# Week 7: Ocean Battles

## Books for Adults

### The Mathews Men book cover. Orange sky reflecting on ocean waves with ship at horizon line.DB 97933 [*The Mathews men: seven brothers and the war against Hitler’s U-boats*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=199730225.6232) by William Geroux

Annotation: An account of a Nazi U-boat attack off the coast of Virginia through the experiences of one family and their neighbors who were all US merchant mariners critical for Allied fuel, food, and munitions. Also describes the mariners' experiences making dangerous sea crossings during World War II. Contains some violence and some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

### The Silent War book cover. Surfaced submarine moving through water.DB 58686 [*The silent war: the cold war battle beneath the sea*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=47530041.6232) by John P. Craven

Annotation: Firsthand recollections of submarine-based espionage and nuclear deterrence from former chief civilian scientist of the U.S. Navy's Special Projects Office. Author recounts clandestine operations including Polaris missile activities and pursuit of the rogue Soviet sub that inspired Tom Clancy's The Hunt for Red October (DB 21513). 2001.

### Greyhound (originally titled The Good Shepherd) book cover. Destroyer ship under the sun.DB 100833 [*Greyhound*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=253125599.6232) by C. S. Forester

Annotation: United States Navy Commander George Krause is ordered to escort a convoy of thirty-seven merchant ships from America to England through the Nazi submarine-infested waters of the North Atlantic. Originally published as The Good Shepherd. Source for 2020 movie of the same name starring Tom Hanks. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 1955.

### DB 78269 [*A sea unto itself*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=109004174.6232) by Jay Worrall

Annotation: After the events in Any Approaching Enemy (DB 63450), newly appointed captain Charles Edgemont leaves his Quaker wife and sails to the Red Sea to prevent Napoleon from invading India. Edgemont also battles murder and near-mutiny. Some violence and some strong language. 2013.

### The Deadly Deep book cover. Submarine at water's surface at night.DB 94251 [*The deadly deep: the definitive history of submarine warfare*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=183614042.6232) by Iain Ballantyne

Annotation: An account of the development, improvement, and use of submarines, particularly in war. Discusses notable examples, including David Bushnell's combat submarine, developed for use against the British by the American colonies. Also examines modern-day nuclear submarines. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

### Iron Dawn book cover. In bottom half of cover, painting of two Civil War of two iron frigates battling with smoke surrounding them.DB 88035 [*Iron dawn: the Monitor, the Merrimack, and the Civil War sea battle that changed history*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=159159651.6232) by Richard Snow

Annotation: An examination of the American Civil War sea battle fought in the harbor at Hampton Roads, Virginia, in March 1862. After the Confederacy built an iron fort atop a captured frigate, the Union developed a revolutionary iron warship that changed the course of naval warfare worldwide. 2016.

### DB 93044 [*No traveller returns*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=178857651.6232) by Louis L’Amour

Annotation: 1939. The SS Lichenfield carries thirty-three crewmen and a cargo of eighty thousand barrels of naphtha from San Pedro to Manila. The danger from the cargo pales in comparison to the secrets and hidden connections among the crew. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

### DB 96655 [*The eye of the tiger*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=192119729.6232) by Wilbur A. Smith

Annotation: Reformed thief Harry is now skipper of a charter boat in the Indian Ocean. When his latest clients go after a treasure under the sea, Harry is soon dealing with bloodthirsty villains, scuba diving, coral poisoning, fights with sharks, and hand-to-hand encounters with human monsters. Some strong language. 1974.

### Last Armada book cover. Painting of a British ship and Spanish ship battling each other in rough ocean waters.DB 84279 [*Last armada: Queen Elizabeth, Juan del Aguila, and Hugh O’Neill: the story of the one-hundred-day Spanish invasion*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=141144388.6232) by Des Ekin

Annotation: Historian and journalist recounts the story of the last great naval battle fought between England and Spain. Also examines the three commanders who fought in it: General Juan del Águila for Spain, Charles Blount for England, and Irish insurgent Hugh O'Neill. Contains some violence. 2015

## Books for Youths

### Dive! book cover. Illustration of destroyer on fire and sinking and a submarine DB 86181 [*Dive!: World War II stories of sailors & submarines in the Pacific*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=149413896.6232) by Deborah Hopkinson

Annotation: Recounts the story and events of America's little-known submarine warfare, also known as "silent service," in the Pacific during World War II. Includes personal accounts from U. S. Navy personnel serving aboard the vessels, submarine design, and descriptions of weaponry. For grades 6-9. 2016.

### Seafire book cover. Illustration of a girl swinging on her ship's rope, over ocean water, with knife in right hand.DB 92267 [*Seafire*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=175993434.6232) by Natalie C. Parker

Annotation: Caledonia Styx, captain of her own ship, the Mors Navis, and its all-female crew strive to defeat the powerful fleet of Aric Athair, the vicious warlord who has taken their homes and families. Commercial audiobook. Violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

### DB 96100 [*The last voyage of Poe Blythe*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=190741110.6232) by Allyson Braithwaite Condie

Annotation: Seeking to avenge the murder of her true love while on a dredge ship searching for gold, teenage captain Poe Blythe becomes the architect of new defenses designed to destroy her enemies. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2019.

### Dark Life book cover. Illustration of jellyfish underwater.DB 71820 [*Dark Life*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=68735948.6232) by Kat Falls

Annotation: Fifteen-year-old Ty, who has always lived in an ocean-floor community, meets Gemma, a Topsider or land dweller, who is searching for her missing brother. They foray by submarine into the dark undersea frontier's rough underworld, battle outlaws, and discover secrets that threaten to destroy everything. For grades 6-9. 2010.

### DB 92009 [*In harm’s way: JFK, World War II, and the heroic rescue of PT 109*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=176001916.6232) by Iain C. Martin

Annotation: An account of John F. Kennedy's true survival story during World War II. As a Lieutenant (junior grade) in the Navy, he fought to save his PT 109 crew after a deadly collision with an enemy ship in the Pacific. For grades 4-7. 2018.

### *Torpedoed book cover. Illustration of an ocean liner half angled out of water, a rocking horse floating on waves and a person watching from rescue boat.*DB 97154 [*Torpedoed: the true story of the World War II sinking of “The Children’s Ship”*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=194189631.6232) by Deborah Heiligman

Annotation: Chronicles the attack and sinking of the passenger ship SS City of Benares, which was evacuating children from England during WWII. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2019.

### *Our Castle by the Sea book cover. Illustration of a girl standing on cliff edge looking at planes and ships moving towards the shore and lighthouse.*DB 95299 [*Our castle by the sea*](https://kstb.klas.com/title/summary.jsf?id=187866419.6232) by Lucy Strange

Annotation: 1939. Growing up in a lighthouse on England's shore, Pet's world has been one of storms, secret tunnels, and stories about sea monsters. But now the clifftops are a terrifying battleground, as the war rages and her family is torn apart. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2019.