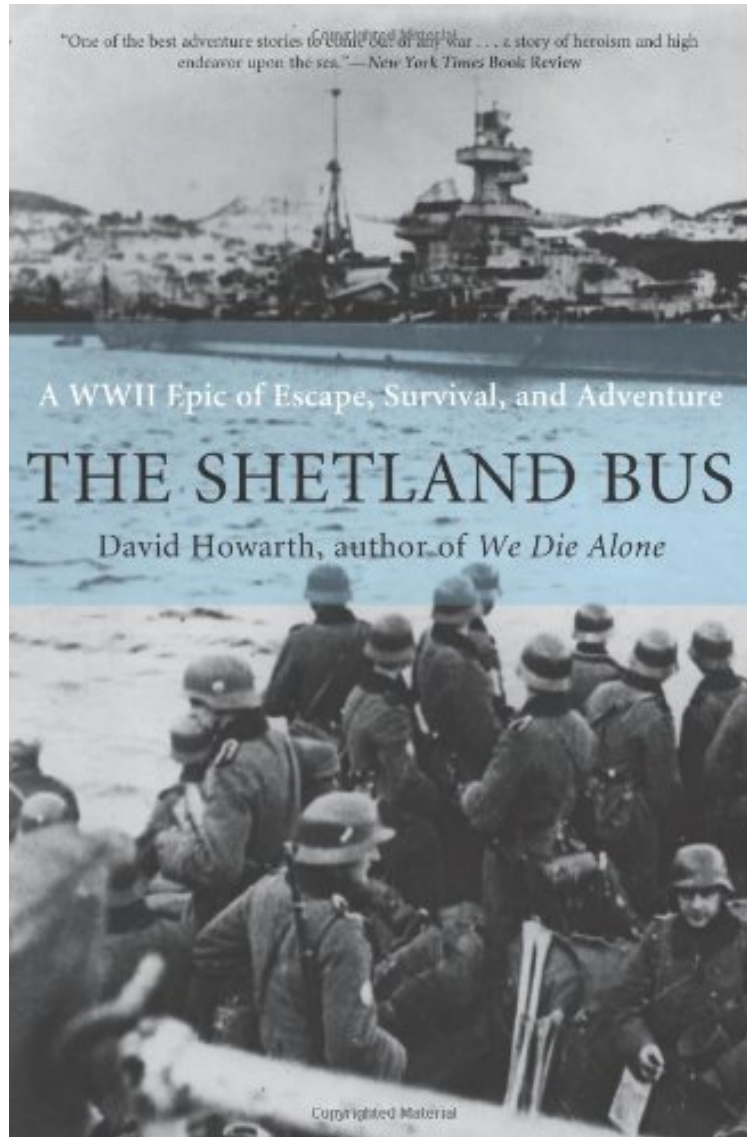


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Good StartBy Janet K. SchwartzkopfHaving some Norwegian blood in my veins, I've always been frustrated by how little coverage is available of World War II in Norway. I first was introduced to David Howarth's writings through his "We Die Alone," and it kept me on the edge of my seat. I was

hoping to get the same thrills from "The Shetland Bus," but came away mildly disappointed. It's not a bad book. I think the problem is the author is telling parts of the story from his own perspective and parts from others, and he isn't enough of a journalist or writer to give full voice to the tales of the others. Having helped coordinate the anti-Nazi boat traffic between Shetland and Norway, he does a great job of explaining the organizing and supplying of a diverse group of men who really didn't want to be organized or directed, but needed the supplies. However, in his telling of their stories as they make the dangerous trips back and forth to Norway, the stories seem to lose their zip and become an exercise in accounting of materials sent and encounters with the Germans evaded. And, of course, with the most heartbreaking ones -- those where the ships were lost -- he can only speculate as to what went wrong and how they went down. I'm grateful to Mr. Howarth that he took the time to write this book, but I can't help thinking a co-author or better editor might have helped make it more compelling. It's a story that's worth reading, but I wish there truly was more life in it.

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By Sharon
The story of the Shetland Bus is well told and based on fact. The small country of Norway, who tried to be neutral during WWII, ended up playing many important roles to expedite the end of the war. The topography and weather of Norway and surrounding countries play an integral part in helping as well as hindering the efforts of the Norwegian resistance as well as the efforts of the invaders. Since Mr. Howarth (author) was a part of this true drama, we get an accurate glimpse into the personal lives of many of the real people.

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By Michigander
Incredible story of the Shetland Island part in the resistance against the German occupation of Norway during WWII. I had previously read Howarth's book "We Die Alone" Now I understand how he was able to get interviews with those who participated in that story. I am not sure how much difference the missions made as the Germans occupied Norway until the end of WWII. You can't discount the bravery of the men who ran the boats under extremely difficult conditions and they definitely made a difference in the spirit of the Norwegians during this difficult time. I have been reading Ann Cleeve's Shetland mystery series and she mentioned the "Shetland Bus" as some of the background she used in one of the mysteries.

From the author of *We Die Alone*, *The Shetland Bus* recounts the hundreds of crossings of small boats from the Shetland Islands to German-occupied Norway to supply arms to the Resisters and to rescue refugees—all under constant threat by German U-boats and winter storms.