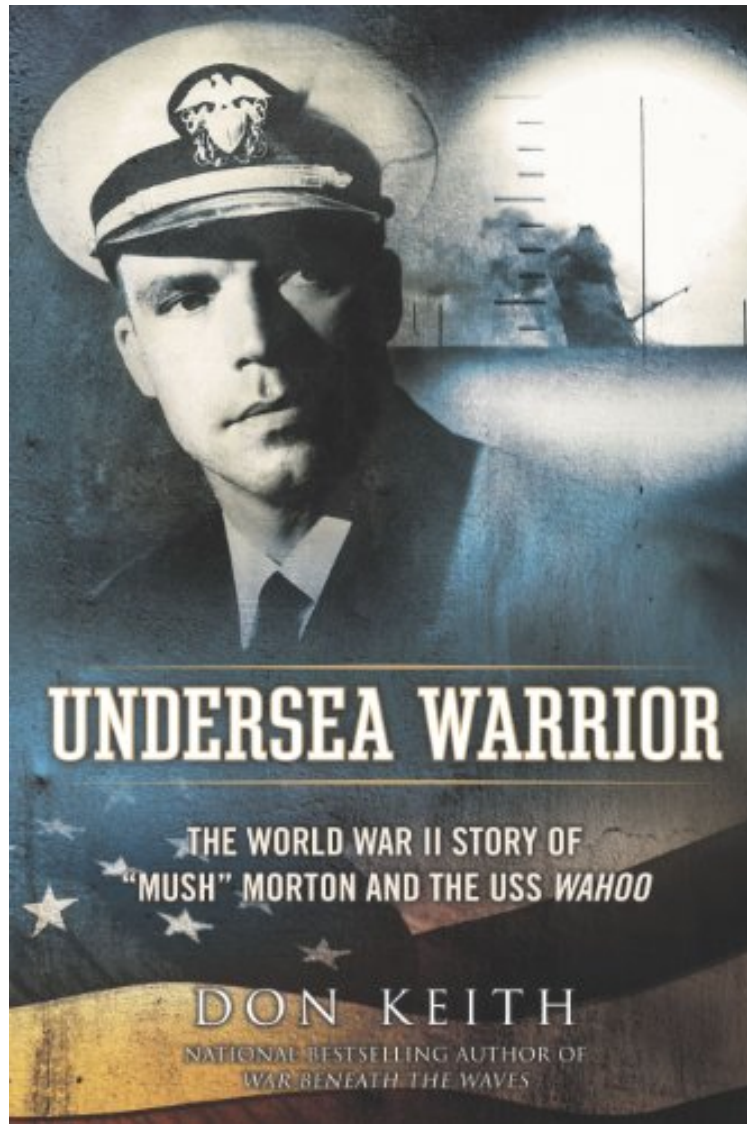


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Mush the Magnificent! By Jamesgb2 Much has been written and a great deal more said about Mush the Magnificent, the man who led the Submarine Service out of the dark ages into the

modern way to fight a submarine in World War II. Jealousy and enmity of the old guard submariners for having had their erroneous ideas of submarine warfare reversed, brought unfair criticism and precluded the Medal of Honor he so richly deserved. The German U-Boats were doing exactly what Dudley Walker (Mush) Morton did in the Pacific, with much better torpedoes. Admiral Ralph Christie and other old guard officers vouched the value of torpedoes which by Admiral Charles Lockwood were shown to be totally defective and useless. Mush's tactics were the modern ideology of attack, attack and stay with them until they are on the bottom! Here finally is a book dealing with the man behind the ideas and the strength that drove him and USS Wahoo to the heights of success, and her loss on the way home from a successful 7th War Patrol. This book is a must read for anyone interested in World War II and submarines--he is one of our greatest unsung heroes from the Silent Service. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful.

