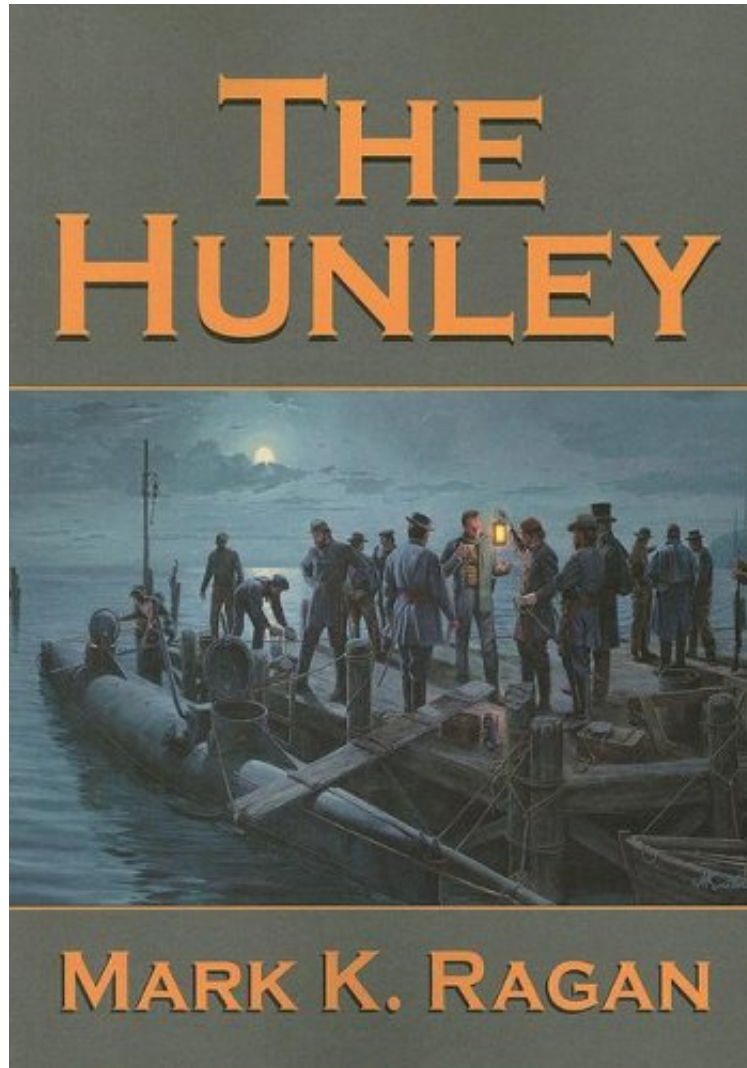


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Mark K. Ragan : The Hunley before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hunley:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Would I have gotten into the "Murder Machine"? By Stephen R. Smith It's hard to say. Especially since the term referred to the Hunley murdering its Confederate crews. An excellent book, in its coverage of the remnants of myth and truth about the the Confederacy's "underwater torpedo boats". I recently became aware of a Confederate submarine (not covered in the book), that is currently being conserved by the Louisiana State Museum in New Orleans, and is due to be on permanent display in the museum in Baton Rouge, sometime in late 2002. Its origin is not known to this day, however, it predated the Pioneer I, the American Diver

(Pioneer II), and the Hunley. It appears all four subs were designed in Louisiana, but the American Diver and Hunley were built in Mobile. The book tells the true story of the development and lineage of the Hunley. However, now that the Hunley is being conserved (with a guesstimation of about 10 more years), many of the technical aspects are being found to be inaccurate, in the light of the daily discoveries during conservation. I recently viewed the Hunley movie prop ship, touring in South Carolina (see the Hunley website for details), that was built for the Turner movie "The Hunley". The rudder mechanism, and prop drive train has been found to be different, and all of the exterior rivets were ground smooth (as spec'd for the Pioneer I, which is covered in the book). The crews have been referred to as the Astronauts of the 1860's. The Hunley, and its predecessors, are an incredible story in technology, and humanity. This book does tribute to its time in the history of this country.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Perhaps the best reference on the Confederate submarine Hunley

By Michael Crisafulli This is a new, updated version of "The Hunley: Submarines, Sacrifice, Success in the Civil War", now simply renamed. Like the original, this slightly smaller format trade paperback edition is illustrated with period drawings, photos, and copies of documents. The richly informed and annotated text of the first five chapters is nearly identical to the early edition, but laid out for easier reading and reference. The expanded sixth and last chapter includes a detailed account of the recovery and excavation of the vessel, which happened since the original publication, and in which Ragan participated. As in the original, Ragan's personal accounts of his research and related activity enhances the overall reading experience. The new work adds an index and includes expanded endnotes, increasing its value as reference tool.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book, amazing story!

By John Trussell Very good book, highly recommend for anyone interested in civil war. If you get to Charleston, go by the Hunley Museum and see this amazing vessel!

After more than a decade of research at the National Archives and other repositories in the South and Mid Atlantic, Mark Ragan has put together an exhaustive work on the CSS H. L. Hunley. The narrative begins in the small machine shop in Mobile, Alabama, where the Hunley was conceived. The last chapter includes a detailed account of the recovery and excavation of the vessel. Ragan's personal accounts of his research and related activity enhance the overall reading experience. It ends with the vessel's recovery from her century-old gravesite on the ocean floor and the return to land of her final crew. This volume contains photographs and documents gathered from private and public archives around the United States and brings the reader up to date on the history of the vessel, as it has evolved since the publication of Mark Ragan's first book in 1995, *The Hunley: Submarines, Sacrifice, Success in the Civil War*. The new work adds an index and includes expanded endnotes, increasing its value as reference tool.

About the Author Mark K. Ragan served as Hunley project historian during the recovery and excavation of this history-making Civil War submarine. He dove with the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology during the 1999 investigation of the Hunley's victim the USS Housatonic, and worked as a diver on the night shift when the submarine was being retrieved from its watery bed. He occasionally assisted the archaeologists assigned the task of excavating the interior of the little torpedo boat. He holds a degree in archeology/anthropology and has published three previous volumes on the Civil War submarines. Mark Ragan lives with his wife in Maryland, where he owns Chesapeake Submarine Service, Inc