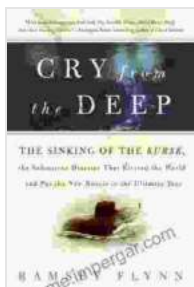


The Sinking of the Kursk: The Submarine Disaster That Riveted the World and Put Putin's Russia to the Test



On August 12, 2000, the Russian nuclear-powered submarine K-141 Kursk sank in the Barents Sea, killing all 118 crew members. The disaster was one of the worst submarine accidents in history, and it exposed the deep flaws in the Russian Navy's safety procedures.



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The Kursk was on a routine training exercise when it was struck by a massive explosion in its torpedo compartment. The blast ripped through the submarine, setting off a chain reaction that caused additional explosions and fires. The crew was trapped inside the sinking submarine, and rescuers were unable to reach them.

The Russian government initially tried to downplay the disaster, but the international community quickly became aware of the true extent of the tragedy. The Russian Navy was criticized for its slow response to the disaster, and for its lack of transparency in providing information about the accident.

The Kursk disaster had a profound impact on Russia. It led to a public outcry against the government, and it forced the Russian Navy to make sweeping changes to its safety procedures. The disaster also cast a shadow over the presidency of Vladimir Putin, who was in his first year in office at the time.

In the years since the Kursk disaster, there have been numerous books and documentaries about the tragedy. The most recent book on the subject is "The Sinking of the Kursk" by Robert Moore. Moore, a former submarine commander, provides a detailed account of the disaster, based on interviews with survivors and family members of the victims.

Moore's book is a gripping and moving account of the Kursk disaster. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of submarines, or in the political and social history of Russia.

The Disaster

The Kursk was a K-141 Oscar-II class nuclear-powered cruise missile submarine. It was one of the most advanced submarines in the Russian Navy, and it was armed with 24 Granit anti-ship missiles.

On August 12, 2000, the Kursk was conducting a routine training exercise in the Barents Sea. The exercise involved firing a practice torpedo at a target ship.

At 11:28 AM, the Kursk fired a practice torpedo at the target ship. The torpedo missed the target and exploded prematurely, setting off a chain reaction that caused additional explosions and fires. The blast ripped through the submarine, killing most of the crew instantly.

The Kursk sank to the bottom of the Barents Sea, trapping the remaining crew members inside. Rescuers were unable to reach the submarine, and the crew died from a combination of drowning, suffocation, and burns.

The Aftermath

The Kursk disaster was one of the worst submarine accidents in history. It killed all 118 crew members, and it exposed the deep flaws in the Russian Navy's safety procedures.

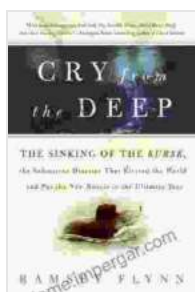
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