UNDERSEA WARRIOR By Sheldon D. Levy If you are interested in a history of the USS WAHOO, skippered by CDR Dudley W. Morton, commonly known as MUSH by his crew and fellow submariners, I heartily recommend this book. It is an easy read along the lines of **WAKE OF THE WAHOO** by Forest Sterling, her Yeoman who made all the War Patrols except the first and was transferred off the boat at Midway and was the last man to see her before she was sunk. There are two minor errors in the book but they do not detract from the overall story it portrays. One is the author referring to the 4th War Patrol as being in the SOUTH CHINA SEA when in fact it was the EAST CHINA SEA. I cannot recall off the top of my head the other, but if I recall it, I will post a followup. One thing I would have liked to have seen were more photos. I think the other "error" is a picture labeled USS WAHOO IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY WHILE CONDUCTING INITIAL SEA TRIALS...1942 I am pretty sure that is a post re-fit picture taken in 1943 before departing back to Pearl Harbor for her final two runs. Needless to say, neither of these two errors will cause heartburn. I also recommend for your reading WAHOO by Richard H. O'Kane, who was her Executive Officer until he was detached while WAHOO was undergoing refit to take command of his own boat USS TANG. Adm. O'Kane is also the author of **CLEAR THE BRIDGE** which tells the story of his boat from construction through her glory days and ultimately her sinking on the night of 24/25 October 1944. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **Shoot the Sonza Bitches!** By Capt. Habu Dudley "Mush" Morton was one of the best, and most controversial, WWII sub drivers of the war. Until he took over as captain of the Wahoo, the boat had a lackluster war patrol history. Under Mush's command, the Wahoo's effectiveness as a weapons platform rose like a rocket! There have been a few attempts to chronicle Morton's (and the Wahoo's) exploits over the years. In "Undersea Warrior" Don Keith has done a masterful job. I personally know Keith and have read several of his other works. He is a master story teller, and that is the way the facts in this book are presented. No boring footnotes to get in the way of the story/facts. His research and his associated writing style take a fresh look at one of the most effective sub captains of WWII. Prior to Morton's innovative tactics, American submarine warfare was primarily directed toward working with the Fleet and intelligence gathering. Mush changed all that. He went for the enemy's throat and ripped it out, developing new, highly effective war fighting tactics that better utilized the stealth and surprise offered by the WWII fleet boat to very effectively engage and defeat the enemy. Thanks to Morton and the Wahoo, America was "back in the war". Morton should have gotten the Medal of Honor for his war patrol record. However, one event, the machine gunning of Japanese soldiers after sinking their transport ship, seems to have overshadowed his stellar career. In reality, (and these facts are backed up by eye witness accounts of that particular action by his XO, Dick O'Kane, and other crew members) Morton ordered his crew to shoot at the boats holding the soldiers who initially started shooting at the Wahoo after she'd surfaced near the sinking transport. Apparently the Department of the Navy failed to grasp the meaning of "unrestricted warfare against Imperial Japan", which it had authorized after the debacle at Pearl Harbor. The Wahoo and her crew were lost to enemy action on her seventh war patrol in October of 1943, off the coast of Hokkaido, Japan. Her final resting place was located in 2005 by Russian divers and was confirmed as the wreck of the Wahoo by the U.S. Department of the Navy in 2006. She lies in 213 feet of icy cold water, forever entombing the remains of her gallant captain and crew. In talking with Mush Morton's grandson, who was present for the official remembrance ceremony in October of 2007 at the USS Bowfin Museum and Submarine Park in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, I was told that the ceremony was a fitting end to a long search for his grandfather and the crew of the Wahoo. Get this book. Read it and get a feel for what it was like to suffer through "dud" torpedoes, cramped quarters, stale air, shattering depth charge attacks and countless hours sitting below the surface waiting for a chance to strike the enemy a blow in retaliation for the attack on Pearl Harbor. This book gets inside Morton's head for a serious look at an innovative Naval officer that initiated changes in submarine war fighting doctrine that ultimately change the course of the war. As you read this book here are a couple of things to remember: The average age of a WWII fleet boat crew was 20 years old! One in five (20%) of the young men who went to war in subs never returned. They are on "Eternal Patrol". The US submarine service (the "Silent Service") comprised approximately 2% of the naval forces of WWII. This 2% sunk 55% of the total tonnage of Japanese ships (merchant and war craft) during the war! Not a bad set of numbers.

No man above or below the waves was as admired--or feared--as this determined naval commander... Among submariners in World War II, Dudley "Mush" Morton stood out as a warrior without peer. At the helm of the USS Wahoo he completely changed the way the sea war was fought in the Pacific. He would relentlessly attack the

Japanese at every opportunity, going through his supply of torpedoes in record time on every patrol. In only nine months, he racked up an astounding list of achievements, including being the first American skipper to wipe out an entire enemy convoy single-handedly. Here, for the first time, is the life and legend of a heroic, dynamic, and ultimately divisive submarine commander who fought the war on his own terms, and refused to do so any other way.

Praise for Don Keith's works of Military History "Riveting...[Keith] writes in an engaging you-are-there style calculated to bring the reader to the edge of his seat."—Mobile Press-Register "Keith will inform and please both the rank newcomer to the subject and the well-read expert."—Booklist "Breathes life into the heroic submarine's Pacific saga...gripping."—John Wukovits, Author of *American Commando* and *Eisenhower* About the Author Don Keith is the award-winning author of *War Beneath the Waves*, *The Ship That Wouldn't Die*, *Undersea Warrior*, *In the Course of Duty*, *The Ice Diaries*, and other nonfiction works on American naval heroism. He is also the coauthor, with George Wallace, of the submarine thrillers *Final Bearing* and *Firing Point*.