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### *Amphibious Assault Falklands The Battle Of San Carlos Water*

Guy Bransby, the author of 'Her Majesty's Vietnam Soldier', in April 1982 finds himself setting out to the Falkland Islands and because he speaks Spanish finds himself one of only three soldiers who formed the Spanish Speaking Intelligence Unit.

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Using four warship-centered examples, this book shows how naval battles are won or lost—and how technological advantage is rarely as decisive in defeat or victory as is often claimed. • Focuses on four

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ship-centered battle narratives: the battle of Trafalgar, the battle of Jutland, the sinking of the Prince of Wales and Repulse, and the Falklands War

- Identifies 11 perspectives that explain victory and defeat in naval operations
- Provides a history-based survey of successful naval operations while highlighting the nature of naval operations in the 21st century
- Presents information written in a clear, reader-friendly style without compromising on its scholarly standards of content and accuracy
- Offers fascinating reading for naval college students, general audiences who enjoy naval history, and naval historians alike

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with 200,000 Serbs about to be ethnically cleansed despite United Nations attempts to prevent the slaughter, rape and destruction of their 500-year homeland. During a Serbian artillery attack Matea Markovic and her young son are saved by James Laidlaw, ex-Royal Navy officer and European Community monitor, but he soon realises that there are even greater evil forces at play. Colonel Ante Slavic of the Croatian army is determined to prevent James from discovering the truth of his murderous campaign and is prepared to kill anyone who stands in his way, including Matea and her son. With American Special Forces and the Secret Services of France, Germany, Greece and Britain all in theatre James is forced to fight on many fronts. James, Matea and her son are in danger once again when the indicted war criminal Slavic, on the run from justice, pursues them to the rugged south Cornish coast where the outcome, and who is destined for a watery grave, are far

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from certain. While the author's expertise and experience is demonstrated throughout, readers will have to decide for themselves how close to the truth Death's Sting really is.

The Royal Fleet Auxiliary in the Falklands War : the Untold Story

5th Infantry Brigade in the Falklands 1982

The Canberra in the Falklands War

The Falklands War – There and Back Again

Ground operations in the South Atlantic

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Reasons in Writing tells Southby-Tailyour's story of the Falklands War largely through the medium of diaries and letters written during his peacetime tour of duty in the seventies and the war itself. Reasons in Writing,

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is unlikely to be rivalled for its immediacy, insight and deep and genuine feeling for the Islands themselves, based on experience gained (unlike any other participant civilian or service) before, during and after that fateful winter of 1982.

Argentina vs. Great Britain April, 1982: a furious 10-week war of national pride, fought with the latest weaponry. Three people are trapped in this deadly conflict. Jenny, a Falkland Islander, watches helplessly as 13,000 Argentine soldiers invade her homeland and turn it into a war zone. Reynaldo, an Argentine soldier, finds love, but is caught in the line of fire. Mike, a journalist, risks his life to write his stories. These three

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people, one from Argentina, one from Great Britain, and one from the Falkland Islands, face the war and are changed forever. Historically accurate, *A Better War Than Most* brings the war to life: the sinkings of the *Belgrano* and the *Sheffield*, Bomb Alley, Goose Green, the Fitzroy Disaster, and the bloody battle for Wireless Ridge. Here is aerial combat between the most advanced jets on the planet, ships exploding, and nighttime raids fought in a hurricane of shells and missiles. The British crossed 8,000 miles of ocean to launch the greatest amphibious assault since World War II. Few believed Britain could win this war with just two carriers, no land bases, and only 20 Harrier

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jets to face 200 Argentine planes. It was a fight to the death, for those who survived and those who didn't.

This book suggests that institutional culture can account for a great deal of the activities and rationale of the Royal Navy. War highlights the role of culture in military organizations and as such acts as a spotlight by which this phenomenon can be assessed separately and then in comparison in order to demonstrate the influence of institutional culture on strategy.

On 3 April 1982 British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher announced that Argentine armed forces had landed on British sovereign territory; had captured the men of Royal Marine detachment NP8901; had run up



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the Argentine flag; and had declared the islands and their population to be Argentine. An immediate response was required and a task force was rapidly assembled to retake the islands. From this point until the Argentine surrender on 14 June, the British forces fought what was in many ways a 19th-century style colonial campaign at the end of extended supply lines some 8,000 miles from home. This volume will detail the major stages of the land campaign to retake the islands, focusing on the San Carlos landings, the battle for Darwin and Goose Green, and the final battles for Mt Longdon, Tumbledown and Wireless Ridge, the mountains that surrounded the island's capital,

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Stanley.

