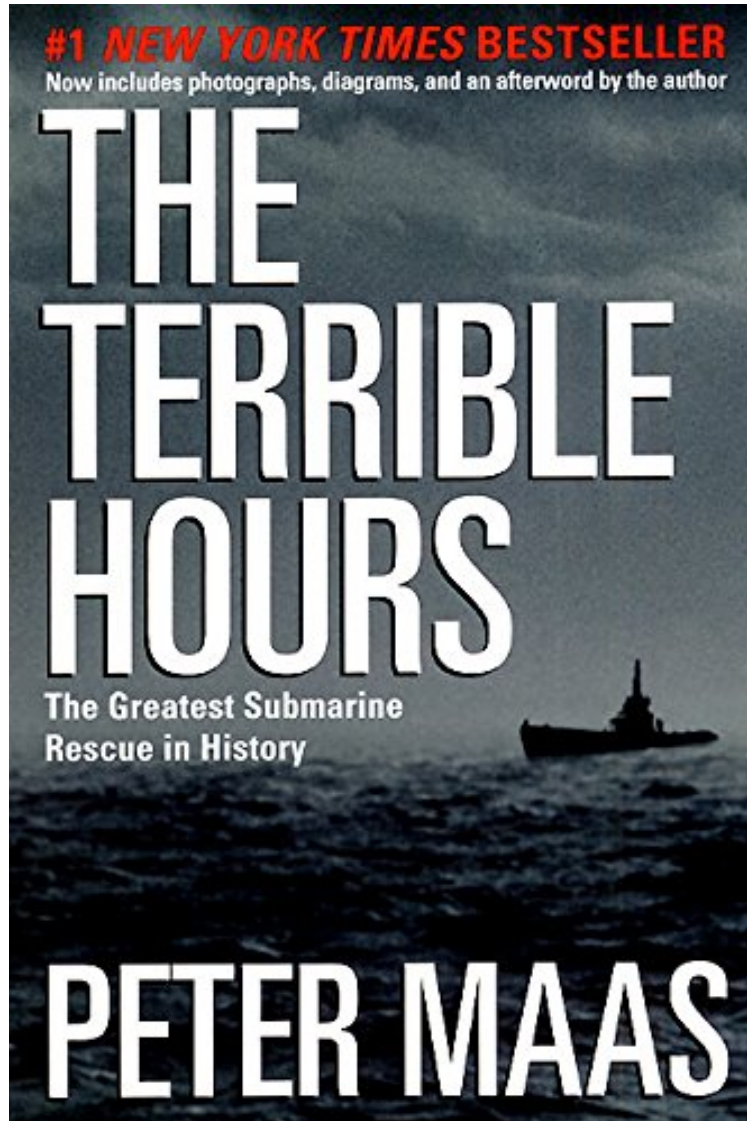


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Peter Maas : The Terrible Hours: The Greatest Submarine Rescue in History before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Terrible Hours: The Greatest Submarine Rescue in History:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Awesome effort.By Bob HoskinsPretty gripping stuff from Mr. Maas.A straightforward account of the first successful operation to save the lives of submariners stuck in a sunken submarine of the east coast of the USA. Mr. Maas relays to us in a chronological order the subs ill fated dive all the

way through the successful extraction of 33 men and onto the salvage operation that got the sub back into dry dock. Fantastic effort on the part of the rescuers. Interspersed with the operation is the story of "Swede" Momsen who, almost single handedly, had designed, tested and fought for a submersible bell to be used specifically for submariner rescue. I was amazed at "Swede's" almost obsession with submarine rescue and his devotion to it. He also painstakingly researched the various gasses humans could breath at various depths. Also he tested all his theories on himself as well as willing volunteers. Such leadership from an amazing man. This is an enjoyable book given the dark nature of the story. I was captivated by Maas' writing and held for the duration. I've also read his other works: *Serpico* and *Underboss* and his writing is consistent. Summary: Well worth your time. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. **WHAT AN INCREDIBLE BOOK!** By Bev Thompson **OMG, we couldn't put it down! What an INCREDIBLE story! And it's all true. Who needs fiction, with books like this, when real life is even more awesome than something an author dreams up?! Without giving it away, the whole story keeps you on the edge of your seat, and you literally cannot put the book down. "I have 5 more minutes before I have to leave for my appointment, I can get 5 minutes of reading in!" Seriously. While I've always been fascinated by submarines, after reading this book, I can honestly say I am now grateful that I never became a submariner. It's frightening, shocking, amazing, suspenseful -- what more could you want in a book? We enjoyed it so much that we ordered "Blow All Ballast!" (which is also about the *Squalus*, written right after it happened). Although out of print and very expensive, it's well worth it to us; we can't get enough. This story is fantastic. You want suspense? Here it is -- and it's all TRUE!** 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of the great stories in naval history By Greeny I've long been a fan of the late Peter Maas. I liked *Serpico* and *Underboss*, and now this riveting military history about the *Squalus* submarine. This is a satisfying story as well, not just because of the successful rescue operation but because the good guy ("Swede") prevailed. Swede's leadership as portrayed by Maas was stunning. I think almost anybody would appreciate this book.

On the eve of World War II, the *Squalus*, America's newest submarine, plunged into the North Atlantic. Miraculously, thirty-three crew members still survived. While their loved ones waited in unbearable tension on shore, their ultimate fate would depend upon one man, U.S. Navy officer Charles "Swede" Momsen -- an extraordinary combination of visionary, scientist, and man of action. In this thrilling true narrative, prize-winning author Peter Maas brings us in the vivid detail a moment-by-moment account of the disaster and the man at its center. Could he actually pluck those men from a watery grave? Or had all his pioneering work been in vain?

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About the Author Peter Maas's is the author of the number one New York Times bestseller *Underboss*. His other notable bestsellers include *The Valachi Papers*, *Serpico*, *Manhunt*, and *In a Child's Name*. He lives in New York City.
From The Washington Post "Thrilling...breathlessly written."