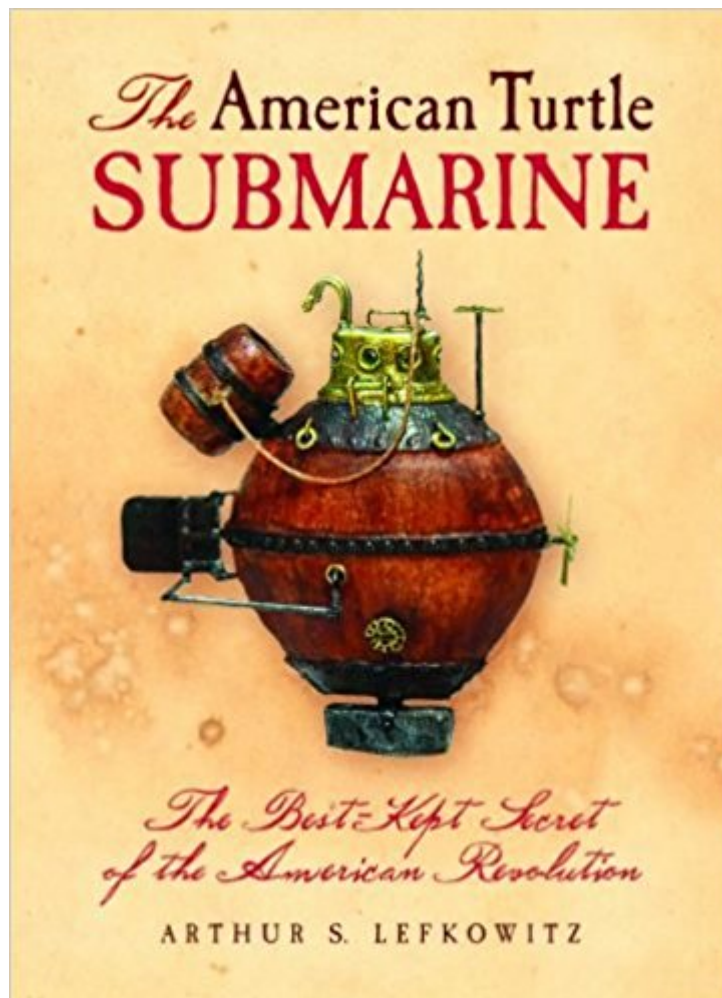




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

American Turtle Submarine, The: The Best-Kept Secret Of The American Revolution



Synopsis

"An effort of genius." -George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, 1785 The world's first submarine was used during the American Revolution. While other men his age supported the country with muskets, Yale graduate David Bushnell sought the answer to one important question: how to defend America against the British Royal Navy. His answer was the American Turtle. Focusing on the vessel's most important mission, sinking Britain's flagship in New York harbor, this concise history follows the development of the invention from drawing table to open water and onwards.

Book Information

Hardcover: 144 pages

Publisher: Pelican Publishing (February 6, 2012)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1455616311

ISBN-13: 978-1455616312

Product Dimensions: 5.6 x 0.8 x 7.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 9.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 5 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #933,733 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #33 in [Books > Engineering & Transportation > Transportation > Ships > Submarines](#) #605 in [Books > Engineering & Transportation > Transportation > History > Ships](#) #1878 in [Books > History > Military > Naval](#)

Customer Reviews

"Lefkowitz includes a number of fascinating details about the construction of the Turtle, and chapters are interspersed with frequent discussions of related events or issues . . . provided as asides in boxed format."-ALAN Review
"I wish I had discovered it a while back before I started this project as it seems to be the most thorough source of information I have seen so far."-Duke Riley, avant-garde artist who built and tested a replica of the Turtle submarine
David Bushnell was a "Yankee Tinkerer" during the American Revolution. Although the budding country had virtually no navy, this Yale graduate (with no practical training) created the world's first submarine. A closely guarded secret, the Turtle received limited funding from the government and was built in a shed behind Bushnell's home. Having come into a world without steam engines, electric power, or propellers, the Turtle was completely human powered. In 1776, the small submarine's primary objective became to sink the British flagship, the HMS Eagle, anchored in New York Harbor. This was the first of three daring attempts to attack Royal Navy vessels. A dedicated American Patriot,

Bushnell was later appointed by General Washington to the post of captain in what is now known as the Army Corps of Engineers. Arthur S. Lefkowitz serves on the board of governors of the American Revolution Round Table and is a lecturer for the New Jersey Council for the Humanities on the subject of the American Revolution. He has received many awards and honors for his books about this time period, including the American Revolution Round Table's annual book award, two Honor Book designations by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, an Outstanding Book for Teenagers by the New York Public Library, and a recommended selection by the History Book Club. Lefkowitz's lecture credits include various National Park Service sites, the annual Fort Ticonderoga Revolutionary War Symposium, Fraunces Tavern Museum, and Chubb & Son Inc. In 2005, he gave the keynote address at the annual meeting of the prestigious Washington Association of New Jersey. A past board member of the Brigade of the American Revolution (a national reenactment group), Lefkowitz earned his BA from New York University and MBA from Long Island University. He lives in New Jersey.

