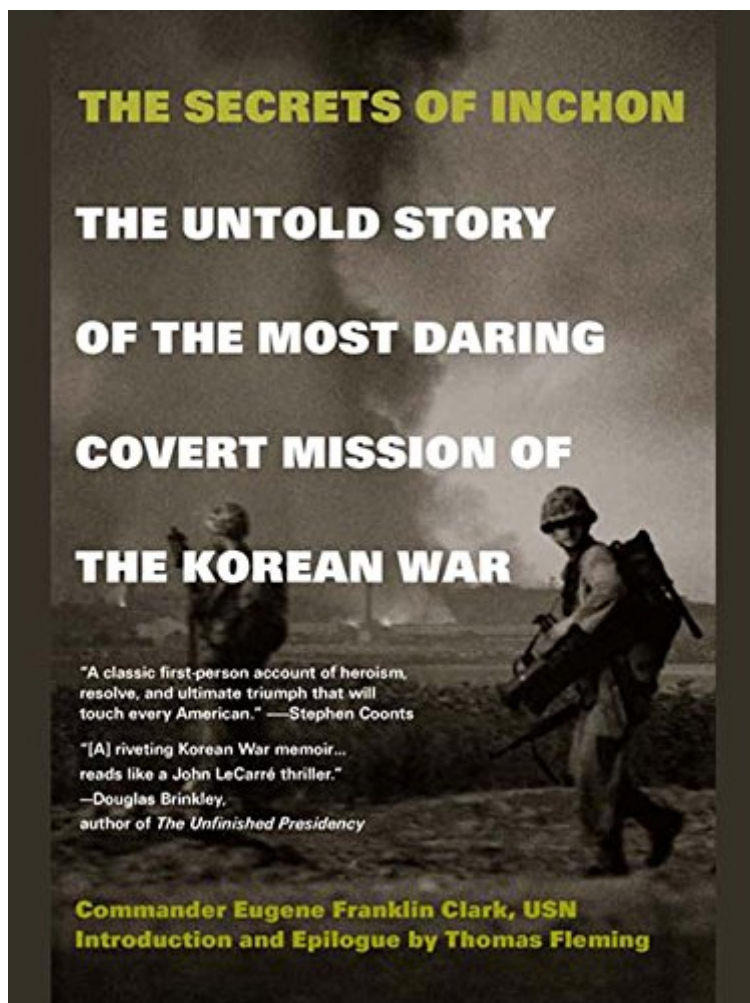


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Eugene Franklin Clark was an Army Aide to General McArthur during WW II. He was attached to the General in Japan after the War. Because the US Army had no information about the waters and the people in the Inchon area, Clark was sent to reconnoiter the area. This extremely interesting story was unknown until the death of Commander Clark. Clark wrote up daily journals while he had only 2 weeks to identify hazards and safe sailing in the waters off Inchon, Korea. His family found his journals in his lockbox at his bank shortly after his death. This book has more details than any TV program about the Invasion of Inchon. I have bought 5 copies to share with friends. You can find this book at a very low price on .

This book is a brilliant first person account of a daring covert mission. It is set in the days leading up to MacArthur's landings at Inchon. It is all the more remarkable because it was not written for mass publication but as a report to the author's superiors. It is written with the clear detached unsentimental style of an official document. Yet the author somehow manages through his prose style to deliver a completely compelling narrative that you will drive through. Some will see racism in the manner the author describes the Koreans he deals with; that would be a mistake and applying standards of today. He honestly describes what he observes and how he interacts with the Koreans. His observations may be culturally insensitive but they do not come from bias. Read this book! I have no doubt you will enjoy it.

This book is a factual account of the efforts of Commander Eugene Franklin Clark USN in support of General MacArthur's invasion at Inchon to retake Seoul South Korea. The book was mentioned as a footnote in a story of The Corps "Retreat Hell" by W.E.B. Griffin. The story by Mr. Griffin seemed to push the envelope of audacity and courage in fiction but the reference to the Secrets of Inchon in the story led me to purchase the book. The factual story is amazing and well worth the read.

A true story of heroism. I loved reading this account.

I'm really not qualified to rate this book because Eugene Franklin Clark was my Dad. I will say that my mom, brother and I were breathlessly awaiting each page of this book as it came off the typewriter in the den of our rented house in Arlington, Virginia in the fall of 1951. We had returned from Japan that summer. We had, of course, not been aware of my Dad's spy missions while we were in Japan. I miss my Dad, He was bright, witty, modest and a great Dad.

Interesting book about a little known factor of Koren War(Police Action) that allow MacArthur to carry out his invasion of Inchon. This action is why the invasion was a success, allowing for the liberation of South Korea.

Fascinating story that reads like fiction even though it really happened. I was too young for Korea but served with many veterans of that war--I bet very few know what Commander Clark accomplished to make the landing successful.

Very readable. True story but better than most fiction.

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