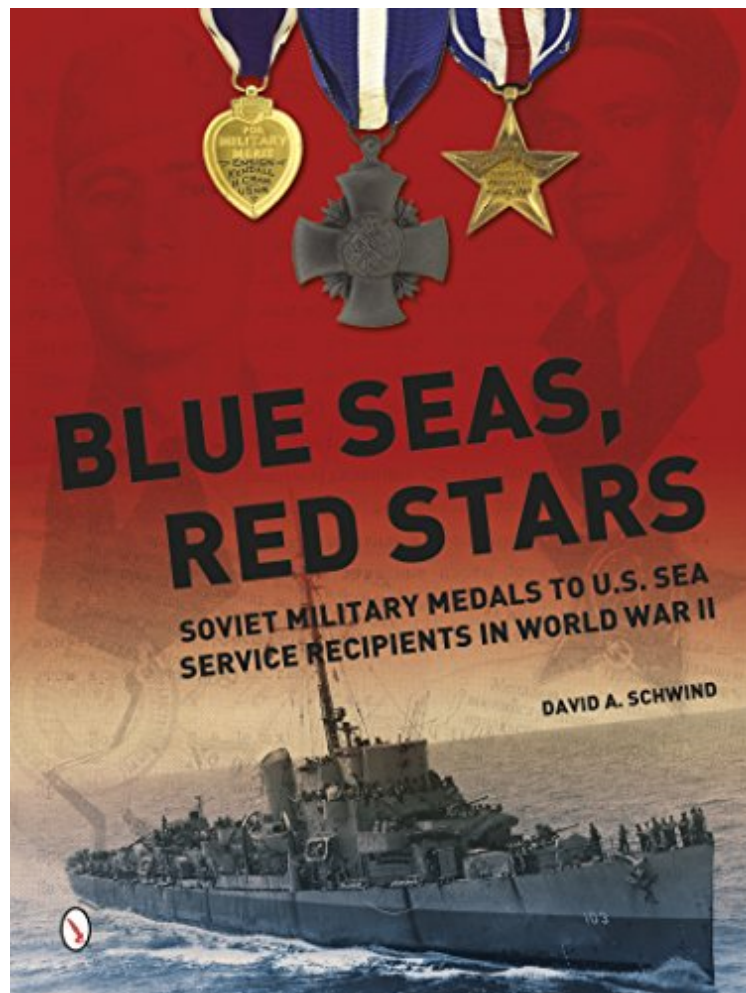


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Beautifully Done !By Swiss TravelerI just received this book and spent most of the morning reading it, fascinated with the information, not just about my father (Howard S. Roberts), but also about the other recipients of Russian awards. I had to write this review to commend Dave Schwind on a masterful publication ... beautifully researched, compiled and written. What he has accomplished is a "gift" to the medal recipients still living and importantly, to the families of those brave men about whom he wrote. I know this was a Herculean task, and his efforts were incredibly successful! I am getting " Blue Seas, Red Stars" for each of my four children so they not only learn more about their grandfather, but can become educated, through Schwind's words and pictures, about this critically important aspect of World War II.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent interesting book!By MarkThis book is well deserving of a 5 STAR REVIEW. Mr. David Schwind's book is a very professionally prepared piece of work. The book is very well organized and relays not commonly known facts about our nations heroic recipient's that are part of the history of our country. This book is an excellent lesson in history. This book explains the actions along with providing pictures of the heroic servicemen who served their country proudly. My dad, Mario James Pagnotta who is included in the book did not talk about his Military Medals or the war. Not many people can say they knew that our World War II Servicemen were honored with Military Decorations from another country. This book provides excellent information about each of the Foreign Medals and the criteria for issue of these medals. This book is great reading material for all.

At the end of the Second World War, the Soviet Union decorated 217 men of the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine who had performed "heroic acts" during convoy and anti-submarine duties in the Atlantic. For the last decade, David Schwind has made it his mission to identify and track down every remaining medal and capture the stories of these brave men. This book is the culmination of that quest. Based on extensive archival research and in-person interviews with over 100 recipients or their families, Schwind takes the reader on a photographic and biographical odyssey exploring the lives of each recipient, illuminated by over 600 never before published photographs of exceptionally rare Soviet and American medals, photographs, and related documents still in the possession of the veterans and their families today.

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