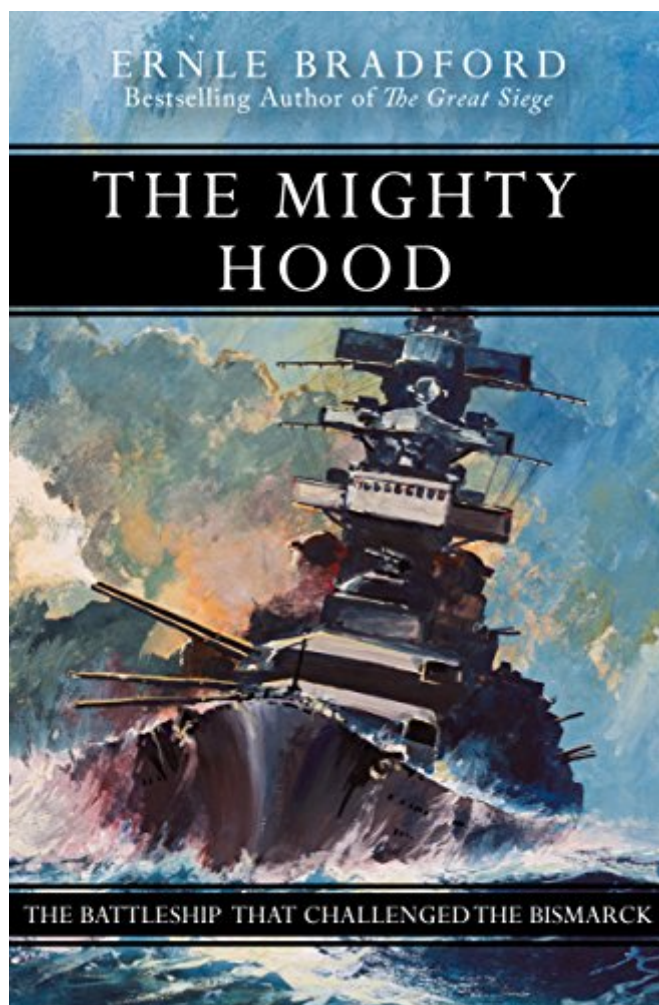


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The Mighty Hood: The Battleship That Challenged The Bismarck



Synopsis

Few historians have immersed themselves in their topics like bestselling, noted author Ernle Bradford. Specializing in the Mediterranean world and naval topics, Bradford was an enthusiastic sailor himself and spent almost thirty years sailing the Mediterranean, where many of his acclaimed books are set. He served in the Royal Navy during World War II, finishing as the first lieutenant of a destroyer, and afterward worked as an editor and correspondent for the BBC. Now, his engaging series of military histories is available to a new generation of readers. When it was launched in 1918, the Hood, flagship of the Royal Navy, was the largest, fastest warship afloat and a symbol of British power, earning the nickname "the Mighty Hood." Its mere appearance on the horizon was enough to intimidate would-be aggressors. But for all the Hood's might, it had one fatal flaw: armor had been sacrificed for speed. In its first major engagement, the Hood confronted the almost-legendary German warship Bismarck in a battle for supremacy of the Atlantic. A salvo from the enemy penetrated to the Hood's ammunition magazine, destroying and sinking the British ship in an awesome fireball, killing all but three of its crew of 1,421 men and violently ending Britain's mastery of the seas. But it inspired Winston Churchill's vow to sink the Bismarck, and in time that vow was fulfilled. Bradford takes us on a thrilling journey through the birth and demise of one of the greatest ships of all time.

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Customer Reviews

While this book may not have covered much that would be new to the reader, it is written in an interesting style that flows smoothly through the main events of the battle with the Bismarck. I would recommend it to the armchair history buff.

Detailed but not boring a very good view of the hood and to some extent the Bismarck . This is an event that will never happen again and move history . Well worth the purchase

A sad story, but with magnificent valor. This magnificent ship went down with all hands except three young sailors. But the loss of life gave the British Navy the impetus to sink the German Ship, the Bismarck ending its reign of terror. Great story. Required reading for anyone interested in the Second World War before the United States entered the War.

I liked reading about the history of the HMS Hood and her travels around the world. This is an excellent narrative of the life and death of brave sailors doing their best

Well written and researched and a lot of interesting new information. But perhaps only of interest to Royal Navy devotees?

Excellent read.

I wish the author would have treated the battle actions more critical than poetic. To me the description of the British leadership in the initial artillery duel between the battleships as "unlucky" is a tormented reversal of Napoleons' requirement that his generals are lucky.

I thought this book would give a different perspective on the battle, however like the other books on this subject the technical aspect was boring

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