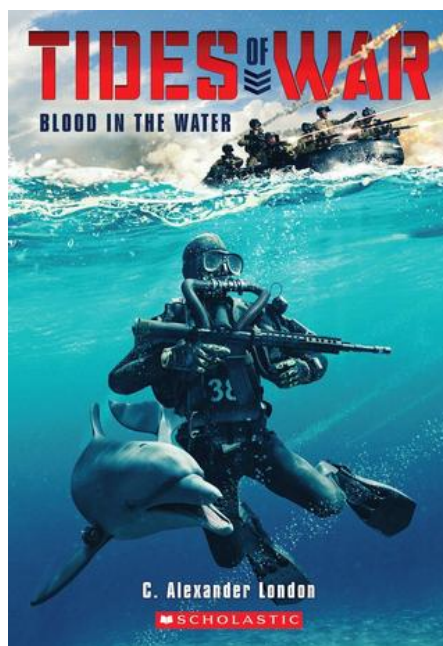




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Based on a real military program! The US Navy's new breed of soldier is ready to make a big splash.

From the author of Dog Tags!

Navy SEALs are some of the most elite warriors in the world. Trained to operate in sea, land, and air, they work under cover of night to carry out the US military's most sensitive and difficult missions.

Cory McNab wanted to be a Navy SEAL, but he washed out of the program. Now he is a member of the Navy's Marine Mammals Program, where he is partnered with a search-and-recovery dolphin named Kaj.

Together, Cory and Kaj are the Navy's best hope when a US spy submarine is lost in enemy waters. With the help of Kaj's bio-sonar, they should be able to locate the submarine before its secrets fall into the wrong hands. But the mission gets complicated when a team of Navy SEALs runs into trouble. Can Cory succeed where his heroes have failed . . . or is he in too deep?

## **Blood in the Water Details**

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## From Reader Review Blood in the Water for online ebook

### Caleb says

I really enjoyed reading this book! It gave a very interesting perspective on how underwater bombs were located and deactivated. I thought that the author put a lot of thought into the details of this book.

I will definitely want to continue reading books from this series and from this author as well. This was absolutely one of my favorite books to read for the year.

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### Tarissa says

What a cool story about dolphins being trained by the US Navy. Dolphins can perform underwater missions that humans (and technology) cannot.

I learned some amazing things about dolphins, such as how intelligent they are, and that dolphins can perform some fantastic maneuvers that can aid in military maneuvers. Wow! I liked how one phrase in the book says it this way: ***“The dolphins were like the police dogs of the ocean.”*** Plus, did you know that dolphins love to have their tongue scratched? And that humans comply to this strange (and dangerous) request to put their hand in the dolphin's mouth? Woah!

Another reason why I'm a little more than impressed with this book is that it's released from Scholastic, but this isn't your average middle-grade book. The main character Cory McNab is an adult, not a kid. Yet the action-packed thrilling adventure is perfect for say, tweens up to adults to enjoy.

It's a book that has some beautiful moments showing humans connecting with animals. Plus it has all the action of a Navy SEAL high-seas adventure.

*Thanks to NetGalley for a free copy of this book; I was not required to post a positive review.*

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### Natalie says

I didn't know anything about dolphins in the military. This fast paced and exciting read shows a whole new side to the military and out collaborations with animals

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### Lauren says

Good book. Not really hard. Easy. If you want to read a historical fiction book that's easy, this book if for you.

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### **Matt says**

I love how this book stirs trouble for Cory and Kaj, the way they choose to be a navy seal is brave. As Cory and Raj dont be come Navy seals they became A Navy Marine Mammal member.They were very useful when they were the USA's best hope at finding a spy american submarine. As like what the back of the book says have they gotten too deep? Or maybe shallow.

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### **Jacob Missbrenner says**

It was a great story, about fighting your deepest fears and showing courage during the darkest hours. Cory and Kaj showed great deals through out the book as they worked together against the odds of death to survive, even though they could have gotten gravely injured, or die. Like how Landon continued to support Cory trough the mission even though he got shot in the leg and was bleeding out. The book shows courage, and more importantly the horrors that linger even outside of war, like the shark attack in the beginning of the book that nearly killed Cory's little brother. During the entire book, Cory would have flash backs to that day and would freak out like he did on the Stokes, where he fell of and was nearly eaten by sharks like he was one of the scraps. But he fought continuously through these thoughts and horrors because he new with Kaj by his side he would be safe and happy knowing he was with family. It showed the bond be tween man and animal, and the heroism of our soldiers and the sacrifices they make for the little things, that make big differences.

