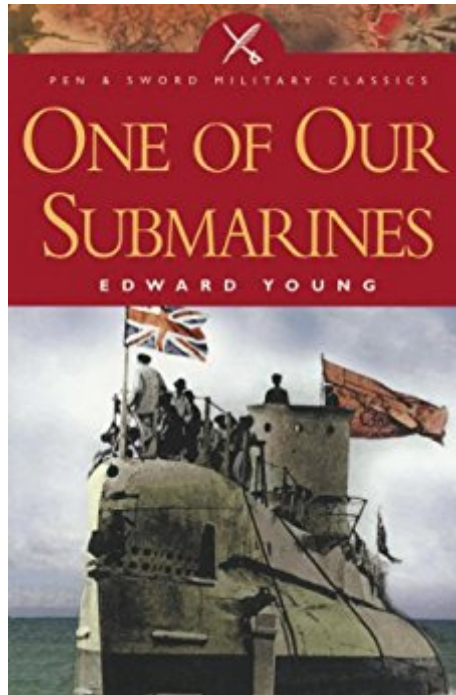




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Written in detail about submarine specific operation and daily happenings of one British commander that reads like you are on the shoulder of him and his various crews daily in their WWII operations. This was written in a style very detailed in day to day technical fact with less objective to thrill but more to inform and put you at the throttle of the controls each day whether filled with battle or daily routine.

my husband loves this book.he found a copy in new zealand. he enjoyed it so much he bought a copy for his brother and a dear friend who enjoys military history. a great read.

Good first person perspective of combat submarine service in Royal Navy in World War 2.
Reminiscent of Stafford's writing. Recommended.

An incredibly exciting true story about submariners in World War 2. I read it twice.

Excellent "stuff" and very realistic. I was very interested in Edward's comments on HMY "Cutty Sark", as my late Grand-dad, Lt.Cdr.(E) Edgar Graham, RNR was one of her Engineer Officers....possibly the Chief. I can't find his WW2 Record of Service, so anyone reading this, with any clues, I'd be pleased to hear from at :- brueros@clear.net.nz....Thanks for getting the book to me at record speed as usual ! Cheers the 'noo, B.G.

An interesting and rare personal description of life in RN submarines both in the Western & Eastern war spheres. Full of personal and battle cruise detail, While the author may not have experienced the big kills that US submariners may have experienced, this was largely due to the much smaller sizes of British submarines. Also gives some insight into Japanese approach to anti-submarine warfare.

WWII threw up a lot of interesting characters, forcing some people to go to war who would never have expected to otherwise. Vasily Grossman in Soviet Russia was probably the most unlikely, but Edward Young, Penguin publisher turned Royal Navy submarine captain, is also a contender for the title. He was the first reservist to end up a submarine captain, and while perhaps not the finest sub captain of WWII, he has given us all a great story in *One of Our Submarines*. He covers the process from junior officer to captain, and includes the loss of HMS Umpire, as one of a handful of survivors of an accident on a training cruise. Interestingly, his story covers the bulk of the war, from the frozen North Sea off Norway to the Med, and then the Japanese War out of Ceylon, and finally Perth. That's just about all the theatres of war you could drive a submarine in. Young is upfront about his mechanical shortcomings, and you can feel his frustration with some initial poor shooting with his torpedoes: he is an ordinary man doing a hard job that needs doing. He also holds up a mirror to Britain's dawning realisation that her Navy - so long her pride - was being outstripped, easily so, by the growing USN both in quantity and quality. This is a superb little memoir of WWII submarining, when you were submerged by day but for a periscope, and surfaced by night in the safety of darkness - its completely different to submarine operations today, when you can stay underwater for months on

end. As a little piece of history, this is an excellent read.

This is a wonderfully written factual account of life in British submarines during the Second World War. The book is written by an ex-sub. commander, with portions taken from his boat's logs. His anecdotes run the gamut from witty and humorous to really quite tragic. A must for anybody who has an interest in naval operations. A must for all those who have read all about the U-Boats and the US Submarine Service.

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