The SAS in the Falklands War

Across an Angry Sea

Hit the Beach

Duplicity and Deceit in the Balkans

From Suez to the Falklands and the present day

Assault from the Sea

For many people it was 3 Commando Brigade, commanded Major General Julian Thompson, and made up of Royal Marines and Para's that recaptured the Falklands. Yet 5th Infantry Brigade played a key and until now little acknowledged role in this extraordinary saga. Cobbled together in haste (having been stripped of its assets to br

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Commando Brigade up to strength), it comprised principally of two Guards battalions (2nd Scots and 1st Welsh) and the Gurkhas. Many felt it was inadequately trained when it sailed from Southampton on the QE 2 and this view was given substance by early disasters such as the tragedy at Bluff Cove. Yet by the end, its contribution, of which Tumbledown is the best known, could not be denied. Why then was its commander (Brigadier Tony Wilson) so conspicuously ignored when the medals and decorations were handed out?

This book provides an insight into the relationship between the Royal Navy's institutional culture and modern warfare with specific reference to the Falklands Conflict and the Gulf War.

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On 1 April 1982 Major Mike Norman, commander of Naval Party 8901, was looking forward to a peaceful yearlong tour of duty on the Falkland Islands. But events turned out differently, for the next day the Argentines invaded and he and his forty-three Royal Marines found themselves fighting for their lives. They took up defensive positions around Government House and on the approach to Stanley from Camp Pembroke to protect the Governor Rex Hunt and delay the Argentine advance to Stanley. They were prepared to die executing his orders. After a desperate battle in the gardens and even in the house against superior numbers Rex Hunt ordered them to lay down their arms. As the surrender took place, an Argentine told a marine: The islands are ours now. The response was

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simple: We will be back. They were, and this is their story. The Royal Marines of Naval Party 8901 as well as some members of the previous detachment volunteered to join the Task Force and, some seventy-five days later, the men who witnessed the raising of the Argentine flag over the islands on 2 April saw the triumphant return of the Union Jack. Mike Normans dramatic account draws on his own vivid recollections, the recording of the defense of Government House, the testimony of the marines under his command and newly released files from government archives. It is a powerful and moving tribute to the marines who confronted the Argentines when they invaded and then fought to force them out.

This book explores the Falklands War from an Argentinian

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perspective, taking into consideration three aspects. First, introduces classified documents after the end of the thirty ban. Second, it highlights various conceptual, institutional, and doctrinal reforms in the Argentinian and other South American armed forces as a result of lessons learned from Malvinas War. Third, it reflects on the war's long-term implications on Argentina's foreign policy and society. The book offers the first comprehensive, multi-level analysis, an Argentinian scholarship on the conflict. It is based on original primary data, mainly official documentation and interviews with military officers and combatants.

War in the Falklands

Don't Cry for Me, Sergeant-Major

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Her Majesty's Interrogator

Naval Operations from Trafalgar to the Falklands

Air Power in the Falklands Conflict

An Operational Level Insight into Air Warfare in the South Atlantic

*The amphibious assault against a defended beach is fully explored from the perspective of the defender.*

*This essay examines the British use of sea-based aviation in support of two modern amphibious campaigns: the British campaign in Norway in 1940 and in the Falkland Islands War in 1982. The purpose is to determine whether or not aircraft carriers (sea-based aviation) were at the root of the success or failure of*

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*British efforts. In April 1940, there were no airfields in central Norway capable of supporting modern, high performance aircraft. As the Norwegian campaign unfolded and the British faced a significant land-based air threat from the Luftwaffe, they failed to appreciate the tactical and operational potential of sea-based aviation. At the same time, British naval aircraft were technically inferior in design and capability compared to their Luftwaffe land-based counterparts in 1940. Nevertheless, despite determined attacks on British naval assets at the tactical level, at the operational level, the German command limited their campaign goals and did not exploit their advantage in the air to the extent*



