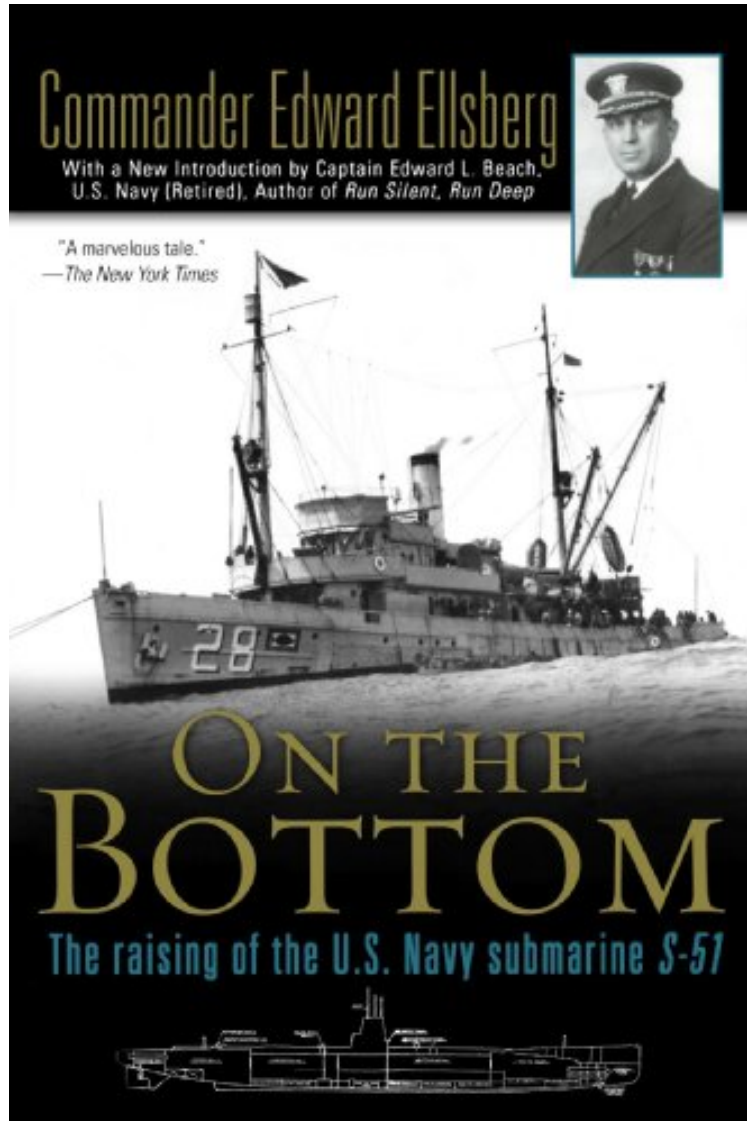


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in this book. One video is from the 1950's and one is from some time in the 2000's or 2010's. The author of *On The Bottom* assumes the reader knows all about the dive suits and how they work and all about submarines. But there is no information as to why the captain of the freighter that hit the sub made a sharp right turn. The author mentions the cause of the collision, but nothing to explain the captain's actions. Also, the book just stops when the sub is brought to dry dock. No further discussion of the recovery of the 18 bodies inside. And keep in mind, the book was published in 1946.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. On the Bottom By Red Ryder I hesitated between a four and five. I went with the four because although it is a good slice of naval history and an interesting read there is a lot of naval terminology which keeps this reader looking in the glossary, and often times not finding term wanted. However, that being said it is a good read, a good slice of U.S. Navy history and captures the flavor of the times. And perhaps most importantly Ellsberg re-creates the dedication, even the heroics of the seamen involved both officer and enlisted. And typical of that time period no one is afraid to work beyond all expectations. That said I think I'll change the four to a five.<sup>1</sup> of 1 people found the following review helpful. Uncommon valor and dedication to duty under the sea. By C Elston An excellent, first hand account of the salvage of SS 51. Although I wound up looking up many technical or naval terms that I was unfamiliar with, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Admiral Ellsberg's descriptive narrative had me right there on bottom with each harrowing dive. He described ingenuity that is not uncommon in Naval service, which allowed on site salvage to continue when it may well have been delayed days or weeks until proper parts were developed or supplied. This could be made into a great motion picture, showing uncommon valor and devotion to duty. They're all hero's in my book

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