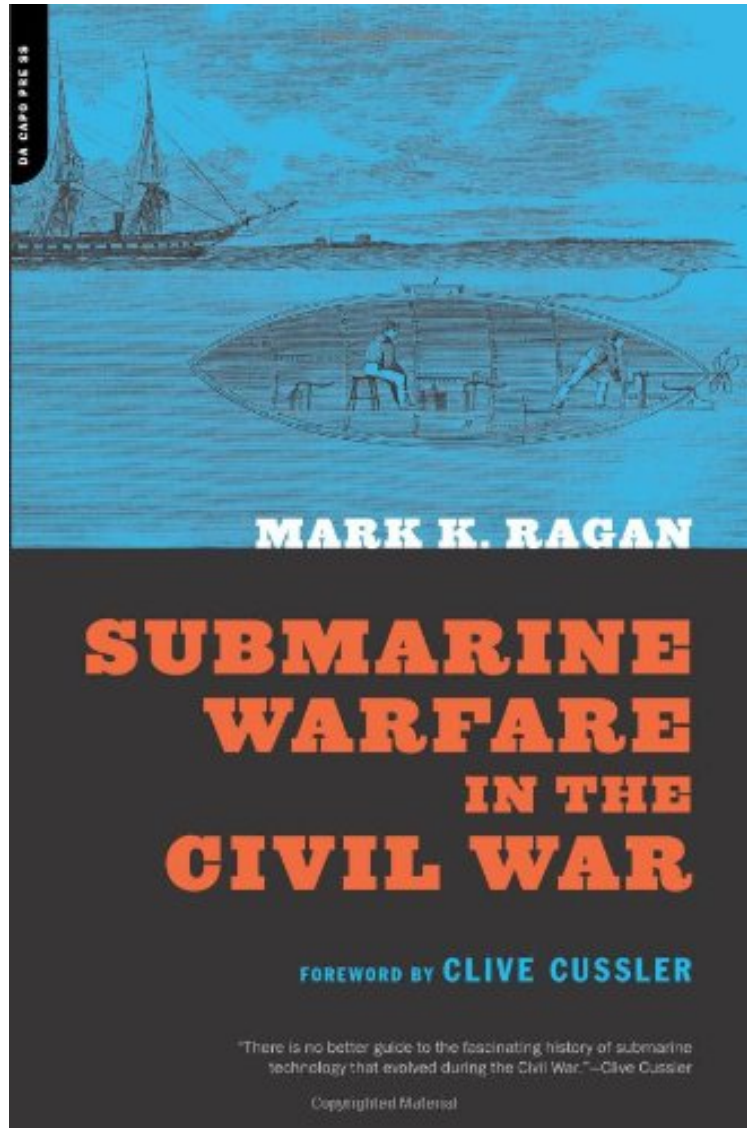


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"There is no better guide to the fascinating history of submarine technology that evolved during the Civil War." -- Clive Cussler
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