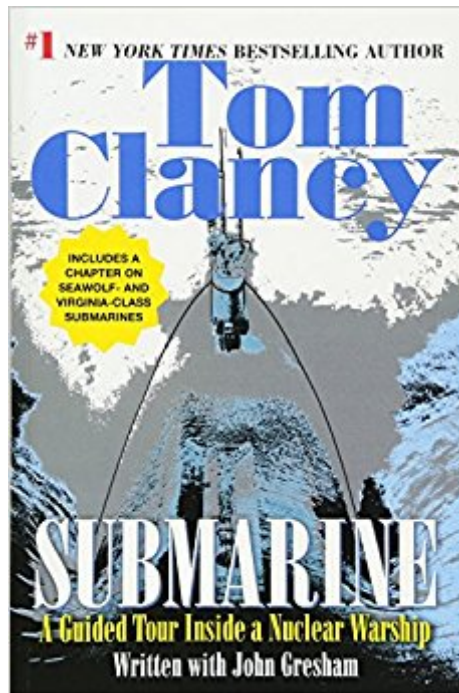




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Best-selling author Clancy's first nonfiction book is a thorough, highly detailed examination of the technology employed by U.S. nuclear attack submarines. After months of lobbying, Clancy was granted security clearance by the navy to board and photograph the nuclear powered USS Miami. Every inch of this state-of-the-art vessel is covered, from the hull, control room, and engine room nuclear reactors to the communications/electronic warfare space and torpedo bays. Clancy shows readers how all the components are made and how they work. Also included is the fascinating history and evolution of submarines and an inside look at life on board, from captain to crew. Much of the information here has only recently been declassified, and Clancy's insightful views on the future of this type of warship in the post-Cold War era are interesting as well. Recommended.- Eric C. Shoaf, Brown Univ. Lib., Providence, R.I. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Very interesting, and having gone on a 5 hour ballistic sub ("boomer") ride, it filled in lots of the blanks. However, because technology has changed so much since the book was written, it's a bit out of date. Clancy did, obviously, get lots of first-hand knowledge about the subs and the submariners, and conveys the information well and in an interesting way. The photos from Clancy's collection, and others from John Gresham, are interesting but also dated in terms of both sub tech and photo quality. Was a little surprised that info on the US sub fleet ended mid-book and Clancy then picked up on the Brit fleet. Interesting comparisons and contrasts between the two countries, however.

This book is as accurate as it can possibly be. Mr. Clancy takes us thru the birth of a submarine from its inception to its final build then to when she becomes home to its crew. Mr. Clancy does an excellent job of giving us a glimpse of what it is like to serve on board one of these extraordinary craft and the training and dedication that it takes to crew one of them. If you are fascinated by military craft then this book is for you. Mr. Clancy hasn't let us down yet even with his non-fiction books. RIP sir you are truly missed.

Even with the addition of the Sea Wolf and Virginia class submarines, to some this book will be somewhat dated. However, I think it is still a valuable part of technical history and really helps you understand the hide and seek prospective of submarine warfare". Clancy makes even the mundane seem interesting... heck, I even found the description of the ship's galley to be facinationg. My only

disappointment is that Tom Clancey doesn't write more non-fiction.

Even though this is not one of his fictional yarns, Clancy has clearly done his homework. Over the decades he has made many friends in high places in the U.S. military who share their long experience and knowledge with him... to the great benefit of his readers. I grew up in Norfolk, Virginia, and have been on many subs through the years. This book was right on and a pleasure to read. Needs to be updated now, though, with the advances in the nuclear subs.

I don't know how it stands up as military history, but it was the first of Clancy's nonfiction books that I read. It has sentimental value for me, so it had to find a home on my bookshelf.

Quite instructive

Interesting but too complicated even for a 1951 submarine qualified sailor. Photos good but drawings poor-too small. Drawings and photos should be full page size.

Surprisingly detailed description of life on a Los Angeles class submarine. It is interesting that this much information could be published about such a secret weapon in the Navy.

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