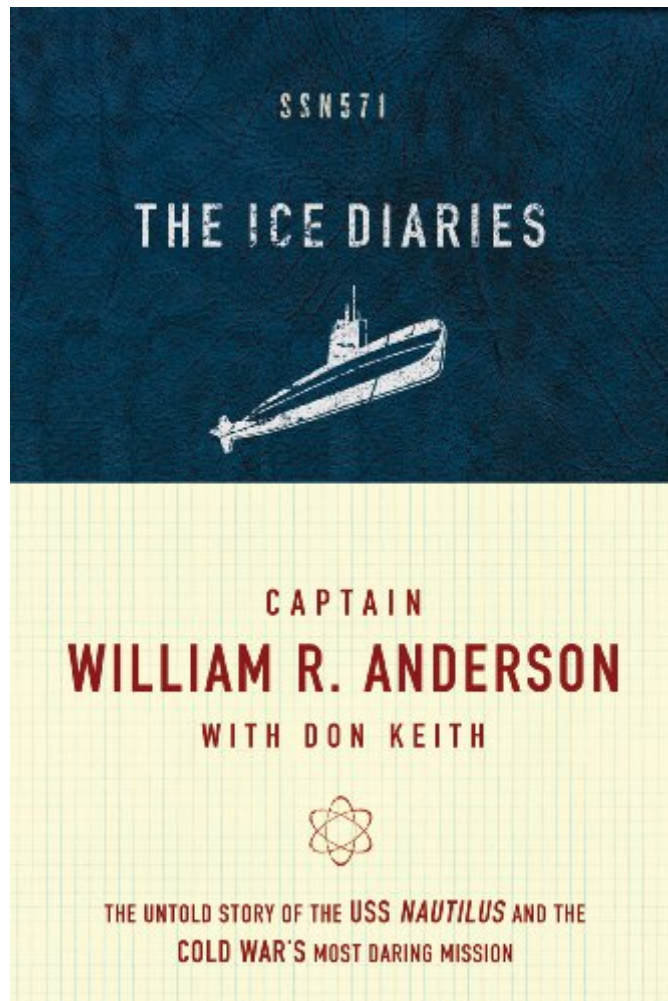


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The Ice Diaries The Untold Story of the Cold War's Most Daring Mission By Captain William Anderson with Don Keith Publisher Thomas Nelson Pp2008 Photos Index I looked at the dust jacket The Ice Diaries, The Untold Story of the Cold War's Most Daring Mission and it caught my eye. The reason I looked at it was very simple design a miniature submarine and the title and the author's name. I usually do not read many books about the United States let alone books dealing specifically with submarines. The book is about the Nautilus, its crew, and their two attempts and finally, the success of being the first nuclear submarine to go under the North Pole. I have been aboard the Nautilus in Groton, Connecticut. It was the US Navy's first nuclear submarine and it was ahead of its time. When I toured the boat I noticed it was much bigger than World War II submarines. The interior of the Nautilus is clean and a great deal of the areas is stainless steel. The diagram on the tour guides shows all the areas except the nuclear power plant. I took it for granted that submarines could go under the North Pole and could operate years with out refueling. I did not realize how difficult it was to do. The book Ice Diaries takes you back to the 1950's when the Russians were launching satellites and our own rockets were blowing up on the launch pad. The reader discovers President Eisenhower was behind the mission to go under the North Pole. He wanted to show the world that the United States had the ability to accomplish a technical challenge that no one else had done before. Reading Ice Diaries, I learned that Admiral Rickover was initially opposed to the Nautilus going under the North Pole.

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