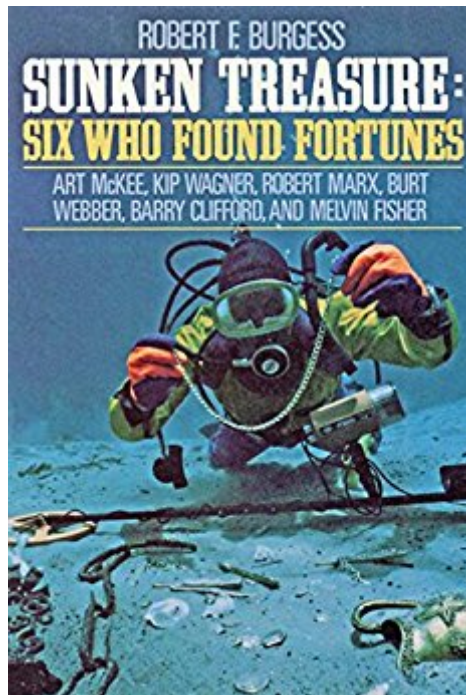




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Synopsis

SUNKEN TREASURE Six Who Found Fortunes is the riveting true life adventures of six of the world's most successful treasure divers. Author and underwater photographer Robert F. Burgess, who has dived on some of these treasure wrecks, tells how each of these divers got into the business, how they survived, and why they were successful in finding sunken fortunes whose hiding places fooled centuries of other searchers. From Burgess' many photographs and interviews with these treasure hunters we learn the trade secrets of how they were able to successfully recover millions of dollars worth of centuries old Spanish treasure from the ocean floor. Burgess puts the reader right into the action. Here's a sample: "How that first plunge snapped them back to reality, made their teeth clamp onto their rubber mouthpieces, made them hyperventilate in their mad scramble for the bottom, arms outstretched to embrace a fortune, eyes bugged wide! The fever was on them and there was no denying it. Only the hefty feel of gold coins in their eager hands and the cold grip of the Atlantic would in time provide any surcease to the kind of fever they felt. Soon they started popping to the surface like corks, tight-fisted, arms held out of water, wide grins behind their masks. They came to the boat with hands clenched over coins and handed them up to Wagner. Then down they went again, like children gleefully picking dandelions in a grassy glade and hurrying back to shower them on their beaming parents." "Readers will welcome this new book with its gripping interviews of treasure hunters that make dramatic reading." — Publishers Weekly "Burgess has told fascinating yarns before and does so masterfully again in this exciting roundup." — Fort Worth Star Telegram "Burgess is lively and has prickly moments of sudden discovery and hair-raising danger." — Kirkus Reviews

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed following the experiences of six of the best treasure hunters of all time. It was a fun read for me, a little slow and boring on occasion but over all I enjoyed it. My favorite storie is the of Mel Fisher. I've followed Mel's exploits for the Atocha since the mid 80's, visited his museum on Key West a few years ago, and this book gave a great glimpse behind the scenes of how he persevered in the face of many challenges to reach his goal and succeed in finding one of the greatest historical and valuable treasures of all time! I would recommend this book for anyone who has a love for adventure!

WOW!!! That was a great read. I had trouble putting it down. When I did I couldn't wait to get back to it. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in sunken treasure.

An enjoyable non fiction adventure. If you love the sea, mysteries and the value of human tenacity, read this

Very well written, as usual for Mr. Burgess.

Great read!

Well written accounts of six treasure hunters and their exploits. Each tale really engaged me through their rich life experiences - how they got hooked seeking treasure, the trials and tribulations of their search, the methods and tools (and luck) used to research and find the mother lode, etc. Each man with a variety of eras and backgrounds, but some common threads (e.g. Treasure Island, 20,000 leagues Under the Sea) that lead them down their path to fortune. A good amount of history of the development of diving and scuba is also interwoven throughout the stories. The author kept me interested from one page to the next and I literally couldn't put this book down for several days

until I finished it. At times I forgot I was reading non-fiction. If you are interested in wreck diving for treasure or research on how these six found their lost treasure, I highly recommend this book.

Well written and very informative. A thoroughly entertaining book that held your interest.

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