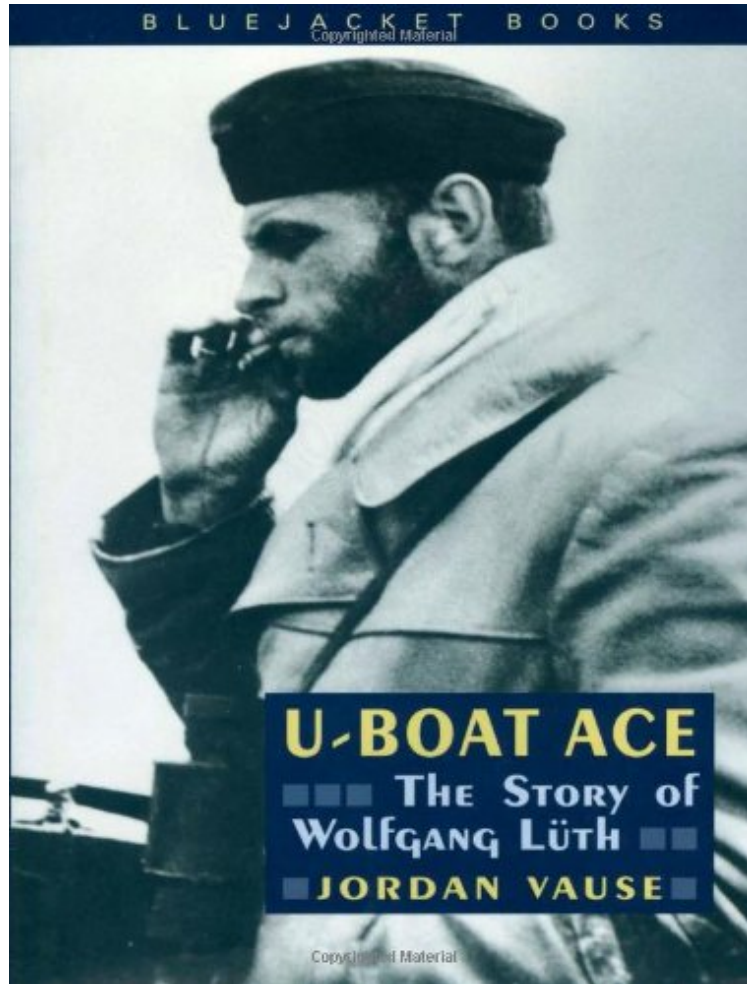


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for submarine cruise duration), taking him half way round the world to the middle of the Indian Ocean. That his crew not only didn't mutiny, or at least hate Luth after being couped up together for so long is a wonder; that after reaching port, and decades later, they all universally loved Luth and their time spent together. This book is a must-read for both lovers of U-boat lore and serious students of management-under-extremes. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What a guy! By Geraldtonjeeper Growing up in Australia not long after WWII, I heard and read a lot of stories from the Allied perspective. I thought it was time to redress my ignorance of those who fought on the Axis side. This little book follows the career of one of the German Navy's Submarine Aces and what a story it is! It tells of Luth's exploits in a number of submarines as he advances in seniority and rank during his patrols from the N. Atlantic to the western Indian Ocean. His lack of compassion for the sailors on the vessels he sank astounded me and is at complete odds to the way he managed the men in his crews! Life on board a fighting ship is described in detail and seems quite authentic, with the crowding and resultant problems with space and hygiene. The ending is in fact quite sad and surprising after all he survived! Great read!

An exceptional figure in the history of the German Navy, Wolfgang Luth was one of only seven men in the Wehrmacht to win Germany's highest combat decoration, the Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves, Swords, and Diamonds. At one time or another he operated in almost every theater of the undersea war, from Norway to the Indian Ocean, and became the second most successful German U-boat ace in World War II, sinking more than 220,000 tons of merchant shipping. A master in the art of military leadership, Luth was the youngest man to be appointed to the rank of captain and the youngest to become commandant of the German Naval Academy. Nevertheless, his accomplishments were overshadowed by those of other great aces, such as Prien, Kretschmer, and Topp. The publication of this book in hardcover in 1990 marked the first comprehensive study of Luth's life. Jordan Vause corrects the long neglect by providing an entertaining and authoritative biography that places the ace in the context of the war at sea. This new paperback edition includes corrections and additional information collected by the author over the past decade.

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