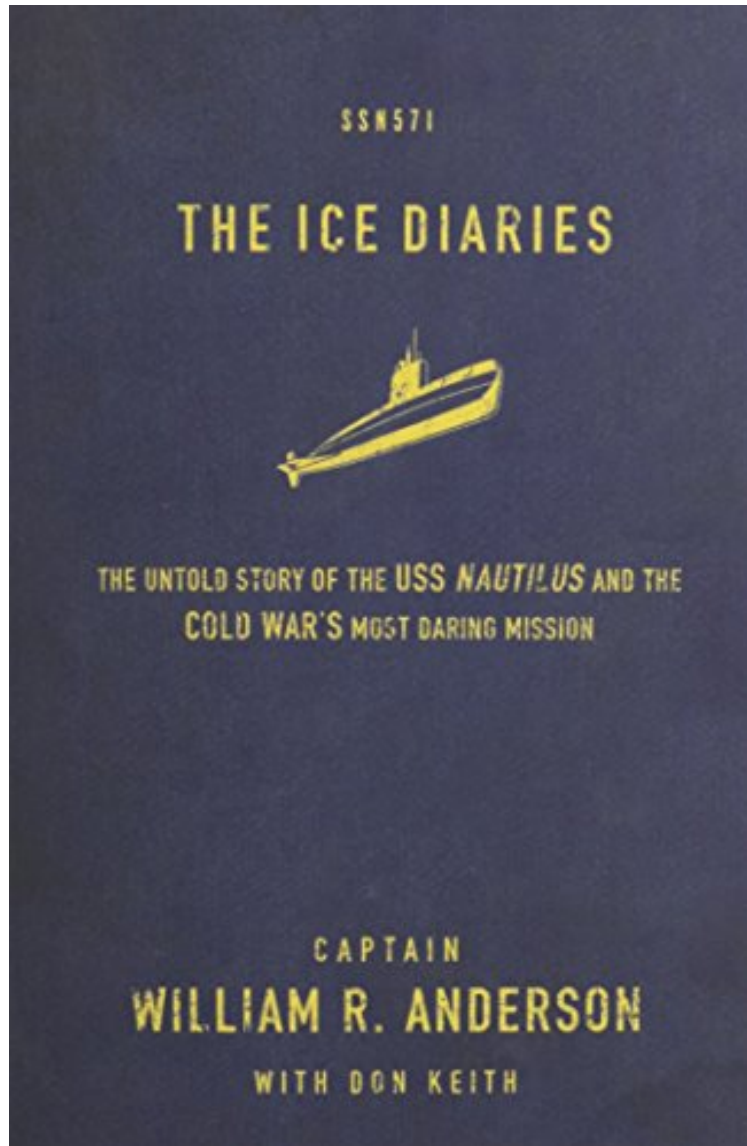


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Captain William R. Anderson : The Ice Diaries: The True Story of One of Mankind's Greatest Adventures before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Ice Diaries: The True Story of One of Mankind's Greatest Adventures:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A highly recommended read for history buffs and all patriotic

mindful Americans. By 1950, a complete and factual accounting of a remarkable submarine voyage under the north polar ice cap during the 1950s by the crew of the first nuclear sub, the USS Nautilus. The mission was highly classified, authorized personally by then President Eisenhower. Most of the ranking naval personnel were excluded from such knowledge by 'Ike' largely because of the international situation of the day. This book is all the more meaningful to me as Captain Anderson was an alumnus of the high school that I attended (Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, TN) plus the fact that I had the honor of meeting him when he was inducted into the Hall of Honor of our alumni association in 1996. He was the first such person to be so honored in the 75 year history of the school. What stands out most memorably to me was his humble attitude about that massive achievement the day he spoke to those of us present, when receiving the accolades of his fellow alumni. He gave full credit to his crew, from the most senior of his officers to the lowest rating for their combined skill and courage in making such a voyage possible. After retiring from active service in the Navy, Captain Anderson went on to serve his Native state of Tennessee as a congressman for a number of terms. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. After the Nautilus was decommissioned and established as a museum, most of the classified matters concerning this revolutionary ship were revealed, making publication of this book possible. A highly recommended read for history buffs and all patriotic minded Americans. The ship's crew was awarded a 'Presidential Unit Citation'. Captain Anderson also told the history of the development of this remarkable vessel as it was overseen by Adm. Hyman Rickover, to whom he gives full credit for heading up the development of not only the power plant but the revolutionary hull design and special equipment required to make the Nautilus so effective in its defense role over a long period of time. Joe Clark. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very informative-a good read. By Kindle Customer Well written story of the first nuclear submarine and the attempt to travel from ocean to ocean underneath the Arctic ice. Despite knowing the outcome, there is an element of suspense as the crew faces unknown dangers. The story also provides insight in the politics of the time (Cold War) and the structure and intricacies of Navy operations and administration. Glad I took a chance and read this entertaining and informative book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Remarkable History of an Amazing Event. By Dr. Z. The beautifully written story of the saga of the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus is truly an adventure of "being there". Having visited the Nautilus in Groton many times, it was a thrill to see it at its berth and under way in the book. The narrative by Captain Anderson and Mr. Keith is absolutely first rate and the admission of mistakes, so unusual from one connected with the military, is to be commended. Highly recommended.

The greatest undersea adventure of the 20th century. The Ice Diaries tells the incredible true story of Captain William R. Anderson and his crew's harrowing top-secret mission aboard the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine. Bristling with newly classified, never-before-published information and photos from the captain's personal collection, The Ice Diaries takes readers on a dangerous journey beneath the vast, unexplored Arctic ice cap during the height of the Cold War. "Captain Anderson and the crew of the USS Nautilus exemplified daring and boldness in taking their boat beneath the Arctic ice to the North Pole. This expertly told story captures the drama, danger, and importance of that monumental achievement." ?Capt. Stanley D. M. Carpenter, Professor of Strategy and Policy, United States Naval War College "Few maritime exploits in history have so startled the world as the silent, secret transpolar voyage of the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine Nautilus, and none since the age of Columbus and Vasco da Gama has opened, in one bold stroke, so vast and forbidding an area of the seas." ?Paul O'Neil, Life magazine

About the Author William Anderson graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1942 and served in the United States Navy from 1957 to 1962. He participated in 11 submarine combat patrols in the Pacific and was awarded the Bronze Star and other combat awards. Anderson was the commanding officer of the Nautilus, the first atomic submarine, from 1957 to 1959 and made the first transpolar voyage under ice. He also served as assistant to Vice Admiral H. G. Rickover; was a consultant to President Kennedy for the National Service Corps, 1963; and was elected to Congress. Before his death in 2007, he was a resident of Alexandria, Virginia.