

# TREASURE HUNTERS AND PILLAGING OF SUBMERGED VESSELS

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**The ambition for submerged gold:** Chronicle of the most famous saqueries, and looting of underwater treasures, and the perpetuities of the most famous treasure hunters of the late 20th and early 21st century, with their glories and miseries. The most spectacular cases of ambition for submerged gold, compared to the most exemplary archaeological recovery, and protection of the heritage.

## Synopsis

Treasure hunters are a unique breed born in the heat of numerous shipwrecks that, thanks to underwater equipment that appeared in the market after World War II, were left, with their treasures, available to any diver with practical solvency.

This work reviews the history of the most famous treasure findings of submerged ships, according to the chronology of shipwrecks (not the discoveries, and location of the wrecks) including the most famous plunders, surveys and research since mid-20th century to the more recent ones, compared to other cases that should have been taken by examples carried out simultaneously or subsequently.

## Biography

**Víctor San Juan** is an author of recognised prestige in naval literature. He collaborates with specialised media such as the magazine General de Marina or the nautical supplement of the newspaper El Mundo. In addition he has acclaimed awards such as the Medal of San Telmo of the Foundation Letras del Mar or the Nostromo of Literatura Náutica. He has published with great success *The Titanic and other Major Shipwrecks*, *The Unknown Navy of Jorge Juan*, *Strange Naval Events*, *The profile on the Infinite*, *Brief History of the Spanish Armada*, *Great Unknown Battles*, *Brief history of the naval battles of antiquity*, *Brief history of the Battleships Naval Battles*, *Brief history of naval battles of the middle ages*, *Brief history of Ocean Liners*.



## Sales pitch

- *Treasure Hunters and Pillaging of Submerged Vessels* is an essay that explains the 17 major media cases of treasure findings on submerged vessels. This title explains the history of treasure hunters, a hot topic, from mid-20th century to the present day.

- A work with which the reader will know the history of pioneers such as Kip Wagner or Mel Fisher, as well as professional archaeologists such as Carlos León, or Robert Ballard who dedicated their lives in the service of the search of these shipwrecks.

- The work addresses this issue from a quadruple perspective: the history of the ship, the research of treasure hunters, the search for the treasure in question, as well as the legal aspect of each case, a topic that is not usually covered in other essays of similar subjects.

- The author offers a rigorous and historical vision resulting from years of research, and contrast, from specialised sources. The work departs from the sensationalism inherent in this kind of news by offering an unbiased text.

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