

In *The Dangerous Shore*, leading researcher and bestselling author Sara Vladic uncovers a story long buried in classified files and silenced by wartime press embargoes: Enemy submarines prowled America's coastline, sinking ships, landing spies, and plotting assaults on US cities. While the nation's eyes were fixed overseas, a covert battle raged for the home front.

An unconventional band of defenders rose to meet the threat. Gill Robb Wilson led a barnstorming corps of volunteer civilian pilots, flying on little more than nerve and determination. In Dayton, Ohio, brilliant engineer Joe Desch pushed the limits of technology to unravel enemy ciphers. At the Navy's Tenth Fleet, nearsighted yet "clairvoyant" Kenneth Knowles steered fleets of ships with uncanny instinct, harnessing ULTRA intelligence to blunt the U-boat menace.

Some defenders came from the shadows. Grace Buchanan-Dineen, a self-styled countess and German spy turned double agent, helped the FBI capture enemy operatives. On the New York waterfront, mob bosses Lucky Luciano, Meyer Lansky, and Socks Lanza struck unlikely deals with Naval Intelligence, keeping the coastline secure and vital information flowing.

Gripping, explosive, and true, *The Dangerous Shore* reveals the secret war that unfolded just beyond America's beaches—and unmasks the outlaws, visionaries, and patriots who fought it. The story is an ode to the bravery, loyalty, and patriotism of our most unsung—and unlikely—heroes.

**SARAH VLADIC** is an acclaimed documentary filmmaker, National Geographic historian, and the coauthor of the *New York Times* instant bestseller *Indianapolis*. Early in her career, Vladic quickly established herself as one of the world's leading authorities on the USS *Indianapolis*, and she has now brought the same level of expert research to *The Dangerous Shore*. Vladic has also written and produced for several major film and television studios, and is a member of the Producers Guild of America. She lives with her husband, Ben, in San Diego.

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