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*possible. Their actions did, however, place great pressure on British sea based lines of communication in central Norway, the operational pivot of the campaign. In 1982, against the Argentines, the British faced another opponent with superior land-based aviation. Although the British fully appreciated the need for air superiority, they employed a tactical scheme not unlike what had occurred in Norway. Nevertheless, the British were able to successfully contest the airspace above the Falklands and ultimately succeeded in defeating Argentine ground forces and ejecting them from the islands.*

*In early summer 1982--winter in the South Atlantic--Argentina's military junta invades the Falklands.*

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*Within days, a British Royal Navy Task Force is assembled and dispatched. This is the story of D Squadron, 22 SAS, commanded by Cedric Delves. The relentless tempo of events defies belief. Raging seas, inhospitable glaciers, hurricane-force winds, helicopter crashes, raids behind enemy lines--the Squadron prevailed against them all, but the cost was high. Eight died and more were wounded or captured. Holding fast to their humanity, D Squadron's fighters were there at the start and end of the Falklands War, the first to raise a Union Jack over Government House in Stanley. Across an Angry Sea is a chronicle of daring, skill and steadfastness among a tight-knit band of brothers; of*

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*The Official History of the Falklands Campaign: War and  
diplomacy*

*A Very Strange Way to Go to War*

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*The History and Mythology of the Battle of Goose Green*

From the Plains of Abraham in 1759 to the Falklands landings  
in 1982, investigate the unique challenge posed by

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amphibious warfare--where the invading troops cannot wage their battle offensively until reaching dry ground, and when the defending forces can start with an advantage. Also included: the awesome Dardanelles offensive of 1915-16, the bloody fighting at Gallipoli, and the American landings at Inchon in 1950. 272 pages, 120 b/w illus., 5 x 7 3/4.

The Falklands War of 1982 was a small war, but one with large resonances. The Argentine invasion of the one of the few remaining British colonies on 2 April might have been prevented by a more coherent British foreign policy, better intelligence analysis, and military precautions; and once the crisis began, it could have possibly ended by negotiation. Instead it involved both countries in a short, but intense, conflict which cost the lives of 255 British, and 625 Argentine,

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personnel. The Falklands War - Examines the interaction between military force and diplomacy, shedding light on their often hidden relationship - Explores the deeply personal response of the British and Argentine public to the conflict - Assesses the relationship between the Government and the media, and considers the interpretation of the war in Britain - Analyses the effect of the conflict on the concept of 'Thatcher's Britain' The Falklands War exemplified what one historian has called the 'myriad faces of war'. It was the last war which Britain fought outside a coalition or an international organisation, and, far from being marginal to Britain's key role as part of the defence system against the Soviet threat, it held a mirror up to the face of the British people in the late twentieth century. Authoritative and clear, this is the ideal

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introduction for anyone with an interest in one of Britain's most significant military engagements, its impact and consequences.

In 1982, conflict erupts between Great Britain and Argentina, and Argentina decides to invade The Falklands. Number 10 Downing Street prepares a large-scale operation to regain control of the islands. Along with the use of traditional combat techniques, these operations provide an extraordinary test of modern electronic weaponry. Biggles Recounts is a collection of real history books.

On 9 May 1912 the first airplane take-off from a ship was made from the deck of the HMS Hibernia. In July 1918, seven Sopwith Camels launched from the converted battlecruiser HMS Furious damaged the German airbase at Tønder and

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destroyed two zeppelins. The age of the carrier was born. In the interwar years the Lexington, Akagi and Courageous class carriers were developed, but it was only during World War II that the aircraft carrier finally came into its own. Fleet carriers carrying 30-40 aircraft allowed the Japanese and US navies to project air power across the vast Pacific Ocean, with the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor presaging a new kind of warfare. With the sinking of hundreds of ships during World War II, including the German battleship Bismarck in 1941, by the end of the war carriers ruled the waves and the era of the battleship had passed. The World's Greatest Aircraft Carriers features 52 of the most significant flat tops and amphibious assault ships built since the 1920s until the present day, from the USS Yorktown, which survived direct hits during the battle

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of Midway (1942), through the Falklands War veteran HMS Invincible, to the mighty Nimitz class, the core of the US Navy's carrier battle groups today. Also included are significant amphibious assault ships, such as the USS Tarawa and French Mistral. Each entry includes a brief description of the ship's development and history, a color profile view or cutaway, key features and specifications. Packed with more than 200 artworks and photographs, *The World's Greatest Aircraft Carriers* is a colorful guide for the naval warfare enthusiast.

