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*Battleship Bismarck* Schiffer Pub Limited

Chronicles the entire career of the Bismarck, from its commissioning to its sinking by the Allies.

*The Battleship Bismarck* Academy Chicago Pub

A ground-breaking narrative account of one of World War II's most exciting chase stories, the pursuit of the legendary German battleship Bismarck. Hunt the Bismarck tells the story of Operation Rheinübung, the Atlantic sortie of Nazi Germany's largest battleship, Bismarck, in May 1941 and her subsequent pursuit by the Royal Navy. Bismarck entered naval service in the summer of 1940. She was well-armed, with eight 15in guns as well as a powerful array of lighter weapons, while her armoured protection earned her the reputation of being unsinkable. This claim was put to the test in May 1941 when she sortied into the Atlantic and fought the legendary battle of the Denmark Strait, destroying HMS Hood, the pride of the Royal Navy. Bismarck was now loose in the North Atlantic. However, damage sustained in the battle limited her ability to roam at will, and the Royal Navy deployed the Home Fleet to avenge the sinking of the Hood. The stage was set for the greatest chase story in the history of naval warfare. Drawing on a wealth of first-hand accounts and intertwining extensive research into a fast-paced narrative, this is the most readable and accurate account of Bismarck's epic pursuit ever produced.

*Hunt the Bismarck* Courier Corporation

The author of *Blitzkrieg* covers one of the most dramatic events of the Second World War in an "outstanding book about naval warfare" (World War II History). When the German battleship Bismarck—a masterpiece of engineering, well-armored with a main artillery of eight 15-inch guns—left the port of Gotenhafen for her first operation on the night of May 18, 1941, the British battlecruiser Hood and the new battleship Prince of Wales were ordered to find her quickly, as several large convoys were heading for Britain. On May 24, Bismarck was found off the coast of Greenland, but the ensuing battle was disastrous for the British. The Hood was totally destroyed within minutes, with only three crewmen surviving, and Prince of Wales was badly damaged. The chase resumed until the German behemoth was finally caught, this time by four British capital ships supported by torpedo-bombers from the carrier Ark Royal. The icy North Atlantic roiled from the crash of shellfire and bursting explosions until finally the Bismarck collapsed, sending nearly two thousand German sailors to a watery grave. Tanelander and Zetterling's work rests on stories from survivors and the latest historical discoveries. The book starts with a thorough account of maritime developments from 1871 up to the era of the giant battleship, and ends with a vivid account, hour by hour, of the dramatic and fateful hunt for the mighty Bismarck, Nazi Germany's last hope to pose a powerful surface threat to Allied convoys. "Exciting story-telling . . . recreat[es] the thrill of the hunt." —International Journal of Maritime History "[An] epic sea chase and its vivid, human details." —World War II

**Bismarck** Naval Institute Press

The short history of this great battleship is presented in this volume. Many never before published photographs chart its most infamous history.

**Battleship Bismarck** Turtleback

In this, the first Haynes Manual about a Second World War warship, acclaimed maritime author and historian Angus Konstam gives readers a detailed insight into the design, fighting capability and short-lived career of Nazi Germany's greatest warship. He tells the Bismarck's story, from her origins in the aftermath of the Great War and the Versailles Treaty, including Germany's capital ship building program, her design, building, launch and fitting out, to her sea trials and eventual commissioning into the Kriegsmarine.

**Sunk by the Bismarck** Casemate

"The breakout of the German battleship Bismarck into the North Atlantic in May 1941 is one of the most dramatic naval episodes of World War II. For nine days she became the most sought-after ship in the world, as virtually the entire British Home Fleet tried to track her down and bring her to bay. Soon after the dawn on May 24, 1941, the Bismarck and her consort Prinz Eugen encountered the brand-new battleship Prince of Wales and the battlecruiser Hood in the freezing waters of the Denmark Strait. Within thirty minutes the Hood, the pride of the Royal Navy, was destroyed and the Prince of Wales was heavily damaged -- the Bismarck had broken out into the waters of the North Atlantic. Dozens of warships struggled to intercept her. An airborne attack damaged her rudder, and a second attack slowed her enough for the British fleet to catch up with her. On the night of May 26-27, they surrounded Bismarck and sank her"--Page 4 of cover.

