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The USS Sharkfin was twelve hours out of the Strait of Gibraltar on course 278 degrees true, destination New London. The men on sonar watch weren't listening for the approach of an enemy. They were primarily concerned with the sonar search patterns that were being beamed out ahead and to each side of the submarine's bow. There was a chance that the sonar operators might have heard the whining, high-pitched noise of a torpedo racing up the submarine's wake but it was a remote chance. The Sharkfin's big seven-bladed propeller was turning fast enough to drive the huge submarine at a steady twenty knots, making just enough noise to almost muffle any sound that came from directly astern. The torpedo zeroed in on the spinning propeller and exploded with a roar....

The stricken submarine shuddered and slowed, its interior utterly still, filled with water, as the Sharkfin coasted downward on a long, planing descent into the black sea.

It was an unprovoked attack, a deliberate act of aggression. When Vice Admiral Mike Brannon of the U.S. Navy received word that the wreck of the *Sharkfin* had been found, with a gaping hole in its stern, he could only conclude that the Soviets had, without warning, attacked and destroyed a U.S. nuclear submarine. He could not let the incident pass unretaliated. Yet whatever steps he took, he risked leading the two superpowers into a state of war. If he informed the President, it might take weeks for Congress to take action — too long. Whatever response was to be made, it had to be made decisively and immediately.

Harry Homewood, author of *Final Harbor* and *Silent Sea*, has written a novel of mounting tension; a story of today's naval superpowers locked in a deadly battle that brings an unknowing world to the brink of nuclear holocaust.

Harry Homewood was a qualified submariner before he was seventeen years old, having lied to the Navy about his age, and serving in a little "S"-boat in the old Asiatic Fleet. After Pearl Harbor he reenlisted and made eleven war patrols in the Southwest Pacific. He later became Chicago Bureau Chief for *Newsweek*, chief editorial writer for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and for eleven years had his own weekly news program syndicated to thirty-two PBS television stations.

Torpedo! Details

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Randall Russell says

Unfortunately, despite the author's previous two books being pretty good, this third book is another book where I found the main premise to be completely unbelievable. That really made the whole story not work for me, so I didn't enjoy this book. The writing was OK, but the characters weren't particularly well-drawn, so sometimes I had a difficult time trying to keep track of who was who. I wouldn't really recommend this book, even to someone who is interested in submarines - there are much better books out there.

Scott Reiche says

Great book.

With the time to read. Enjoyed the entire series of books. You will not be disappointed in reading these books.

Greg Oaster says

Intense to the very end

This book sort of reminded me a little bit of the movie Crimson Tide. Although the stories are different the edge of your seat non stop drama adding in the fact that each side sank another's sub. Tensions are extremely high throughout.

Makes you wonder if stuff like this really did happen.

7\$MartyQ says

Incredible Story!

As a self proclaimed student of WW II, I really enjoyed the first two books I read by Mr. Homewood, and thought I'd take a chance and read his third book, "Torpedo". I thoroughly enjoyed it and recommend it to anyone who likes War Stories. I would like to be able to ask the author the reason he made a point of putting two officers in his first two books who were obviously Jewish, the sonarman who went down with the sub whose name I believe was Cohen, the rabbinical student, and then Stein in the second book.

Frank Fusco says

Standoff political suspense

Not really a torpedo or submarine story. The almost mutual world destruction scenario could have been with land based missiles or bomber aircraft. Still an entertaining read.

Phil Perry says

This book goes further in Mike Brannon's career. There is a lot more politics, but plenty of suspense as well, but not much in the way of battle scenes since WW II ended in book II.

The question to ponder is if you are one of the two big boys on the block as far as military might is concerned, when do you flex your muscle? As you develop more high tech weapons that have no means to legitimately test except in battlefield, how do you resist the urge to test them...or do you? Think about that as you read this book.

This is a good read (no pun intended) and the completion of the Silent War trilogy. I liked them all. I recommend them to anyone who likes military novels.

Richard Fant says

Cold War revisited

Good story on the cold way, keeps you turning (virtual) pages. Story like a little improbable but it's fiction right.