British Amphibious Assault Ships  
Argentine Forces in the Falklands  
Amphibious Warfare  
No Picnic



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## Death's Sting

### An Illustrated History

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Amphibious assault ships have been at the centre of nearly all of Britain's expeditionary campaigns since World War II, from the Suez crisis of 1956 to operations as far afield as Borneo (1963–66), the Falklands (1982), Sierra Leone (2000) and Iraq (2003). In major operations

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such as Suez and the Falklands, the use of amphibious assault ships was essential to the military success of the campaigns. The Suez Crisis saw two of the Royal Navy's former light fleet carriers converted into 'commando carriers' to specialise in amphibious warfare. In the 1960s these were followed by the famous Fearless class ships – the first purpose-built amphibious assault ships in the Royal Navy. With an internal dock, headquarters capability, and multiple landing craft, these 'Landing Platform Docks' were built to project power around the world. When the Falklands were invaded, HMS Fearless was the key to the successful landing in San Carlos. In the 1990s, a new generation was ordered: the helicopter carrier HMS Ocean and the Albion class LPDs. In recent

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years Ocean, Albion and Bulwark have been the largest fighting ships of the Royal Navy and have acted as the navy's flagships, as well as being perhaps the most versatile ships in the navy. This title is an essential guide to British Amphibious Assault Ships across the decades, from the mighty Fearless to the modern Albion. Packed with full-colour illustrations, contemporary photography, and detailed analysis, this definitive work explores the history, development, and deployment of the Royal Navy's front line.

Details the war between Argentina and Britain over the Falkland Islands and discusses the political, diplomatic, and strategic aspects of the conflict

Understanding Victory: Naval Operations from Trafalgar

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to the Falklands

Essays on the History of Amphibious Warfare

Logistics in the Falklands War

One Hundred Days (Text Only)

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Expeditionary Operations? Norway 1940, Falkland  
Islands 1982

This is the extraordinary story untold until now, of how unlikely combatants like waiters, cooks, nurses and cleaners who never in their dreams imagined they could be caught up in a war, found themselves on the front line at the very end of the world.

A military/naval history that presents 37 accounts of

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amphibious warfare from Gallipoli, through the Second World War in Europe, North Africa, the Indian ocean and the pacific, Korea, Suez, Vietnam, the Falklands and the first Gulf War down to the Al Faw landings in Iraq in 2003. It also includes Japanese and soviet operations.

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A British Naval commander's eyewitness account of the 1982 war in the South Atlantic. Since he was in charge of the amphibious operations in the Falklands War, it goes without saying that there is no one better qualified to tell the story of that aspect of the campaign than Commodore Michael Clapp. Here he describes, with considerable candor, some of the problems met in a Navy racing to war and finding it necessary to recreate a largely abandoned operational technique in a

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somewhat ad hoc fashion. During the time it took to “go south,” some sense of order was imposed and a not very well defined command structure evolved, this was not done without generating a certain amount of friction. He tells of why San Carlos Water was chosen for the assault and the subsequent inshore operations. Michael Clapp and his small staff made their stand and can claim a major role in the defeat of the Argentine Air and Land Forces.

The Story of Naval Party 8901

The Full Story

The Falklands/Malvinas War in the South Atlantic

No Sea Too Rough

Hostile Skies

A Novel of the Falklands War

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This collection of 51 essays provides a history of amphibious landings that include European, Asian, and American operations. It describes in detail some of history's most significant amphibious assaults, as well as planned attacks that were never carried out.

Largely narrated through eyewitness testimony, this book chronicles the untold story of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary's vital contribution to the Falklands War. Far from being 'auxiliary', the RFA's ships were in the thick of the fighting from the very beginning.

The bestselling, highly-acclaimed and most famous account of the Falklands War, written by the commander of the British Task Force.

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The Falklands War is a story of occupation, fierce air battles, heavy naval losses and bitter encounters between ground forces amidst an inhospitable terrain and unforgiving climate. With complex political machinations and nationalist sentiment at the centre of the conflict, even today the sovereignty of the islands is hotly contested in political circles. For the first time, renowned military historian Gregory Fremont-Barnes has compiled a definitive A–Z guide to the British involvement in the Falklands conflict, including personalities, weapons, battles, ships, places and much more. This accessible yet comprehensive companion to the Falklands War will be a welcome addition to any enthusiast's shelves.

