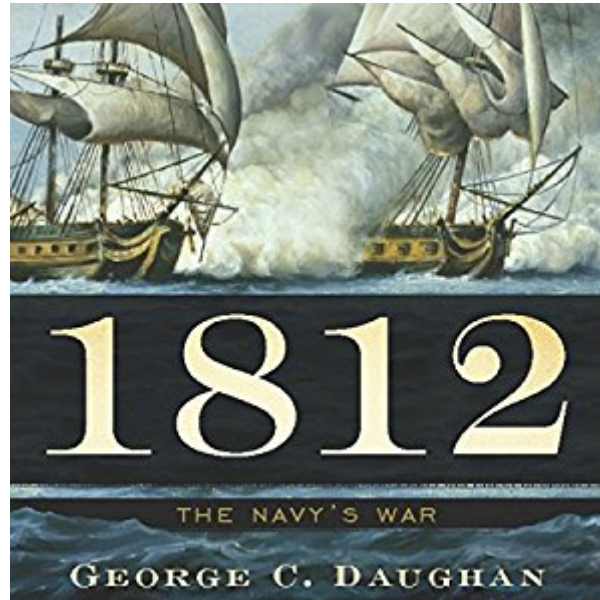




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# 1812: The Navy's War



## Synopsis

At the outbreak of the War of 1812, America's prospects looked dismal. It was clear that the primary battlefield would be the open ocean, but America's war fleet, only 20 ships strong, faced a practiced British navy of more than a thousand men-of-war. Still, through a combination of nautical deftness and sheer bravado, the American navy managed to take the fight to the British and turn the tide of the war: on the Great Lakes, in the Atlantic, and even in the eastern Pacific. In *1812: The Navy's War*, prize-winning historian George C. Daughan tells the thrilling story of how a handful of heroic captains and their stalwart crews overcame spectacular odds to lead the country to victory against the world's greatest imperial power. A stunning contribution to military and national history, *1812: The Navy's War* is the first complete account in more than a century of how the U.S. Navy rescued the fledgling nation and secured America's future.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an interesting and enthralling book about the War of 1812. I initially ordered it as an audiobook to prepare myself for a seminar I was going to attend. I enjoyed it so much that I ordered a hard copy so I could peruse it at will and refer to it. My interests in the French & Indian War, Revolutionary War, and Civil War ignited my interest in learning more about the War of 1812. This book was illuminating and interesting. I highly recommend it.

I enjoyed reading the stories but some of the became a bit burdensome in complexity. I especially enjoyed how the battles related to the big picture of this period in time and the corresponding political situations intertwined much as they do in modern times. I guess human behaviors remain

the same notwithstanding calendar dates.

Easy to read and understand. Keeps names of ships and captains easily retained during battles so you understand which side won and why. Clearly explains U.S. strategy and conflicts between opposing political parties. Short but effective sentence structures. A good history of the causes behind the war, Britain's battles with France and America's reliance on a small but well trained navy. Makes history captivating.

A thoroughly excellent and eminently readable history of all that was involved during the War of 1812. Despite the title, it does not just deal with naval matters, but skillfully connects all that was happening in the incursions into Canada by the "army," the interactions with the strife caused by Napoleon in Europe, the wars between England and France, and the economic interplays of all the nations involved. But don't worry: if it was the title that drew your attention, there is indeed plenty of description of the naval actions.

Excellent book that covers the war in depth as well as the times surrounding it. I'll be succinct and won't re-write the whole thing here, but if you're looking for a sourcebook of great information presented in an engaging and well written fashion, this is the book for you. The fact that it shows up in the bibliographies of a goodly number of other historical books (including my own) attests to its value and utility.

As a teacher I have to find ways to demonstrate to my students the importance of a strong Navy. This book does a great job at showing the kinds of problems an army and a country can encounter with a weak navy. History shows that strong empires lose their navy/sea power before they lose control of their lands/empire. This book lays it all out for you. Very satisfied and aside from that, it's an exciting read! But then again, I'm a sailor and know what it is like to fight from a ship!

The author provides as good a general history of the War of 1812 as I've ever read, and for that they ought to be commended. My only reservation is that, though the book is subtitled "The Navy's War" in fact a good chunk of the narrative concerns itself primarily with the war's land campaigns as opposed to blue water action. That being said, the book does an excellent job of laying out these campaigns and the politics behind them in a readable and informative way.

I'm not really a history buff per se, but I find the period of the late 18th and early 19th centuries to be particularly fascinating. So much of import in happened those decades. So much was changed. I add my accolades to the others for this book. Very informative, very entertaining. Hard to put down, in fact.

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