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Editorial Review

Review

"A gripping account . . . I highly recommend Out of the Depths for all Americans." ---Tennessee Christian Reader

From the Inside Flap

To keep us all together through the massive crests of waves, our dwindling little group formed a circle and fastened our life jackets to one another. Those who didn't have a jacket hung on to someone who did.

As our bodies baked in the open sea, we began to realize that the sun was transitioning from friend to foe. It soon blistered our previously chilled and now exposed flesh. We tore our clothing to make protective hoods, but the ultraviolet rays reflecting off the water still managed to find our skin. The bright glare forced us to squint our eyes until our facial muscles became utterly exhausted. Our eyes also burned from the caustic saltwater waves that constantly splashed our faces.

Late on that first day, around dusk, we had company. To our horror, we saw several large black dorsal fins cutting through the water and circling our group. I cannot describe the fear . . .

From the Back Cover

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"There aren't too many times when the word 'hero' is appropriately used. Heroes are people who do extraordinary things in the service of others. Edgar Harrell is a true American hero."--Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, host of national television and radio shows, and bestselling author

"A harrowing account of the sacrifice of sailors and Marines who fought and died for their country, so we could live. It is a story you should not and will not ever forget."

--Jeremiah A. Denton Jr., RAdm, USN (Ret.)

"A gripping tale of men tested beyond anything they thought possible--and how they responded with bravery, endurance, and faith."

--Oliver L. North, Lt. Col., USMC (Ret.)

"I am deeply grateful to Edgar Harrell and the United States Marine Corps. If our nation needs anything at this moment, it is the boost of stories of heroism, courage, and faith. Harrell's unique description of being aboard the torpedoed *Indianapolis* in wartime and his experiences with the treacheries of the deep make an incomparable read. Brimmed full of illustrations of God's graciousness and goodness even amidst incredible suffering, *Out of the Depths* ought to be read by every serious American."--Paige Patterson, President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Ann Mickey:

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