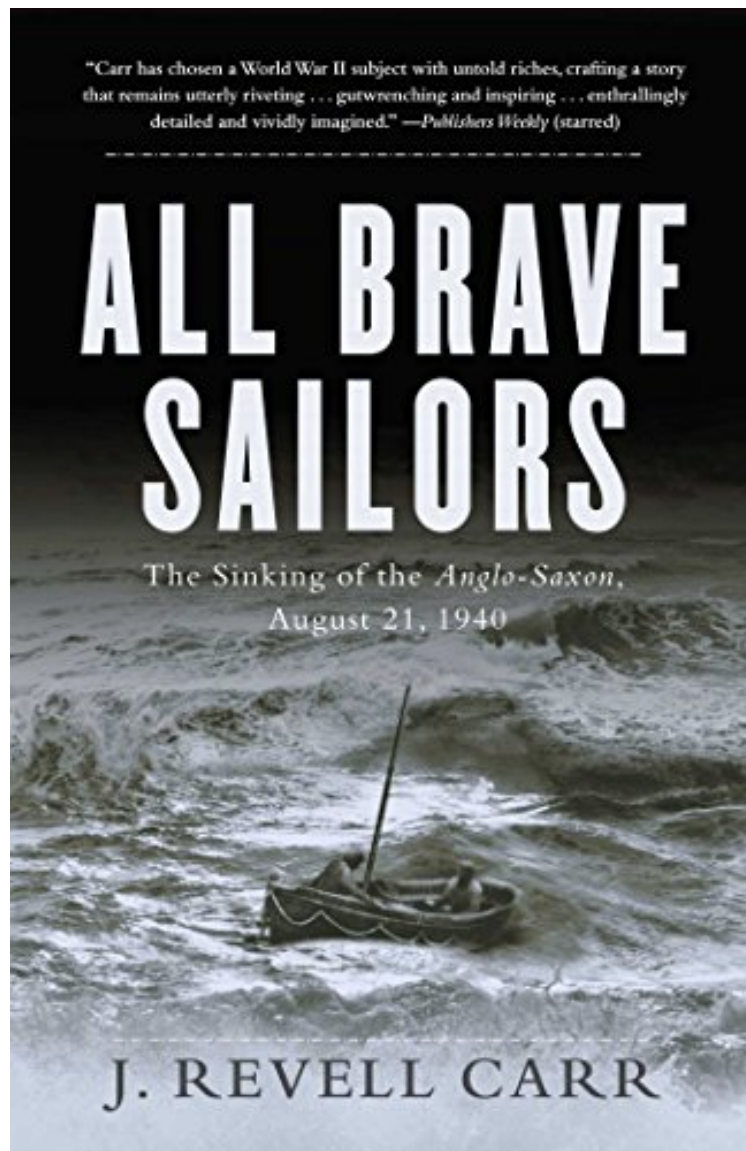


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. J. Revell Carr: All Brave SailorsVon Olaf GrieseMany encounters between Nazi raiders and their victims have been told and re-told again and again, e.g. the encounter between HMAS SYDNEY and KORMORAN, or the extensive damage sustained by STIER during the sinking of the STEPHEN HOPKINS which led to the scuttling of the raider. However, the most moving and emotionally shaking loss to a raider is almost forgotten by the numerous "experts" - -When you enter the impressive building of London's Imperial War Museum on Lambeth Road, you will certainly be much impressed by the great amount of war materiel on display, but when you leave the main hall and move upstairs you will soon find yourself in front of one of the most un-warlike things in the World: a tiny, open ship's jolly boat. And in a nutshell, this very boat, in her solemn dignity forming the centre of the SURVIVAL AT SEA gallery, tells the story of the British Merchant Navy and her sacrifices in the dark days of World War II.Once the jolly boat of the British steamship ANGLO-SAXON, she is, today, the only survivor of the steamer's fatal encounter with the German raider WIDDER, commanded by the notorious Korvettenkapitän der Reserve Hellmuth von Ruckteschell, in the darkness of August 21, 1940. The ANGLO-SAXON, virtually defenceless, was overpowered by maximum use of superior force of arms and sent to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean in 2610' N, 34 09' W - and nothing was heard about her until 70 days later, on October 30, 1940, the jolly boat was found beached on Euleuthera in the Bahamas. Nearby were the skeleton-like bodies of Bob Tapscott and Roy Widdicombe, the only survivors out of a crew of 41 and out of a group of seven who had managed to escape into the jolly-boat during the fatal attack on the ANGLO-SAXON. Thus they were not only the sole survivors of the sinking, but also of a voyage in an open boat which makes Lt. Bligh's cruise after the famous mutiny in HMS BOUNTY appear like a walkover.J. Revell Carr, Director Emeritus of Mystic Seaport Museum and former President of the Council of American Maritime Museums as well as the International Congress of Maritime Museums, has told the stories behind the persons and events surrounding the ANGLO-SAXON'S jolly-boat, making extensive use of the information so graciously shared by the relatives of the ANGLO-SAXON'S crew and two former German officers who served under von Ruckteschell during his two raider commands. Carr also extensively used sources from the UK, Germany, the US, Sweden, France and other countries. The result is an outstanding piece of maritime history written in the language of a "prize-winning novelist" (Walter Cronkite).The incredible force of Carr's work is a consequence of his focus on one event which seems rather unimportant at first. The sinking of the ANGLO-SAXON, however, turns out to be the key to the gallant service of the British Merchant Navy in World War II as well as to the enigmatic abysses in the characters of those who took Hitler's war upon the seas. Carr's account starts long before the year 1940 and follows the development of the protagonists, ships and people, whom so fatally met on August 21, 1940 - and he takes the reader well into the post-war years through a real history of trauma, crime and despair. Thereby the reader learns far more than "just" individual fates of comparatively few persons. The book unfolds the story of the British Merchant Navy in World War II, all the odds her men and ships willingly faced in a nutshell - or better: in a tiny jolly-boat which in fact is a symbol for the British Merchant Sailor. I heartily recommend J. Revell Carr's ALL BRAVE SAILORS to both, layman and academic.

