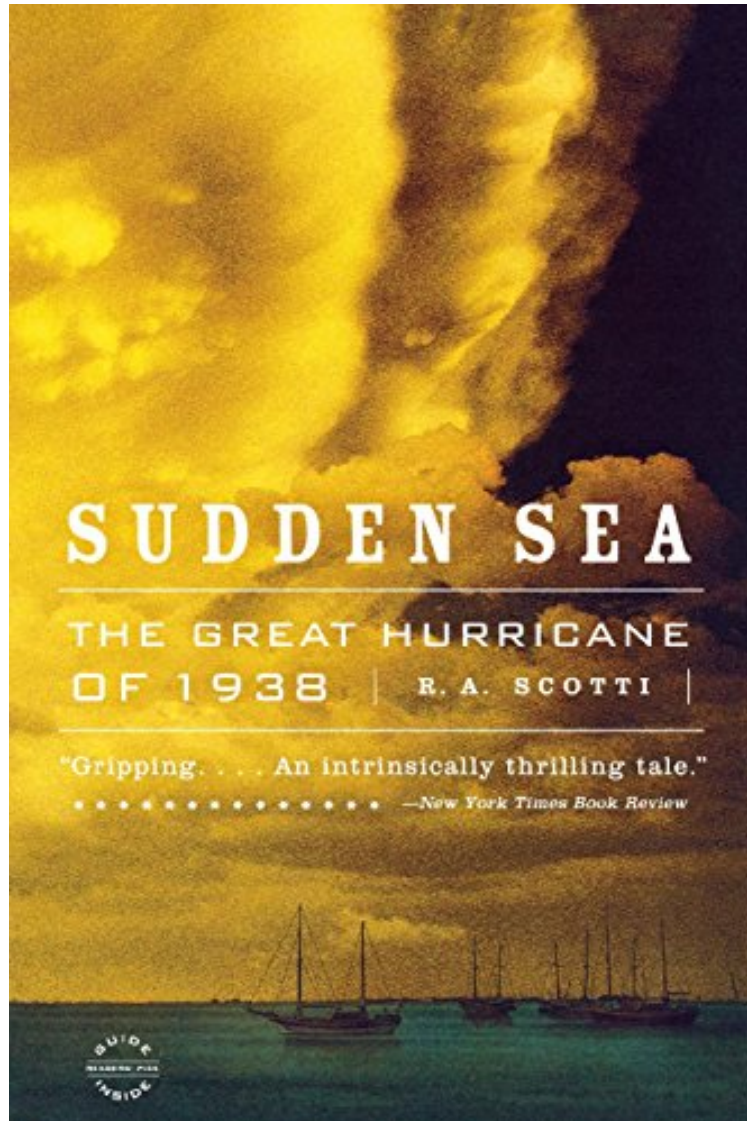


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R.A. Scotti : Sudden Sea: The Great Hurricane of 1938 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sudden Sea: The Great Hurricane of 1938:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The more things change...By DGHReading Scotti's novel on the sea wall in Narragansett and along the shores of Jamestown provides great context for reflecting on the damage done and the lives lost in the Great Hurricane.While the writing is light and easy, the smell of sea spray comes from the pages and the character's voices echo. Not much has changed since 1938 - the shores are cluttered with homes and many of the families are still prominent in the local communities. It's easy to imagine the school bus filled with children

making its way through the salty wind down North Road towards Mackerel Cove. The familiarity of the setting gives Sudden Sea an uncomfortable edge. On the other hand, I found the errors distracting. Does an 800-foot ship only displace 49 tons? No. Google is a useful companion to this account if you're as interested in the non-fiction as the tale. A bit more research and careful editing would have provided distance between the author's spy novel career and her more recent work. "...From Bridgehampton to Port Jefferson is just a short hop - just 12 miles between the two Long Island towns..." They are both towns on Long Island, but there was never a ferry service between them. That Scotti confused the name of a village in the Hamptons with Bridgeport, the Connecticut city with ferry service to Port Jeff, is a minor error. But to confuse the locations makes it clear she is less acquainted with the subject than her writing suggests. Another reviewer referred to this as a "cut and paste" account. As a captivating tale and a light read, Sudden Sea works well. Grab a beach chair, plant your feet in the sand, and imagine the towering waves. With any luck (and improved forecasting!) you'll be far away when they return.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great job!

By Kindle Customer I live in RI and found the local references to places extremely accurate... I could vividly picture locations from the terrific descriptions which will draw you into the book with the feeling you are there. You can almost feel the wind, see the walls of water and imagine the helplessness of those who were caught so unprepared. I read this book many years ago and was thrilled to repeat the experience. Vacationing in Bermuda those many years ago, someone recommended the book when they found out my age and where I was from.... SO glad I took their advice. TWICE I was 5 when the hurricane of 1954 hit and remember walking around viewing the aftermath with everyone comparing it to the BIG one of 1938. I grew up hearing stories and this book confirms their accuracy and intensity. Good read!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you live anywhere on the east coast, or gulf of Mexico, this is a must read!

By claudia Being A Florida Native, I appreciate the devastation a Hurricane can do. This is a well told story of the people who survived and those that did not, the unpredictability of tracking and as much that has been improved it is still worth noting that they are still not able to give precise land fall. You will enjoy reads like a fiction novel, and is well written, commend it highly!

In the tradition of "The Perfect Storm, Sudden Sea" harkens back to a natural disaster that struck terror in the hearts of many. In this narrative, readers experience The Great Hurricane of 1938, the most financially destructive storm on record.

From Publishers Weekly Former journalist and mystery novelist Scotti successfully applies her skills in both genres to this detailed retelling of the 1938 hurricane that ripped across seven Northeastern states and killed 682 people, "the most destructive natural disaster in U.S. history-worse than the San Francisco earthquake, the Chicago fire, or any Mississippi flood." Although the enormity of the destruction has been written about before, Scotti focuses on "a few experiences that seem representative of many more" through interviews with hurricane survivors, their families and friends, as well as previously published recollections by survivors, including the late Katharine Hepburn. Scotti's detailed look at the general extent of the hurricane's destruction adds poignancy to individual stories, such as those of Joseph Matoes, who sees his children swept away from their school bus as they are battered by huge waves; Lillian Tetlow and Jack Kinney, two sweethearts who survive a storm that destroys Napatree, R.I., and who later marry; and Charles Pierce, a "green and unsure" junior forecaster for a woefully underprepared U.S. Weather Bureau (now the National Weather Service) who stands against his experienced superiors as the only forecaster to recognize the danger of the hurricane. Scotti also skillfully presents the details of a hurricane, although she reminds us that "after decades of study and with all the technological tools of the trade... we still cannot predict a hurricane more than twenty-four hours in advance." Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. "A fascinating book, a bit like The Perfect Storm "but more compelling. Even for those who have read other books about the hurricane, this is a page-turner." About the Author R. A. Scotti, a former journalist at the Providence Journal, is the author of numerous thrillers and novels of international espionage. She lives in New York City. This is her second work of nonfiction.