

# NEPTUNE'S INFERNO

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*Neptune's Inferno* is at once the most epic and the most intimate account of the contest for control of the seaways of the Solomon Islands, America's first concerted offensive against the Imperial Japanese juggernaut and the true turning point of World War II in the Pacific. This grim, protracted campaign has long been heralded as a Marine victory. Now, with his powerful portrait of the Navy's sacrifice, James D. Hornfischer tells for the first time the full story of the men who fought in the narrow, deadly waters of "Ironbottom Sound."

Working from new interviews with survivors, unpublished eyewitness accounts, and newly available documents, Hornfischer paints a vivid picture of the officers and enlisted men who opposed the Japanese in America's hour of need. *Neptune's Inferno* does what all great battle narratives do: It cuts through the smoke and fog to tell the gripping human stories behind the momentous events and critical decisions that altered the course of history and shaped so many lives.

**JAMES D. HORNFISCHER**, a native of Massachusetts, is the author of *Ship of Ghosts* and *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors*, a winner of the Samuel Eliot Morison Award. A graduate of Colgate University and the University of Texas at Austin, Hornfischer lives with his wife and three children in Austin, Texas.

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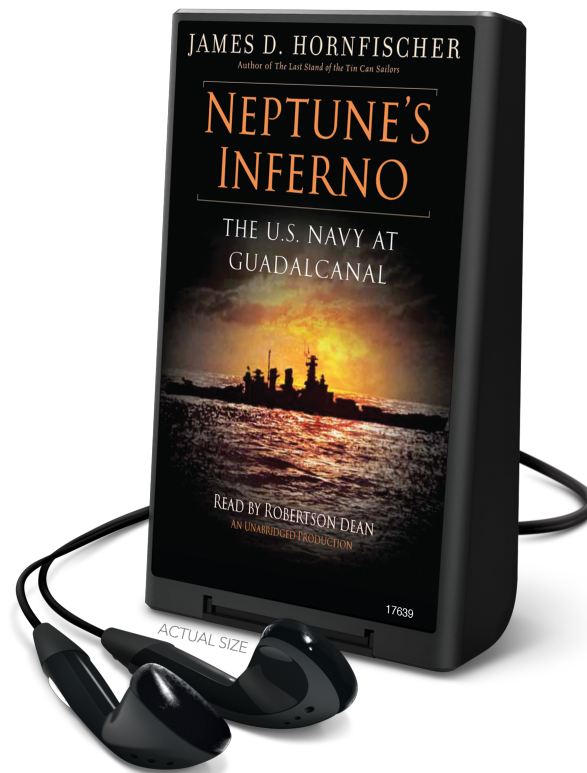
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