KurzbeschreibungIn the darkness before moonrise on the Atlantic Ocean off the African coast on August 21, 1940, the night erupted in a fusillade of bullets and shells. The victim was a stalwart English tramp steamer, Anglo-Saxon, part of the lifeline that was keeping besieged England supplied. The attacker was the Widder, a German surface raider, disguised as a neutral merchant ship. When it was near its prey, the raider unmasked its hidden armament and with overwhelming force destroyed the target ship. Only seven of the forty-one man crew of the Anglo-Saxon managed to get into a small boat and escape the raiders. Seventy days later, two of them, half dead, stumbled ashore in the Bahamas. The account of the sailors' ordeal -- how first the badly wounded and then the less strong died and were thrown over the side of a fragile boat that had almost no supplies -- is suspenseful and riveting. On the same day the two survivors reached the Bahamas, the Widder arrived off Brest, in occupied France, her murderous voyage over. Her captain, Hellmuth von Ruckteschell, who sank a staggering twenty-five ships, was eventually tried as a war criminal. All Brave Sailors is a story of endurance, heroism, brutality, and survival under the most terrible circumstances. It fills a gap in the history of World War II, telling the story of the much neglected sailors and the ships of the merchant marine, fighting against great odds in the early days of the war. Pressestimmen Walter Cronkite Revell Carr is one of the world's outstanding maritime historians. It turns out he writes like a prize-winning novelist. With extraordinary research he has put together the true story of one ship and one life boat that synthesizes in gripping, heart-stopping detail the story of the battle of the Atlantic, and the victory over the German U-boats and raiders, that cost thousands of lives of merchant seamen but made possible Hitler's ultimate defeat. Nathaniel Philbrick author of In the Heart of the Sea and Sea of Glory All Brave Sailors is a vivid, meticulously researched account of merchant seamen during World War II -- a heartfelt tale of incredible heroism and endurance. Osborn Elliott former Editor-in-Chief of Newsweek and Dean Emeritus, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism A Nazi raider sends a British merchant ship to the bottom of the Atlantic in the summer of 1940 -- and thus begins one of history's greatest

sagas of survival at sea. Through meticulous research and with a keen eye for detail, Revell Carr captures the drama and tragedy and indomitable human spirit that finally prevails. Kurzbeschreibung In the darkness before moonrise on the Atlantic Ocean off the African coast on August 21, 1940, the night erupted in a fusillade of bullets and shells. The victim was a stalwart English tramp steamer, Anglo-Saxon, part of the lifeline that was keeping besieged England supplied. The attacker was the Widder, a German surface raider, disguised as a neutral merchant ship. When it was near its prey, the raider unmasked its hidden armament and with overwhelming force destroyed the target ship. Only seven of the forty-one man crew of the Anglo-Saxon managed to get into a small boat and escape the raiders. Seventy days later, two of them, half dead, stumbled ashore in the Bahamas. The account of the sailors' ordeal -- how first the badly wounded and then the less strong died and were thrown over the side of a fragile boat that had almost no supplies -- is suspenseful and riveting. On the same day the two survivors reached the Bahamas, the Widder arrived off Brest, in occupied France, her murderous voyage over. Her captain, Hellmuth von Ruckteschell, who sank a staggering twenty-five ships, was eventually tried as a war criminal. All Brave Sailors is a story of endurance, heroism, brutality, and survival under the most terrible circumstances. It fills a gap in the history of World War II, telling the story of the much neglected sailors and the ships of the merchant marine, fighting against great odds in the early days of the war.