



Target Tirpitz: X-Craft, Agents and DambustersThe Epic Quest to Destroy Hitler'

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Harper. 1 Paperback(s), 2012. soft. Book Condition: New. She was the sister ship to the Bismarck, and merely by her existence, hiding in Norway's fjords with the potential to slip out and strike at Allied shipping, Hitler's battleship Tirpitz tied up the Royal Navy in the North Sea for four solid years. Churchill's desire to be rid of what he called "the beast" bordered on the obsessive: ultimately 24 missions were sent against her, including bombing raids, human torpedoes, and midget submarines, before the battleship was finally capsized by Britain's massive Tallboy bombs, dropped by Bomber Command's "Dambusters" squadron. Patrick Bishop's gripping saga focuses on squadron commander James "Willie" Tait, a man so self-effacing that few knew his pivotal role in Tirpitz's defeat. "This is a great wartime story, gung-ho in its praise of the men who finally sank Tirpitz, yet compassionate towards her courageous crew. Already a bestselling war historian with his books on the RAF, Target Tirpitz proves that Bishop has sea legs, and this book should add another fleet of fans to his existing army of admirers." Sunday Telegraph (London) 390.



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