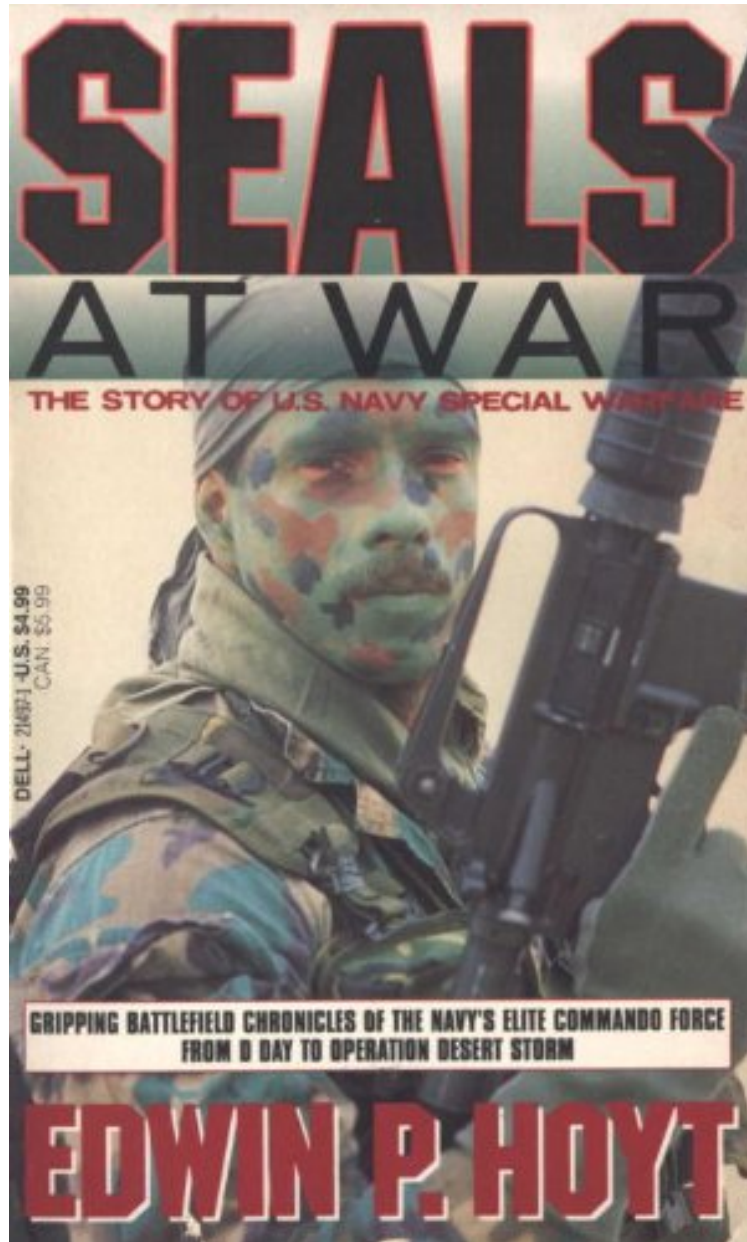


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introductory account to the Seals but needs revision. Von William J. Shepherd Hoyt is both a noted journalist and military historian whose previous books include CARRIER WAR, HITLER'S WAR, and YAMAMOTO. His primary interest has been the Second World War so perhaps SEALS AT WAR: THE STORY OF U.S. NAVY SPECIAL WARFARE has taken him somewhat out of his element. The title of this curious book is misleading as the Seals do not even appear until page 119, about halfway through the book! The subtitle is, or should be, the actual title as Hoyt begins with the Underwater Demolition Teams (UDTs) of World War II, continues with the establishment of the Sea, Air, and Land special forces (SEALS) in 1961, and concludes with the Persian Gulf War of 1991. Perhaps this is not the book the author intended to write or what the publisher expected as it is rather disjointed and appears to have been hastily put together. In fact, there are two books lurking within as there is a heavy emphasis on the UDT's efforts to clear beaches for amphibious assault in World War II and the SEALS brutal counter-terrorist activities in Vietnam. Only brief chapters are dedicated to such conflicts as Korea, Grenada, Panama and none at all detailing clashes with Iranian forces in the Persian Gulf in 1988. Overall, Hoyt presents a superficial overview instead of an in-depth history of U.S. Navy Special Warfare which is anecdotal rather than analytical. The lack of a conclusion or speculation regarding the future role of the SEALS is disappointing. His chapters are uneven and unsymmetrical with some as short as three pages and others as long as nineteen. His bibliography is impressive but his chapter notes are terse and specific documentation is non-existent as is an index. Despite its faults, SEALS AT WAR does provide a glimpse of the dedication, discipline, and heroism of the men who have made up the UDTs and the SEALS. It is an adequate introductory study but those seeking a more substantial account will have to look elsewhere. One hopes that subsequent editions will be revised and upgraded as this book's true potential has yet to be realized. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. "VERY VERY INTERESTING" Von Ein Kunde It was interesting from start to finish. although it got kinda boring

Kurzbeschreibung A look at the Navy SEALs describes their use by the military and discusses their experiences in such "theaters of operation" as Omaha Beach, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf. From the Paperback edition. From Publishers Weekly Military historian Hoyt (Carrier Wars) offers a thoroughly researched but surprisingly dull institutional history of Navy special warfare from World War II to the Gulf War. Relying mainly on government documents, Hoyt reconstructs numerous battles and missions, but almost never leavens them with quotes or reminiscences from participants, nor does he delve much into the psychology and personalities of those involved. Even though Hoyt observed "Hell Week" during SEAL training at a Navy Special Warfare Command Center, his account of it lacks verve. He goes on to describe SEALs predecessors, the underwater demolition teams that fought in the Pacific Theater of WW II and the Korean War. In 1961, in response to President Kennedy's call for U.S. armed forces to increase capability for unconventional action, the SEALs (Sea, Air and Land teams) were born as a Navy counterpart to the Army Green Berets. Hoyt describes SEAL battles in Vietnam, but pulls his punches: he cites a novelized portrait of the SEALs as "superbly competent terrorists and assassins," but skimps on the details. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. Kurzbeschreibung A look at the Navy SEALs describes their use by the military and discusses their experiences in such "theaters of operation" as Omaha Beach, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf. From the Paperback edition.