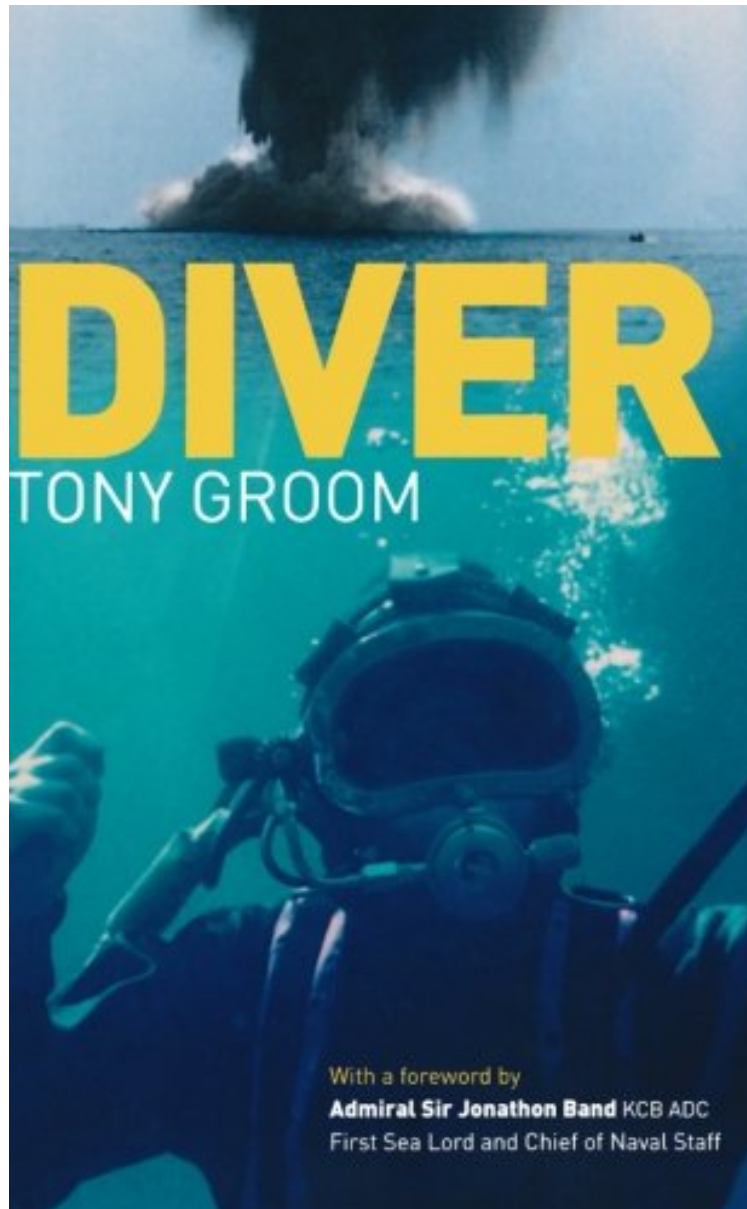


# Diver: A Royal Navy and Commercial Diver's Journey Through Life, and Around the World

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**Tony Groom : Diver: A Royal Navy and Commercial Diver's Journey Through Life, and Around the World** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Diver: A Royal Navy and Commercial Diver's Journey Through Life, and Around the World:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerA good read,0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Bill KurzenbergerA fantastic book!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Highly entertaining, anecdotal account of a diver's career in the Royal Navy and commercial saturation divingBy chr2005This is an excellent book that covers Tony Groom's diving career from callow youth joining the Royal Navy to commercial saturation diving. Broadly speaking it can be broken down into three parts: Training - becoming a Royal Navy clearance diver himself, travelling the world and training new divers. This is an often hilarious account of a young man and the culture of the Navy and the diving fraternity. The Falklands - suddenly the pace changes and the author uses his wartime diary to share his experiences of the conflict in the South Atlantic. Commercial diving - after leaving Navy, the author has to adjust to civilian life and shares more amusing anecdotes as a commercial saturation diver doing deep dives for the oil industry around the world. This is an anecdote-driven book that is very readable. You will be bursting out with laughter at some of the stories, while the Falklands section will leave you with an impression of how stressful the situation was in difficult conditions. The final section is also amusing, and tries to convey some of the realities of deep commercial diving - difficult, given the long periods of tedium associated with that job. It tails off a bit in the end, as it becomes clear that the author is about to enter a new phase of his life, one where it's not clear what impact diving will continue to have for him. The book is very accessible for non-divers. There's enough technical detail to understand the human aspect of the operations, without burdening the stories with too much of a learning curve.

Diver is an honest, moving and sometimes hilarious account of a hair-raisingly exciting career, both in the Royal Navy and in commercial deep-sea diving—training the most unlikely of raw recruits ... handling unexploded bombs while under air attack ... living for months in a pressurized bottle with a voice like Donald Duck ... commuting to work through a hole in the floor in the freezing, black depths of the North Sea.

Anyone who has ever been affiliated with a military underwater demolition team or had the desire to enlist in one will not be able to put down Diver by Tony Groom. . . . Much of his first-person narrative is a candid look at adventures, relationships, personal triumphs and failures of a man whose job is to install or defuse explosives in cold dark waters. It demands nerves of steel, since one slight error would be the last error. (Northeast Dive News) Diver is the story of Tony Groom, a man who enlisted at the age of seventeen to become a diver for the Royal Navy. Serving countless years under extremely dangerous conditions, he speaks on his past career and his current career as a commercial diver. A tale of a man who truly loves what he does when no one else would think of doing it, Diver is an enthusiastically recommended tale. (Bookwatch 2009-02-01) Wide-ranging, illuminating and sympathetic ... This tale fills a massive gap and is long overdue. (Commodore Michael C. Clapp) The Royal Navy Clearance Divers, not the SAS, are the British mystery unit of the Falklands War. (Major General Julian Thompson) Epitomises the esprit de corps of the Royal Navy's Clearance Diving branch, as well as the close-knit camaraderie of the commercial offshore diver. (Mick Fellows) About the Author Tony Groom joined the Royal Navy at the age of 17, determined to become a diver. As a member of the Fleet Clearance Diving Team, he found himself diving for mines, dealing with unexploded bombs and being shot at in the Falklands War. He left the Navy in 1985 and has since traveled the world as a commercial diver.