*Bismarck, Dorsetshire and Memories* CreateSpace

Presents the story of the sinking of the German battleship Bismarck and of Ballard's rediscovery and study of the sunken ship.

*The Destruction of the Bismarck* Open Road Media

This book sheds new light on one of the most talked about incidents of the Second World War: the mighty duel between HMS Hood and the Bismarck. The author offers fresh evidence from recent studies of the wreck of the Hood to unravel what happened on that fateful day.

**Pursuit** Haynes Publishing UK

"An excellent account . . . A suspenseful narrative that will keep readers on the edge of their seats." —WWII History Magazine In May 1941, the German battleship Bismarck, accompanied by heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen, broke out into the Atlantic to attack Allied shipping. The Royal Navy's pursuit and subsequent destruction of Bismarck was an epic of naval warfare. In this new account of those dramatic events at the height of the Second World War, Iain Ballantyne draws extensively on the graphic eyewitness testimony of veterans, to construct a thrilling story, mainly from the point of view of the British battleships, cruisers, and destroyers involved. He describes the tense atmosphere as cruisers play a lethal cat and mouse game, shadowing Bismarck in the icy Denmark Strait. We witness the shocking destruction of the British battle cruiser Hood, in which all but three of her

ship's complement were killed—an event that filled pursuing Royal Navy warships, including the battered battleship Prince of Wales, with a thirst for revenge. While Swordfish torpedo-bombers try desperately to cripple the Bismarck, we sail in destroyers on their own daring torpedo attacks, battling mountainous seas. Finally, the author takes us into the final showdown, as battleships Rodney and King George V, supported by cruisers Norfolk and Dorsetshire, destroy the pride of Hitler's fleet. This vivid, superbly researched account portrays this epic saga through the eyes of so-called "ordinary sailors" caught up in extraordinary events—conveying the horror and majesty of war at sea in all its cold brutality and awesome power.

**Hunt the Bismarck** Bloomsbury Publishing

An account of the WWII sea battle by the author of *The Cay*: "The story of the Bismarck is one of exciting high adventure, and [Taylor] captures it nicely." —The New York Times From the award-winning author, this is a compelling history of the sinking of British battlecruiser H.M.S. Hood in the cold waters of the North Atlantic in 1941. It was a great loss to the Royal Navy and resulted in the deaths of more than fourteen hundred sailors. Soon the Allies were in hot pursuit of the Bismarck, the German fleet's biggest and most fearsome ship. The Nazi battleship would meet its end just days after it sank the Hood—and this book tells the riveting story of this deadly confrontation at sea.

**Bismarck** US Naval Institute Press

"A complete operational history of the Bismarck . . . with period photos [and] underwater photography of the wreck, allowing a forensic analysis of the damage." —Seapower This new book offers a forensic analysis of the design, operation, and loss of Germany's greatest battleship, drawing on survivors' accounts and the authors' combined decades of experience in naval architecture and command at sea. Their investigation into every aspect of this battleship is informed by painstaking research, including extensive interviews and correspondence with the ship's designers and the survivors of the battle of the Denmark Strait and Bismarck's final battle. Albert Schnarke, the former gunnery officer of Tirpitz, Bismarck's sister ship, aided the authors greatly by translating and supplying manuscript materials from those who participated in the design and operations. Survivors of Bismarck's engagements contributed to this comprehensive study including D.B.H. Wildish, RN, damage control officer aboard HMS Prince of Wales, who located photographs of battle damage to his ship. After the wreck was discovered in 1989, the authors served as technical consultants to Dr. Robert Ballard, who led three trips to the site. Filmmaker and explorer James Cameron has also contributed a chapter, giving a comprehensive overview of his deep-sea explorations on Bismarck and sharing his team's remarkable photos of the wreck. The result of nearly six decades of research and collaboration, this is an "encyclopedic and engrossing" account (Naval Historical Foundation) of the events surrounding one of the most epic naval battles of World War II. And Battleship Bismarck finally resolves some of the major questions around her career, not least the most profound one of all: Who sank the Bismarck, the British or the Germans?

