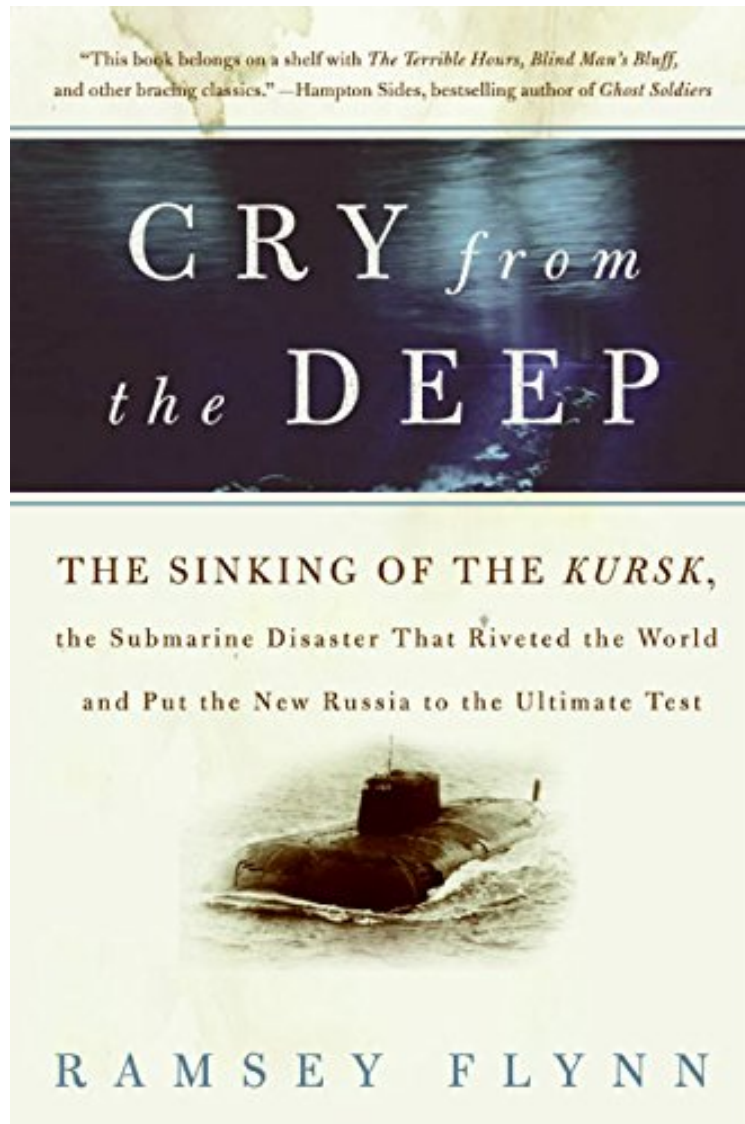


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A gripping account of the disastrous Russian submarine explosion that killed the entire crew, devastated the Russian people, and defined Vladimir Putin's post-Cold War regime. What were Russian officials thinking when they waited 48 hours to acknowledge their most prized submarine was in trouble? Why did they track the desperate tapings of an unknown number of trapped sailors without sending an international SOS? Why did they repeatedly decline international rescue offers while their own rescue equipment repeatedly failed to make any progress? To a world community still mystified by deadly Russian deceptions surrounding the Kursk submarine disaster, Ramsey Flynn's book uncovers the truth once and for all. Cry from the Deep has quickly become the definitive account of this pivotal moment in modern Russian history, as an angry Russian people – aided and abetted by a fledgling independent media – openly clashed with Vladimir Putin and his new government's Soviet-era tactics of secrecy and deception. Flynn's searing narrative also documents how western officials, in a practiced silence reminiscent of the Cold War era failed to notify their post-Soviet counterparts of the disaster, despite learning of the explosion hours before the Russians did.

From Publishers Weekly A gripping and gruesome tale, this book is a superb account of the loss of the Russian submarine Kursk off northern Russia in August 2000. Long-range torpedoes fueled with hydrogen peroxide exploded in succession, which sank the submarine; a fifth of the crew of 118 survived the explosions, but probably did not last more than another eight hours. The Russian Northern Fleet failed to recognize the signs of an accident, failed to take any sort of constructive action with its limited resources, failed to inform political superiors, and didn't allow any cooperation with the efficient rescue gear of the NATO navies. Russian officials were then caught by the independent Russian media in several outright lies, which made for further scandal. Not that Western authorities were much more on the ball—the American and British embassies were left in the dark for several days—but the whole tragedy of errors profoundly embarrassed the newly elected Putin regime. Flynn has researched exhaustively in already crowded territory, interviewed widely and written clearly, leaving very little room for rumor, innuendo or propaganda (he definitely rules out any collision with a NATO submarine, for example). Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist On August 12, 2000, an explosion aboard the 14,700-ton Soviet submarine Kursk sent the vessel to the bottom of the southern Barents Sea, with 118 crewmen on board. There were no survivors. Flynn provides a minute-by-minute account of what happened aboard. To get what he labels "the Russian side of the story," Flynn spent more than three years conducting hundreds of interviews during five trips to Russia. His research included forensic data, recovered tape of dialogues, notes found on the crewman's bodies, and ships' logs. Much of the book deals with President Putin's response to the disaster and how many officials in his government tried to "hold their country together by focusing the blame on the Americans." Flynn also talked with the

dead sailors' families as they attempted to resume normal lives. He concludes that a leaky torpedo exploded, puncturing fuel tanks and igniting warhead material, and then at least four nearby combat torpedoes reached their maximum heat threshold and detonated. This meticulously researched book offers a compelling account. George Cohen

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