Praise for first edition "As work on the vehicle continues, the author provides historical context, weaving in military, political, and technological background without straying from Bushnell's story." -School Library Journal "This story of Bushnell and his submarine will interest students of engineering and American military history." -Booklist "It's a fascinating tale of perseverance and inventive genius. Maps, sidebars, and excellent diagrams support the lively text." -Kirkus Few people realize that the first submarine was invented by a civilian during the American Revolution. A Yale graduate with no naval experience, David Bushnell set out to find a way of competing with the famed Royal Navy. He used books from the university's library and experimented in a shed behind his house until America's first underwater craft was launched on September 6, 1776, with the intent of attaching explosives to the HMS Eagle, flagship of the British fleet, docked in New York Harbor. Arthur S. Lefkowitz has published four other books about the Revolutionary War and serves on the board of governors of the American Revolution Round Table. Lefkowitz resides in New Jersey.

I purchased a copy of this book for my 11 grandson who is interested in the Revolutionary War era. This book is nicely designed with great drawings of the Turtle submarine, maps of the colonies, ship information and much more. The story presents a detailed and intriguing view of how an inventor or "Yankee Tinkerer" by the name of David Bushnell designed and made a small submarine that could get under ships undetected in order to attach kegs of gunpowder to the hostile

British warships. I would recommend this to school kids (or adults!) interested in the Revolutionary War period. Adventurous and memorable.

My 5th grade son used this book for help with a school report. He found tons of great information. Good for upper elementary and middle school students.

This book provided a lot of information about the subject in a short and concise way. It is an easy read and took less than 2 hours to complete.

My husband and one son-in-law were both in the U.S. Submarine Service and I thought I knew a lot of naval history. This short but informative book takes you back to the beginnings of our nation. Must read!

First published as *Bushnell's American Turtle Submarine* by Scholastic (2006), this is a short and very readable book that is suitable for anyone 11 and up. Despite its modest length and simple language, the book packs an impressive amount of information about the Turtle's design, development, and combat operations, as well as a lot of useful background on Bushnell himself and his other inventions. There is an overview of submarine experiments before Bushnell's time, sidebars on various background topics and personalities, and a number of very good drawings that give a clear view of the Turtle's interior and workings. I would recommend this to anyone who is interested in the Revolutionary war, the history of submarine warfare, or 18th-century Weird Science in general.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

American Turtle Submarine, The: The Best-Kept Secret of the American Revolution Best Kept Secret from Hell - Part 2: The Ten Main Biblical Areas Where Satan Deceive Believers, Vitally Important to Recognize Them (The Best Kept Secret from Hell) Red-eared Slider Turtle. Red-eared Slider Turtle Owners Manual. Red-eared Slider Turtle Pros and Cons, Care, Housing, Diet and Health. The Submarine Book: An Illustrated History of the Attack Submarine Turtle, Turtle, Watch Out! Turtle Care: How to Care for Pet Turtles Like an Expert. (Aquarium and Turtle Mastery Book 5) Essential Oils For Beginners: Essential Oils For Weight Loss: Essential Oils Natural Remedies: Essential Oils Summer And Winter Recipes: Nature's Best Kept Secret For Weight Loss And Balance Health The Wrecking Crew: The Inside Story of Rock and Roll's Best-Kept Secret Growth Hacking: Silicon Valley's Best Kept Secret The Best Kept Secret of Christian Mission: Promoting the

Gospel with More Than Our Lips The Cassava Transformation: Africa's Best-Kept Secret Grenada:
The Best Kept Secret in the Caribbean Sea Ukraine: Europe's Best-Kept Secret: An Insider's Guide
Amtrak's Best Kept Secret:: A guide to traveling the U.S.A. with a Rail Pass K-19 THE
WIDOWMAKER: The Secret Story of The Soviet Nuclear Submarine Weird Civil War: Your Travel
Guide to the Ghostly Legends and Best-Kept Secrets of the American Civil War Buenos Aires
Unanchor Travel Guide - Best Kept Secrets: 2-Day Itinerary The Art of Dressing Curves: The
Best-Kept Secrets of a Fashion Stylist Weird Missouri: Your Travel Guide to Missouri's Local
Legends and Best Kept Secrets Natural Beauty Recipes: 60 Best-Kept Secrets to Care for the Skin:
Natural Skin Care Tips

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)