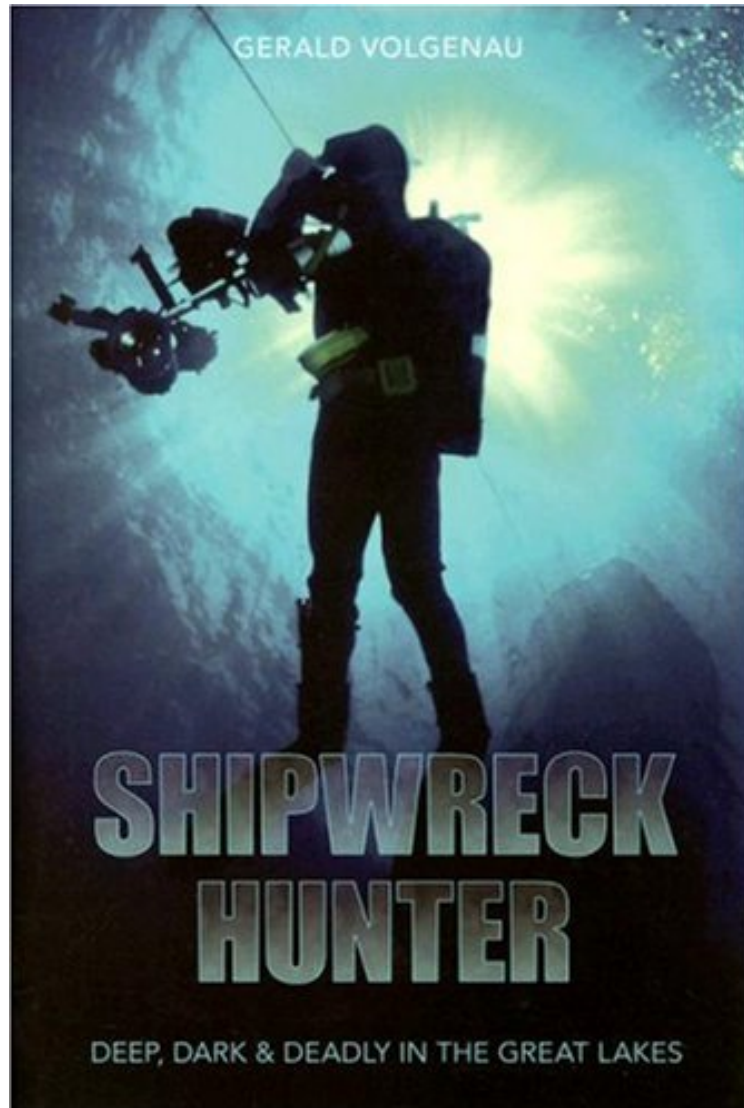


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**Gerry Volgenau : Shipwreck Hunter: Deep, Dark Deadly in the Great Lakes** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shipwreck Hunter: Deep, Dark Deadly in the Great Lakes:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The passion, science and dangers of shipwreck hunting in the Great Lakes By Conrad H. Blickenstorfer Shipwreck Hunter -- Deep, Dark Deadly In The Great Lakes is about just that, hunting for shipwrecks in the Great Lakes. It's about the dangerous passion of a small, dedicated and very competitive community of divers who search for some of the most famous, and often most remote, wrecks. There are as many as 10,000 of them in the Great Lakes, many beyond reach, but a good number accessible to daring divers willing to brave

depth, icy cold water, poor visibility and occasionally rough seas. Author Gerald Volgenau is a seasoned journalist with decades' worth of experience as a reporter and editor at the Detroit Free Press where he also spent eight years as a globe-trotting travel writer. Volgenau's journalistic credentials mean that *Shipwreck Hunter* is well written, well edited, well laid out and very polished. I mention that because in this era of self- and alternate publishing, one can no longer take that for granted. Me, I appreciate books that are not only well written, but also shine in layout, typography and editing. The title *Shipwreck Hunter* primarily refers to David Trotter, a particularly skilled and determined wreck searcher, and his ever changing and evolving crew. The book covers Trotter's increasingly sophisticated hunt for wrecks of particular historic value, using sidescan sonar, a meticulous work ethic, and considerable diving skills. In it for the hunt and discovery rather than for salvage, trophies or financial gain, Trotter leaves wrecks untouched and keeps their location secret from anyone. While the 200-page book centers on Trotter's efforts, it is sandwiched by the tragic events that lead to a severe decompression accident with one of Trotter's crew. It's a structure often used when a book is based on actual events, and one that perhaps makes one want to rush through the book too quickly to find out what exactly happened at the end. *Shipwreck Hunter* not only covers Trotter's efforts over several decades, but also, in less detail, those of other shipwreck hunters. It also takes fairly detailed looks at Trotter's team members and delves into ancillary topics such as the zebra mussel infestation of the Great Lakes that has had a profound impact on those bodies of water (mostly bad, but also a bit of good in greatly improving visibility in some areas). As a result, *Shipwreck Hunter* moves back and forth between historical issues, technical matters, and some rather involved background stories on many of the involved parties, making for somewhat uneven reading. The book is organized into 15 chapters, many of which include very impressive shipwreck sketches by artist Robert McGreevy. They are not only enjoyable, but also greatly help in getting a picture of what those wrecks are like, including current condition, as photographs cannot tell the story due to the darkness and generally poor visibility. I enjoyed reading this well crafted book on wreck diving in the Great Lakes, loved the historic information, but felt it was a bit light on technical issues and a bit long on personal matters ranging from excursions into faith, to speculations on mental makeup, to somewhat chiding commentary on waistlines. -- C. H. Blickenstorfer 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Christopher Gilmartin Book was in very good shape, a little expensive, but the book is turning out to worth it 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A bit one sided and book jumps around, By SCUBA DUDE It was a OK book about the same one sided as you get from some Andrea Doria Diver books. Why dose He try to glamorize these old men as historians and hero's of the deep when most are not! Most all are just plain salvors and looters of the deep. The book states that one main character in one sentence takes only pictures and in the next breath they are prying a strong box open. And in another Bio he states correctly that one divers problems with the local government (Law) and writes about the one case this diver won but forgets to mention about the cases he lost. Was this intentional? In closing it is nice to know how paranoid some of these old salvors are (were) If they were so innocent sharing locations and information would be the norm as some legitimate groups do today. And I think the author would of done a much better job in including some more facts and interviewing others out of the good old boy network.

Danny Fader was called "the human fish," one of the best wreck divers in the Great Lakes and a member of David Trotter's crack team of wreck hunters-one of the world's best. Year after year, this group of men regularly discovered and dove on more lost ships than almost any team anywhere. That was the up side. The down side was that all these wrecks lay in the nightmarish waters of the Great Lakes-some of the deepest, darkest, coldest, and most dangerous waters in the world. On October 16, 1994, Danny Fader, at the age 48, bubbled down so deep into Lake Huron that almost no light penetrated from above. He hoped to secure what he thought might be a lost treasure. It turned out to be the last wreck dive of his life. In just a few desperate minutes, everything went wrong. What he needed was a miracle. What followed was a remarkable story of courage, a stubborn refusal to accept what seemed to be an inevitable tragedy, and the stunning power of his profound faith.