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### **Evelyn.Richard says**

I love this book

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### **Garrit Clark says**

I like this book because it is fast paced. The main character Cory and his brother Aron got attacked by a shark at the beginning of the book. Cory tried to be a navy SEAL but the training was too hard so he quit and just joined the navy. His partner is a dolphin named Kaj he is in a search and recovery program. I would recommend this book to dolphin lovers.

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### **Lucas F says**

This book was really good because it is very interesting and I really like those books! I recommend this book to and 5th grader or higher who enjoy very interesting war books! If u like navy seals you will probably like this book! Cory and his brother had a shark attack and got saved by dolphins, so Cory decided to be a dolphin trainer after he failed to complete he seals training, he trained a dolphin named Kia and was asked to find a mini submarine and explode it and do other crazy missions. The North Koreans took some seals for hostage to tell there leader. Unfortunately if the North Koreas get there hands on what on that sub they will be "unstoppable able". Will they blow up the mini submarine and let the navy seals be hostile or find there

navy seals and risk the North Koreans get there hands on the mini sub!

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### **Tyler says**

The conflict in the book is that the main character's (Cory's) little brother was attacked by a shark and he can't get the memory out of his head. The way that Cory reacts when he sees sharks is very interesting.

I would recommend this book to people 12+ because of the violence.

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### **Sharie says**

Another series by this author bound to be excellent. It's a page turner.

Themes:

Navy SEALs

Shark attacks

Loyalty

Navy Marine Mammal Program (who knew!)

Dolphin facts

Facing your fears

Audience:

Great for 4th grade on up

Engaging for older reader as well

Hits the mark for a reluctant reader

Would not classify this as 'boys only', especially with the dolphins included

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### **Justin.h says**

As the waves crashed on the beach of Sandiego's shore, Cory and his brother Aaron were Surfing. Injoy the waves until a shark came and attacked Aaron. Aaron lived with only a few scars and brushes. But Cory was not the one to save his brother. A Dolphin saved Aaron and brought him to shore. Since the Dolphin saved his brother, that made Cory decide that he will work with dolphins for the U.S. Navy. Cory and his Dolphin Kaj. Cory and Kaj have been chosen to work with Seal Team Six because the Seals needed Kaj to find a sunken submarine that has the worlds top ten technology on it. Cory, Kaj, and Seal Team Six now must go into Korean water to find and destroy this submarine before North Korean does.

I recommend this book because it keeps you wanting to read more and more until the end.

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### **Ethan says**

This book was very boring, I did not like it.

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## **C.M. Halstead says**

I read this at the request of my 11 year old boy. I enjoyed it! A great tale and heroes journey. Fate comes to play as well.

If you are looking for a quick young adult adventure with good morals. This is one for exploring our warrior side, and facing our fears.

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## **Ms. Yingling says**

Cory has tried to get into the Navy SEALs, but wasn't able to hack training. Instead, he is part of the Navy's Marine Mammals Program and has trained a dolphin named Kaj to hunt bombs and other items under water to make the seas safer for the Navy, if not for Kaj! Unfortunately, Cory is still struggling with an event in his life. While out surfing, he and his younger brother Aaron were attacked by sharks. Cory was okay, but Aaron spent three days in the hospital, and Cory feels responsible. He is scared of being in the open waters, scared that sharks will again be a danger, even though he knows that the statistical probability is low. Cory and Kaj are sent to the Sea of Japan and are assigned to retrieve a sensitive piece of equipment that has been lost in North Korean territory. Cory, nervous about everything and feeling that the Navy SEALs know about his failure and are laughing at him, is still determined to make sure that Kaj does the job he was trained to do so he can prove himself to the Navy, but he also wants to keep Kaj safe. Major Landon is sceptical about the "fish" doing a good job, but he is impressed by Cory and Kaj's skills. The mission runs unto trouble, though, when a North Korean trawler turns out to be more than it seems. Men are killed and military security is at stake, and only Cory and Kaj have the abilities needed to save the day.

Strengths: Like the fabulous Dog Tags books, this shows a ton of research into little known military practices. I can't find the post related to Travis Jonker's assertion that all MG books should be 200 pages of less that claimed that there should be no more World War II middle grade books, but I still have so many readers who want war books, and this is just perfect! It's modern, has lots of suspenseful military action, cool dolphin tactics, and Cory is afraid. Not only is he afraid, but Landon tells him that's okay-- he'd be crazy if he weren't. But Cory is also brave and very loyal to Kaj. This was superb.

Weaknesses: PAPERBACK??? The life of a paperback in my library is about three circulations. Hardcover or prebind is the only way to go, and prebinds take a while. In some cases, they are never available. I would buy two hardcover copies of each of the Tides of War and Dog Tags series books if they were only available! There is not enough clear tape in the world to reinforce paperbacks to make them hold up to being toted around by the average 6th grader!

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