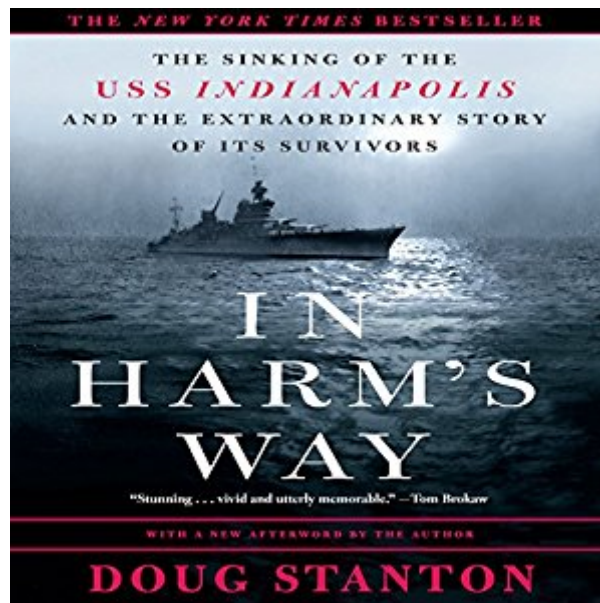




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# **In Harm's Way: The Sinking Of The U.S.S. Indianapolis And The Extraordinary Story Of Its Survivors**



## Synopsis

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History/Biography A harrowing, adrenaline-charged account of America's worst naval disaster - and of the heroism of the men who, against all odds, survived. On July 30, 1945, the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed in the South Pacific by a Japanese submarine. An estimated 300 men were killed upon impact; close to 900 sailors were cast into the Pacific Ocean, where they remained undetected by the navy for nearly four days and nights. Battered by a savage sea, they struggled to stay alive, fighting off sharks, hypothermia, and dementia. By the time rescue arrived, all but 317 men had died. The captain's subsequent court-martial left many questions unanswered: How did the navy fail to realize the Indianapolis was missing? Why was the cruiser traveling unescorted in enemy waters? And, perhaps most amazing of all, how did these 317 men manage to survive? Interweaving the stories of three survivors - the captain, the ship's doctor, and a young marine - journalist Doug Stanton has brought this astonishing human drama to life in a narrative that is at once immediate and timeless. The definitive account of a little-known chapter in World War II history, *In Harm's Way* is destined to become a classic tale of war, survival, and extraordinary courage.

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## Customer Reviews

While I had heard the story of the USS Indianapolis I never really knew of the bravery and determination of these true heroes. To have faced the sheer terror that these men endured is beyond comprehension of the majority of people. These men are truly owed a Nation's thanks and

undying gratitude as they were truly remarkable and an example of what people should strive to be. Sadly most are gone from us physically but never from our hearts and mind. Thank you gentlemen for your outstanding service and to their relatives these men are still an inspiration to us all. Beyond excellent book.

To say this is a powerful book is an understatement. I was amazed at the courage of those in water and of the careless mistakes of those on land. There were so many small but significant mistakes made. Why weren't more of the careless men who contributed to this tragedy held responsible. Of course the answer is "the navy brass just wanted to cover their ass". So much of that still goes on today and I guess will always go on.

Incredible testimonials...moving, chilling, sad, proud of the internal strength the survivors found.. appreciated the medical description of how salt water affects the body if drunk. Thank you for honoring these men and their fellow boat mates. I highly recommend this historical testimonial.

A gripping and timeless story of WWII that should never be forgotten. From start to finish the story is not only captivating but one you will remember the rest of your life. Very well written, a book for the ages. An intense story of unimaginable pain and suffering but also of heroism. The crew of this ship helped the United States avoid a bloody and long battle of invading Mainland Japan.

If you are an avid reader you have probably heard reviews that included " I couldn't put it down" but this story gives that phrase real meaning. I had no intention of spending most of the day reading *Harm's Way* but I did. It reads like a novel but the sad truth is that this tragedy actually happened and unless you remember the old fisherman recalling his experience on the USA Indianapolis in *Jaws* you may never have heard of this tragedy near the end of WE II. I highly recommend *In Harm's Way*. John Lawlar

I heard about this tragic event from relatives of a survivor and was intrigued. This book tells the events and with the background to how this happened. There are photos and quotes from those who lived to tell. I was shocked by some of the results and found myself in tears many times throughout the book. Truly a tragedy and the recent movie doesn't come close to telling this historical event. Read this book! Worth every tear.

my never-ending quest for shark-centric history led me, nearly 40 years after seeing jaws for the first time, to doug stanton's gripping account of the uss indianapolis, in harm's way. stanton very efficiently sets the stage, providing enough ww2 and military backstory to give the reader context (unlike my dad and brother, i am neither a military or war historian), as he leads us to the horrifying events of the indy's sinking. the story of the survivors is harrowing to say the least, and the sheer number of sharks that were a constant presence in their lives, is just staggering. as awful as the actual events were, what is possibly worse is the way the government and military sought to cover it up, and then, when that was no longer possible, find a scapegoat in the indy's captain. so many errors were made by everyone who wasn't actually on the indianapolis, so to single out and court martial captain mcvey, who by all measures, seemed to do everything in his power to save the lives that he could, was reprehensible. it seems that captain mcvey has--many years after his suicide--been cleared, but this incredible story further reinforces how the military--and by extension, the us government--closes ranks. a well-written and respectfully portrayed account of one of the united states greatest naval disasters, the duplicitous nature of the government and military, and the resilient men who were put in harm's way.

I doubt very much if many people have heard this horrendous story as it wasn't even news until the war ended. There were people in the streets celebrating the end of the war which was the big news at the time. Doug Stanton certainly did the research and told wrote it in great detail.

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