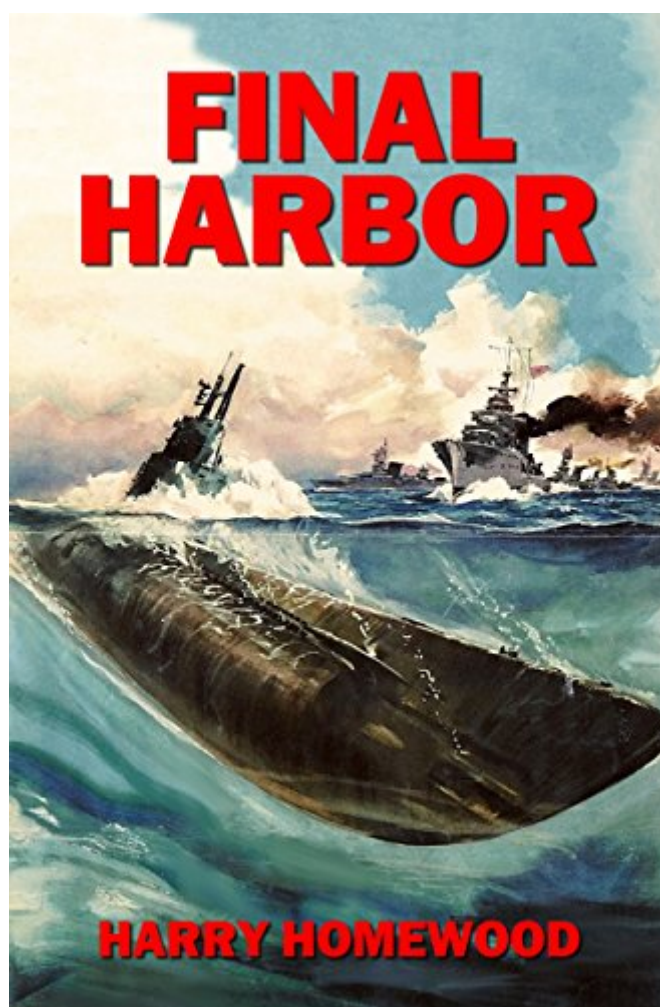


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# Final Harbor (The Silent War Book 1)



## Synopsis

A DEADLY GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK She was a monster, sleek and gleaming, designed to strike without warning like the dreaded shark. She was the USS Mako, as fearless and bold as any submarine that ever prowled the blue Pacific. Her mission: seek out and destroy the hitherto invincible ships of the Japanese Imperial Navy and revenge the earlier defeats of a long and dirty war. Here is the story of the men who pitted their lives against impossible odds in the most dangerous branch of the American armed services. It is a story of men pushed to the breaking point and beyond in the most nerve-wracking, heart-stirring warfare of all. A story of glory, grit and guts, and of the astonishing resources that human beings call forth when put to the ultimate test. Author Harry Homewood was a qualified submariner before he was seventeen years old, having lied to the Navy about his age, and serving in a little "S"-boat in the old Asiatic Fleet. After Pearl Harbor he reenlisted and made eleven war patrols in the Southwest Pacific. He later became Chicago Bureau Chief for Newsweek, chief editorial writer for the Chicago Sun-Times, and for eleven years had his own weekly news program syndicated to thirty-two PBS television stations.

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Harry Homewood has written the best fiction I have ever read concerning WWII submarine warfare. I felt as if I was on the U.S.S. Mako with the rest of the crew experiencing the battles and everyday strife along with them. When I visited the U.S.S. Bowfin museum and the submariner's memorial in Pearl Harbor, I immediately returned to this book and the others in the series in my mind. People tend to remember the sailors on the carriers and the battleships but forget the tense and dangerous work done beneath the ocean's surface.

This is one of the best WWII books that I have read! The author developed his story plot and characters in a solid and believable fashion with a sense of the time and the Navy. His character development of the main and sub was real and added to the total story! Being a Navy Brat of a Chief Petty (Pitiful) Officer (CPO) and Air-Dale, I could visualize all of the characters from Seaman to Admirals. The action, the boredom, and social parts added to the story and sense of life during the war!

From an old submarine driver, and ex "bubble-head", this book captures all the essence of the WW2 Fleet boats. We need more like it and him. DIESEL BOATS FOREVER!!

Homewood creates a submarine world for the reader, that is very real and interesting. The Characters are slightly simplistic, however given the war time setting it is quite realistic. A must read for adventure lovers.

I've read many books about battles in WW II, but this is the first one in which the American protagonists die. In a war in which approximately one fifth of all the men who went to war in the boats died in battle, other than the Wahoo, this story really hits home.

"Final Harbor" along with "Silent Sea" were just two old paper backs for a penny each that I thought would be good fillers between the new releases. Once I started reading the first book I got no sleep until both books were finished. For any WWII sub warfare fans and just great human war stories these are about the best I've ever read. Two bad WWII sub movies are out of favor as these would make a great movie right up there with "Run Silent Run Deep".afw

If your interested in the men who fought in US submarines in the Pacific in WW2 then this is the

book for you. A realistic look at the many personalities aboard a fleet submarine during war time. All heroes but some more flawed and insecure than others. Although filled with technical information explaining how things work on an undersea boat, the real story is how they master the machines and work together as a team. Highly recommended.

Homewood writes fantastic, while reading his books you literally become immersed and unable to put them down. After reading Final Harbor I immediately began searching for Silent Sea. Absolutely the best author on this subject I have ever encountered. I still periodically check to see if he has anything new published under this name. Just wish I knew what name he is writing under now. I have all 4 of his titles and will still dig them out and read them again every so often. This is the highest praise I can give an author.

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