

"Highly Recommended. The tragic story of the sinking of the 'USS Indianapolis,' the ship chosen to transport the components of the atomic bomb across the Pacific in WW II, is dramatically retold in this effective documentary. Archival footage, convincing simulation, pertinent stills, and a smooth voice-over are intercut with the vivid recollections of some of the 317 men who floated for five days in shark-infested waters and survived the disaster in which 880 others perished. Interviews with the crew, the Japanese commander who sank the Indianapolis, and the sons of Captain McVay, the commanding officer of the ship, who was court-martialed after the tragedy, convincingly argue that McVay was used as a scapegoat to cover up the navy's culpability in the incident. The compelling production concludes with McVay's trial and subsequent suicide." - Booklist

"Highly Recommended. This is a solid production. The script is well written and the visuals clearly support the narration of events and concepts. The use of live-action, still photographs, interviews with survivors, and supporting graphics, complement the text very well. The many key and debatable points are provided in this production in an interesting and thoughtful manner." - EMRO Review

This is the documentary that opened the eyes of America, retelling the story of the worst US Navy disaster in history, and the worst loss of life from shark attack in naval history; this is the tragic story of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, the ship chosen to transport the components of the atomic bomb across the Pacific in WW II. This documentary guarantees the story of the USS Indianapolis, its Captain and its crew will never be forgotten. Also, it must be noted, after years of effort, in July, 2001, the Navy amended Captain McVay's record and exonerated him for the loss of the USS Indianapolis and of those who died as a result of the ship's sinking.

Note: Recent information from a veterans' group of USS Indianapolis survivors has proven there were 317 men rescued. Historically, there have been references made to 316 survivors; this was due to an error in Navy records.



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"Best Director Nomination" - Director's Guild of America
"Best Film Award" - AFV Awards



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