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James Cobb's first novel in the Amanda Garrett series, "Choosers of the Slain," was acclaimed for its "breathtaking sea battles" and its achievement as "the rare military thriller whose message is gender-blind and leading edge" ("Publishers Weekly"). It was hailed as "first-rate military suspense" ("Kirkus Reviews," starred review) and "a page-turner as hot as a Sea SLAM missile with target lock" ("Library Journal")

When Taiwan's Nationalist navy charges accross the East China Sea in attack formation, the People's Republic rushes battalions into the defensive lines along the coast and hurriedly prepares its Han nuclear subs for deployment. Commander Amanda Lee Garrett and the hypertech stealth destroyer "USS Cunningham" are ordered to lead the dangerous sub hunt. Commander Garrett employs the Cunningham's full arsenal with swift and exacting precision. She corners a Han sub in heart-stopping, slow-speed chase that results in an accident miles below the surface, and in the harrowing finale, steers her five-hundred-foot destroyer up into a narrow, muddy Shanghai estuary in pursuit of a submarine only to find her exit blocked.

"Sea Strike" - like the novels of Tom Clancy and Dale Brown - brims with exciting "heat-of-battle" action and authentic, state-of-the-art stealth technology. James H. Cobb is clearly a master of the military thriller.

Sea Strike Details

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From Reader Review Sea Strike for online ebook

Stefan Vucak says

Compared with 'Choosers of the Slain', James Cobb has run out of ideas and this book disappoints.

Ed says

#2 in the Amanda Garrett series. This 1997 novel, set in 2006, furthers the combat career of Commander Garrett.

Commander Amanda Garrett / USS Cunningham - gets involved in an attempt to keep Chinese civil war from going nuclear in 2006.

Dylan says

The sequel to Choosers of the Slain, we have the same characters and the same ship, in a whole new situation. Although not as captivating as the first book, it was still an excellent read. This story was much more focused on the people than on the technology.

Warwick says

Good navel story with female captain, & flyer lover, in battle on Chinese coast. Moves well, have read twice, and enjoyed.

Harv Griffin says

SEA STRIKE is the second novel in the Amanda Garrett series of novels.

For some indication of how much I love "sea stories" check my review of the prior Amanda Garrett novel. <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Cobb writes novels at the level Michael Crichton did: he doesn't over-kill you with tech-details like Tom Clancy does; but rather Cobb delivers crisp dialogue, intriguing characters, an involving story, sub-plots for the easily bored, a female heroine who kicks ass and takes names in "this man's Navy"; and a hell of a sea story.

I've probably re-read this puppy more than the other 3 Amanda Garrett novels, but I have to admit that I can't take the ending sequence. I can't quite believe that Garrett would get authorization to take her destroyer up a narrow Chinese river to rescue two downed flyers. Other than that, I love almost everything else about this novel. I love novels with strong women characters. What could be stronger than a women in command of a U.S. stealth destroyer?

The one technical flaw in Cobb's novels (and many other high-tech sea stories involving submarines) is that submarines cannot hover at a given depth. A submarine must move to maintain it's horizontal stability and depth; otherwise it will pop out of control to the surface or sink without control to crush depth.

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Mitchell says

Great novel, depicts the world of international relations well and also meets my needs of naval jargon! Cobb is great at setting the scene for the military engagements throughout the novel.

Highly recommend!

J says

No Kindle or Audible

Jim Samas says

James H. Cobb. Absolutely entertaining.

As a U.S. Navy Veteran I appreciate the excellent knowledge & talent of this author.

If you enjoy military novels, don't hesitate to grab some of his novels.

I suggest you read them in order of sequence however. Regardless, you will be very engrossed.

I could not put this one down.

Thanks Mr. Cobb!
