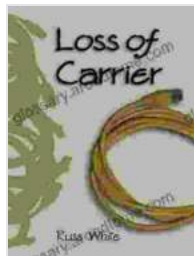


Loss of Carrier: Russ White's Gripping Tale of Naval Catastrophe

In the annals of naval history, few disasters are as tragic and unforgettable as the sinking of the USS Lexington during the Battle of the Coral Sea in 1942. With over 1,000 sailors lost in the watery depths, the loss of the "Lady Lex" remains one of the deadliest naval catastrophes in American history.

Now, in his gripping and meticulously researched book, *Loss of Carrier*, Russ White brings this harrowing event to life with vivid detail and profound emotional impact. Through the voices of survivors, firsthand accounts, and extensive archival research, White weaves a compelling narrative that transports readers to the heart of the battle and its aftermath.



Loss of Carrier by Russ White

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As the United States entered World War II, the USS Lexington was one of the most powerful aircraft carriers in the fleet. With its massive flight deck and formidable air wing, the "Lady Lex" played a crucial role in the early battles of the Pacific War.

However, on May 8, 1942, during the Battle of the Coral Sea, the Lexington was dealt a devastating blow. Japanese torpedo bombers attacked the carrier, inflicting heavy damage and setting it ablaze. Despite the heroic efforts of the crew, the fires spread uncontrollably, forcing the abandonment of the ship.

The Survivors' Stories

In *Loss of Carrier*, White gives voice to the survivors of this tragic event. Through their firsthand accounts, we witness the chaos, fear, and heartbreak that unfolded on that fateful day. We learn of the desperate attempts to save the ship, the harrowing experiences of those who survived the sinking, and the profound loss felt by the families of the fallen.

One of the most poignant stories in the book is that of Ensign George Gay. A young naval aviator, Gay was one of the last to leave the burning Lexington. As he made his way to the life rafts, he witnessed the horrific sight of sailors trapped and screaming in the inferno.



“ "I couldn't believe what I was seeing," Gay recalled. "Men were jumping overboard, their bodies on fire. It was like something out of a nightmare." ”

Honoring the Legacy of the USS Lexington

Loss of Carrier is not only a gripping tale of disaster but also a testament to the courage and sacrifice of the men who served on the USS Lexington. White paints a vivid picture of the ship's proud history, from its construction in the 1920s to its heroic role in the early days of World War II.

Through his extensive research, White uncovers the personal stories of the sailors who gave their lives for their country. He reveals their backgrounds, their dreams, and their families' heartbreak over their loss. In ng so, he honors their memory and ensures that their sacrifice is never forgotten.

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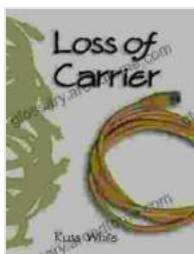
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