*Sun Lore of All Ages* Independently Published

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An historic account of the Bismarck covers her entire commission, including her sinking of the pride of the Royal Navy--the Hood--the massive hunt for her conducted by the Allies, and her last night on the sea

**Hood and Bismarck** Crowood Press UK

The story of the HMS Hood, the last great warship of the British Royal Navy, told by the bestselling author of *Hannibal*. When it was launched in 1918, the HMS Hood was the flagship of the Royal Navy. As a battle cruiser, "The Mighty Hood" was fast enough to evade enemy cruiser ships and powerful enough to destroy them. But for all the Hood's might, it had one fatal flaw: armor had been sacrificed for speed. In 1941, the Hood confronted the legendary German warship Bismarck. A salvo from the enemy penetrated the Hood's ammunition magazine, destroying the British ship and killing all but three of its crew. The brutal defeat marked the end of the Royal Navy's dominance. But it also inspired Winston Churchill's vow to sink the Bismarck—a vow that in time was fulfilled. Through oral history and documentary research, Ernle Bradford chronicles the Hood's career from design to demise, with colorful insight into life aboard the ship as well as its broader historical significance.

**Hunting the Bismarck** Chartwell Books

"I was an eye-witness to the sinking of the Bismarck!" Ray Lock was an eye-witness to the sinking of the German battleship, Bismarck. In these memoirs recalls details of this epic battle, as well as many other memoirs from his fascinating life. Bismarck, Dorsetshire and Memories is another good book, produced privately, that we are fortunate to be able to read and learn more about a sailor's war. A very well presented book, nicely printed, good quality photographs and most of all very interesting. from Warship World Ray Lock, a South African, tried to join the South African Air Force at the age of 16 as a pilot. Told he would have to wait, he like many others went to a service that would take him, then and there. He thought the war would be over by the time he allowed to join the air force. Joining the Royal Navy instead, he had in fact lots of time to get involved in some well known and some lesser, but equally important actions. Throughout this book is packed with detail and without doubt will prove of interest to those who like the nitty, gritty of Naval Life. The author served on DORSETSHIRE, prior to the BISMARCK action for some time and until the ships loss in the Indian Ocean, where he was wounded Both CORNWALL and DORSETSHIRE were sunk by Japanese aircraft attack. The survivors, many wounded, including Mr Lock, were then machine gunned in the water. Sighted by an aircraft, the group was rescued by HM Ships ENTERPRISE, PANTHER and he was personally picked up by PALADIN. After extensive recovery time in hospital Mr Lock was selected for Officer Training, after which he was seconded again to the Royal Navy. Further service in small craft including HDMLs in the Mediterranean with even more operational diversity concluded the author's war. This is another good book, produced privately, that we are fortunate to be able to read and learn more about a sailor's war. This one is beautifully presented. FROM WARSHIP WORLD "I

thoroughly enjoyed reading about the rich and varied life of the author, including being an eye-witness to the sinking of the Bismarck. Young readers will be especially interested and fascinated by Ray's well-written experiences from an earlier generation....and the horrors of war. A most revealing, interesting and excellent read!" Available as an e-book (Kindle) at <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B005H93F4W> Also available in paperback at CreateSpace eStore: <https://www.createspace.com/4331896>

*The Sinking of the Bismarck* Bloomsbury Publishing  
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*The Mighty Hood* Pen and Sword

Recreates the sea battle that sank the German battleship Bismarck in World War II and recounts how the shipwreck was discovered in 1989.

**Bismarck** Zenith Press

Even if they failed to encounter the enemy, every one of their sorties amounted to a brush with death. There were many dangers for Luftwaffe night fighters to contend with; hazardous weather conditions, fog rolling out of nowhere, return fire from the British bombers, enemy night fighters at work over German airfields and simple fatigue could all lead to tragedy. One of the men who survived all of this was Ofw. Kurt Bundrock. Born on 2nd February 1917 in Berlin, Bundrock flew as Bordfunker (radio operator) with NJG 1's ace Hptm. Reinhold Knacke (44 night victories).

*Exploring the Bismarck* Ipsos Books

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*Bismarck, Dorsetshire and Memories (a Picture Book)* Young Voyager

A highly illustrated account of the hunt for the Bismarck. The break of the German battleship Bismarck into the North Atlantic in May 1941 was one of the most dramatic episodes of World War II. It began with a battle between the Bismarck and the British battleship Prince of Wales and the heavy cruiser Hood. The Hood was blown to pieces, while the battered Prince of Wales managed to escape. The British then focused all of their resources on hunting the mighty German battleship and eventually brought her down. Supported by birds'-eye-view maps and archive photography, this volume recounts the fight in detail.