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Description:

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A deep-sea diver explores shipwrecks and his own character in this gripping scuba memoir.

Hunt (*Angles of Attack: An A-6 Intruder Pilot's War*, 2002) revisits 30 years of shipwreck dives, a pastime whose lugubrious allure is only heightened by his vivid descriptions of the dangers. Chief among these are the hulks themselves, full of ensnaring electrical cables and silt, all of which becomes an impenetrable, disorienting cloud at the kick of a fin; one wrong turn in these pitch-black labyrinths, and a diver can be trapped in a watery tomb. Then there's the sheer physiological

challenge of penetrating an alien environment where breathing itself is a high-tech feat rife with fatal glitches. Carbon dioxide can build up to asphyxiating levels; nitrogen first intoxicates and then bubbles out of the blood to cause the bends; even oxygen becomes toxic and induces convulsions. Hunt's well-paced narrative is full of underwater panics, nerve-wracking escapes and rescues that sometimes end in failure and death. He structures it around his dives to the wreck of the Italian cruise ship Andrea Doria, which sank in 240 feet of water off Nantucket in 1956—he includes a riveting account of the disaster and the blunders that caused it—and remains a magnet to divers because of its difficulty and wealth of fine china and other loot. Along the way he presents a lucid, engrossing study of the art of diving, introducing readers to the arcane gear, the constant attention to breathing, buoyancy and “situational awareness” the sport demands and the complex decompression routines that make surfacing take twice as long as the dive. Hunt's three decades of Andrea Doria excursions also frame an affecting story of maturation and limits, as he ages from a strapping, reckless youth to a more cautious man in physical decline—a transformation that prepares him for the onset of Parkinson's disease with the knowledge that “dying slowly is hard work.”

Hunt's taut scenes and meticulous prose will have readers holding their breath, but his saga probes hidden depths as well.

Review ...fascinating read of true adventure, very much recommended.-The Midwest Book Review

...excellently written, well structured, and superbly proofed...fully delivered on the diving, adventure and technical fronts, but it was the human angle of the author's very personal journey that elevates this much recommended book. -C. H. Blickenstorfer, scubadiverinfo.com

Peter Hunt's engaging memoir...offers a thoughtful perspective of America's wreck diving scene. - Simon Rogerson, British Sub Aqua Club (BSAC) SCUBA Magazine

...heartfelt and inspiring story of diving, the fragility of life, and a reflection on our humanity.-Dive News Network

...two books in one...a story of camaraderie, conflict, drama, success and failure in early technical diving, and also one man's personal struggle... thought-provoking...highly recommended.” Jesper Kjøller, DYK - The Scandinavian Dive Magazines

...the story of a wreck diving pioneer and the personal story of a man...Setting the Hook is a great read...well written...a great diving book, but an even better people book. -Charles George, Wreck Diving Magazine

...enthraling personal account...unique perspective...gripping subplot...-Undercurrent Magazine, Editor's Pick of the month

A “Must-Pack Book” for your next dive vacation. -Sport Diver Magazine

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