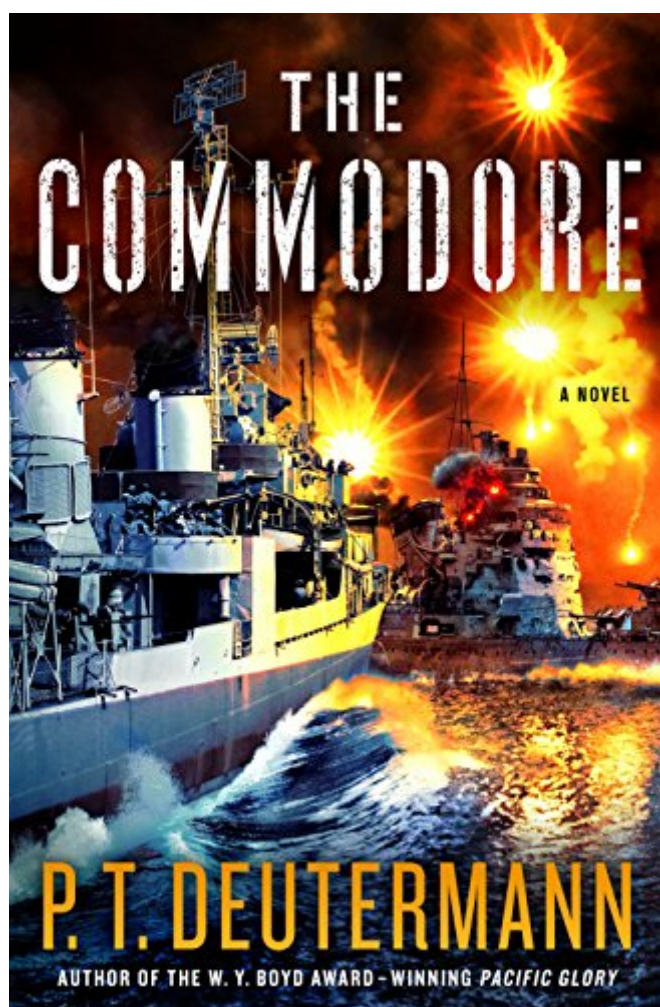


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# The Commodore: A Novel



## Synopsis

P. T. Deutermann's previous novels of the US Navy in World War II - Pacific Glory, Ghosts of Bungo Suido, and Sentinels of Fire - have been acclaimed by reviewers and readers for their powerful drama and authentic detail. In *The Commodore*, the Navy in 1942-1943 is fighting a losing battle against Japan for control of the Solomon Islands. Vice Admiral William "Bull" Halsey is tasked to change the course of the war. Halsey, a maverick, goes on the offensive and appoints a host of new destroyer commanders, including a wild-card named Harmon Wolf. An American Indian from a Minnesota reservation, Wolf has never fit in with the traditional Navy officer corps. But under Halsey, Wolf's aggressive tactics and gambling nature bring immediate results, and he is swiftly promoted to Commodore of an entire destroyer squadron. What happens next will change Wolf's life, career, and the fate of his ships forever. An epic story of courage, disaster, survival, and triumph that culminates in the pivotal battle of Vela Gulf, *The Commodore* is a masterful novel of an unlikely military hero.

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"The Commodore", written by military fiction author P.T. Deutermann, tells the story of the naval battles fought in Ironbottom Sound off Guadalcanal through the eyes of fictional U.S. Navy

Commodore Harmon "Sluff" Wolf, a Native American, dealt with racial issues before ascending to command a fleet of destroyers. During the fierce naval battles fought in the Slot, Wolf and the members of his crew aboard the destroyer USS John B. King distinguished themselves in combat. "Sluff" fought with admirals Scott and Callaghan during the bloody battles of November, 1942, witnessing the loss of many American ships, including the USS Atlanta and USS Juneau. Wolf and his crew distinguished themselves by developing new tactics to deal with the Japanese ships and their deadly torpedoes. But "Sluff" was forced to deal with naysayers and critics, none more so than Halsey's chief-of-staff, the gruff Captain Miles Browning. Despite these obstacles, he had the backing of Halsey, and "Sluff" continued to deliver impressive results against the Japanese. However, his luck would eventually run out; his ship was sunk and he was washed up on an island inhabited by natives as well as Australian coastwatchers. Working hard to return to American hands, "Sluff" managed to catch a ride on a PT boat and resume the fight, but now, Browning was riding him even harder than before. Would "Sluff" be able to resume command of his destroyer squadron, or would Browning succeed in getting him relieved of command? Although "The Commodore" is a work of fiction, the historical basis for the book is extremely accurate. Author P.T.

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