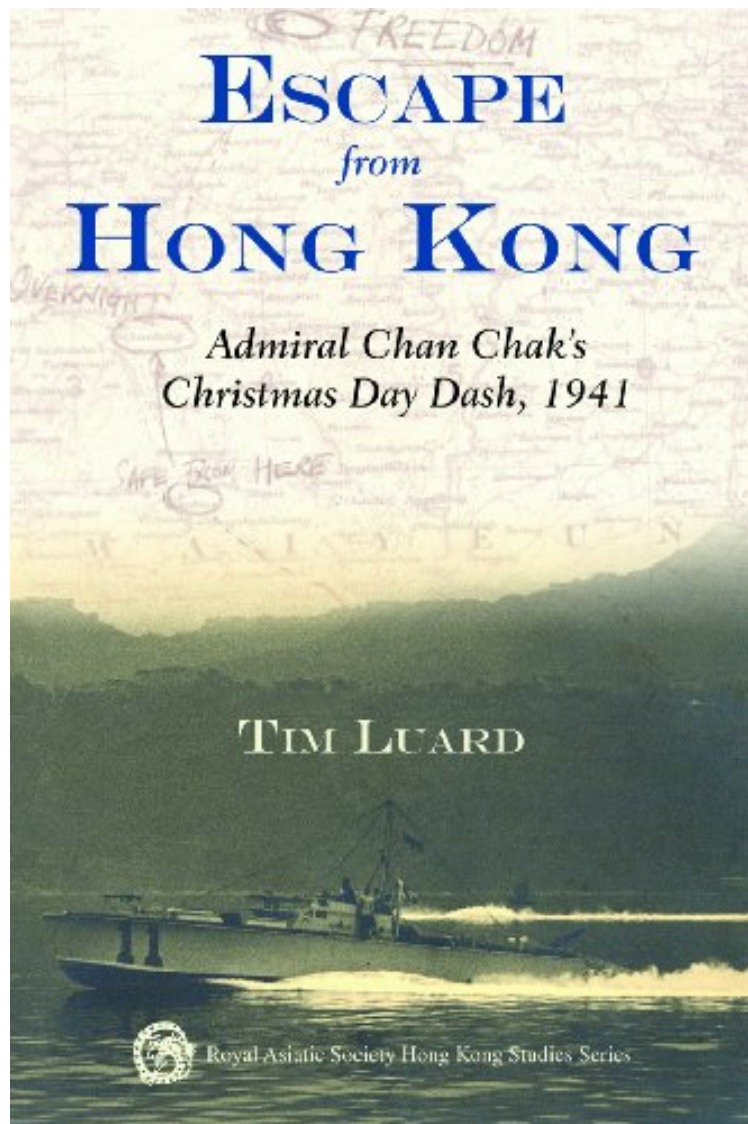


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Tim Luard tells this exciting and little known story with great skill. Some of us departed from Hong Kong much more comfortably! But we missed this extraordinary adventure. (Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, 1992-97)About the AuthorTim Luard is a former Beijing correspondent for the BBC World Service.