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A Commando's View of the Falklands War

The Falklands 1982

Strategy and tactics from Gallipoli to Iraq

A Case Study in Expeditionary Warfare

The Battle for the Falklands

*The Battle for the Falklands is a thoughtful and informed analysis of an astonishing chapter in modern British history from journalist and military historian Sir Max Hastings and political editor Simon Jenkins. Ten weeks. 28,000 soldiers. 8,000 miles from home. The Falklands War in 1982 was one of the strangest in British history. At the*

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*time, many Britons saw it as a tragic absurdity - thousands of men sent overseas for a tiny relic of empire - but the British victory over the Argentinians not only confirmed the quality of British arms but also boosted the political fortunes of Thatcher's Conservative government. However, it left a chequered aftermath and was later overshadowed by the two Gulf wars. Max Hastings' and Simon Jenkins' account of the conflict is a modern classic of war reportage and the definitive book on the conflict. In this official history of the Falklands Campaign, Lawrence Freedman provides a*

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*detailed and authoritative account of one of the most extraordinary periods in recent British political history and a vivid portrayal of a government at war. After the shock of the Argentine invasion of the Falklands in April 1982, Margaret Thatcher faced the crisis that came to define her premiership as she determined to recover the islands. Freedman covers all aspects of the campaign - economic and diplomatic as well as military - and demonstrates the extent of the gamble that the government took. There are important accounts of the tensions in relations with the United States, concerns*



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*among the military commanders about the risks they were expected to take, the problems of dealing with the media and the attempts to reach a negotiated settlement. This definitive account describes in dramatic detail events such as the sinking of the Belgrano, the battle of Goose Green and the final push to Stanley. Special attention is also paid to the aftermath of the war, including the various enquiries, and the eventual restoration of diplomatic relations with Argentina.*

*Landing on a hostile beach is one of the most ancient forms and still most difficult forms*

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*of warfare. It requires unparalleled levels of planning, organisation, coordination and cooperation between the services. After the disasters of Gallipoli and Zeebrugge in the World War I, amphibious operations reached their maturity in World War II, and were essential in the defeat of Japan, while the D-Day landings signaled the beginning of the end for Hitler. Since 1945, a myriad of expeditionary naval forces have set off for a wide range of destinations, including Korea, Vietnam, the Falkland Islands, Grenada, the Balkans and Iraq in 2003. In the post-Cold War era, amphibious warfare has reached new*

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*heights of importance in its ability to intervene rapidly in crisis situations. Rather than following a narrative history, Amphibious Warfare takes the unique approach of building up the different stages of an amphibious campaign chapter by chapter, illustrating each with case studies. From planning and preparation to reaching landing zones, from beachhead consolidation to securing a target, Amphibious Warfare offers the complete picture of the people, strategy and tactics, ships and landing craft, tanks and aircraft, as well as the assaults involved. Illustrated with more than 150*

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*photographs and including a colour plate section of more than 40 artworks, Amphibious Warfare is the complete guide to a form of conflict of increasing relevance to the modern world.*

*Major General Julian Thompson first wrote No Picnic when the momentous events of April - June 1982 were fresh in his mind. As Commander of 3 Commando Brigade, he was at the heart of the planning and conduct of the War. Under his direct command had been the Royal Marine Commandos and the two battalions of the Parachute Regiment who conducted the lion's share of the fighting.No-one therefore*

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*is better qualified to tell the extraordinary story of there-taking of the Falkland Islands from the Argentinians. The author, now a celebrated military historian, has revised his early book and added for this 25 Anniversary edition more of his own personal thoughts and impressions. It is all too easy to overlook just how perilous and risky a venture this expedition to the depths of the Southern Hemisphere was. Victory and defeat hung in the balance. Even those who feel they know about this most remarkable of wars will learn more from reading this classic account. The Royal Navy in the Falklands Conflict and*

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This controversial and very readable work examines in detail the decisive events of the Falklands War. With maps and diagrams the author takes us through the build-up to the conflict and the different stages of the battle, right up to the final surrender. The announcement of the imminent withdrawal of the British Royal Navy's ice patrol ship HMS Endurance in early 1982 prompted the Argentinian Junta in Buenos Aires to plan a military grab of the Falklands-a siege they assumed would



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