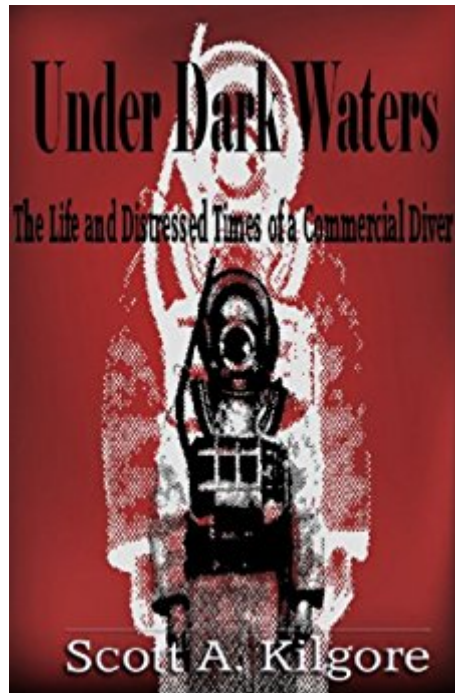


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# Under Dark Waters: The Life And Distressed Times Of A Commercial Diver



## Synopsis

Think you know about the commercial diving industry? Think again. Low pay, hard conditions, constant travel and substance abuse are just some of the absurdities Scott A. Kilgore witnessed and took part in while working in this wild and dangerous profession. Under Dark Waters gives a true picture of the working diver's world. It lays waste to old presumptions that presented a more glamorous lifestyle believed by many to be the truth. It exposes the dysfunctions and absurdities while still showing the intensities, camaraderie and tough lifestyle endured by commercial divers everywhere. This book presents all this in a very personal matter that is conveyed in a most humorous fashion while still giving way to the serious nature of this career path.

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As a US Navy trained, salvage diver, in 1967, I can verify from personal experience, that this writer is the genuine article. He has captured the words which describe the feelings, attitude, and decorum of most commercial divers. Commercial diving is not a "Glory Job", as most romanticize it to be. He tells it like it is, and pulls no punches.

I had an entirely different perception of this profession. All I knew is what was portrayed on television. This book gave me a picture of a completely different world. It opened my eyes to the dangers of diving. If your looking for a book that opens your eyes about a profession you think you know, you need to read this book.

Coming of age in one of the most exciting (dangerous) jobs in the country. With a deadpan sense of humor, the author describes the surreal industrial settings of the inland commercial diver and the wild social life of the dive crews. These are the guys that have your life in their hands sometimes, and dive school is still the best training.

Good perspective on industrial diving. I did get some insight into the day-to-day frustrations of commercial diving as well as the reality of not having steady work. Biggest issue with the book was the lack of proof reading before publication. The author thinks very highly of his own intellect but he can't write or proof read for crap. Lots of useless big words and just plain bad grammar and punctuation. Luckily the stories were fairly interesting and the book was short enough that I made it through despite the rough reading. As a potential future commercial diver, I've been looking for different perspectives on commercial diving and the various jobs and aspects of diving that divers deal with, this book fit the bill

I thought this was an excellent and accurate description of the dive industry. As a diver myself, I only wish I knew about it when I was researching the industry. It is very difficult to find day to day routines and what kind of lifestyle a commercial diver lives. Many of the scenarios the author spoke of about arriving at a dive jobsite as a newbie and being completely clueless as to how the job is run, I found quite amusing since we all have been in those same situations. I would however like to note to other future divers reading this, that the author hit the nail on the head when he said you will get out whatever you put into this industry. I was fortunate to get my shot as an inland diver right out of the gate and have dove nearly everyday since (much of the work in the shipping industry, four years). Pay varies and conditions suck but with the right attitude and keeping patient, you CAN be successful. Good luck to all and thanks for the read

Being an ex-commercial diver from the oilfields myself I found this very interesting. My experience was very different, never having done that kind of diving I often wondered what those inland divers work was like. D.....

It is a wonderful book, i finished in 2 days. One comment is this is only about inshore air divers, we can not generalise based on that, we have offshore air divers and offshore bell saturation divers working in offshore oil and gas, just to be clear, not all the same. Still this is a very good book to read. Tnx i enjoyed it.

The only reason I didn't give it five stars was because I wish the book was longer. Other than that it's a good read. If you have been to dive school or are about to or thinking of going you should read this. Best part was I'm sure I've worked at some of the same power plants as the author. Inland diver, 10+ years.

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