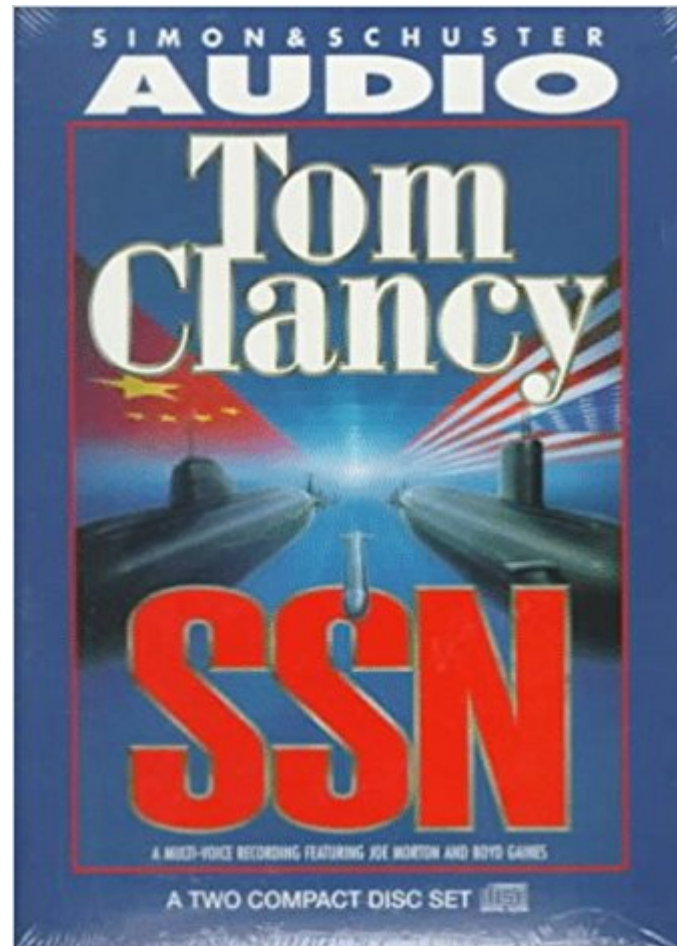




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# Tom Clancy SSN



## Synopsis

A one-of-a-kind audiobook from blockbuster bestselling Author Tom Clancy. Based on the hit CD-ROM Including sound effects and a multi-voice recording featuring Joe Morton and Boyd Gaines Mission Briefing Chinese hardliners have staged a daring raid on the Spratly Islands, one of the world's last great untapped oil reserves, setting the stage for a rejuvenated Communist dictatorship. Representing the United States is the commander of an improved Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine the, USS CHEYENNE. Over 360 feet long and brimming with state-of-the-art electronic warfare systems, she is the finest fast attack submarine in the world. This is not a drill! The missions of SSN lead our brave commander through chillingly realistic scenarios which could be taken from tomorrow's headlines. Many of the threats he faces are real; all of them are dangerous. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Tom Clancy is the author of the blockbuster New York Times bestsellers The Hunt for Red October, Red Storm Rising, The Cardinal of the Kremlin, Clear and Present Danger, The sum of All Fears, Without Remorse, Debt of Honor and Executive Orders. He lives in Maryland. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Disappointing. Doesn't feel like it's a real Tom Clancy at all; it feels more like he allowed the use of his name to a ghostwriter and possibly some help with the tactical/political end of the writing. The only character who amounts to anything is Captain Bartholomew Mackey, and he is a cardboard

cutout with no depth at all. The secondary characters are not even given names, just job titles! For all practical purposes, they are ghosts. It is so NOT how Tom Clancy writes. This is one of the reasons I feel Clancy was little to non-involved in the production of this novel. The repetition of phrases used in the writing, particularly as regards the behavior of the torpedoes, becomes like nails on a chalkboard after awhile. While I am aware the Navy follows set procedures for torpedo firing, I've also read enough books by the World War II submarine captains like George Grider, Gene Fluckey, and Dick O'Kane to know that a crew that has been together for awhile becomes more casual about this and has their own phrasing that is used. It would have been nice to see some of this; it would have made the novel much less like a manual and more like the real world. Essentially, this novel is a big wet kiss to the Los Angeles class attack submarines and the Mark 48 ADCAP torpedo. I will not go so far as to say it reads like fanfic, but it has no depth and little width. Even with Tom Clancy's name on it, I cannot recommend this book to readers of military fiction.

This is a great book for anyone wanting to learn the nomenclature and nuances of submarine warfare. From a novel point of view, however, it follows the "game" for which it was written and will be disappointing for anyone looking for Clancy's usual narrative.

Good book on sub warfare. but the idea that one sub would conduct a war with China for so long without more subs joining is out there.

Well written book and as usual for a Clancy novel well researched and well presented from a single subject prospective.

I love Clancy's writing, and so while going on a long road trip a while back, I bought the audio version. Excellent entertainment on the trip and fun to listen to. I plan to get the CD and download it to the iPod to carry around for the same purpose. But for reading, I can probably see why many on this site rate it as they do. I read for depth. And deep this ain't. As far as reading goes, if you want a great Clancy novel which takes you through sub warfare, I strongly recommend *Hunt for Red October* and *Red Storm Rising*. If you want to have a fun yarn while on a road trip, the audio version is worth it.

One of Clancy's greatest achievements! I read this book right after it first came out, and years later, wanting to read it again (something I never do), I had lost track of my copy, so purchased it again!

(Something I also don't do). An exciting and hard-to-set-down novel if ever there was one. Highly recommended, if you like war/military novels, and appreciate strategies that will amaze. I usually read Clancy in five to ten sittings, but this? Two!

I read Tom Clancy's book, "SSN" several years ago, and enjoyed it very much. Little did I know I'd be re-reading it and sharing it with my daughter. My grandson (her son) is in the midst of training at the Navy's submarine school on the East Coast. I think the combination of fact and fiction makes it one of Mr. Clancy's more memorable books - full of excitement. His writing allows me to see everything with the mind's eye and, with his writing, experience all the activities aboard the mighty USS Cheyenne during action in the Pacific.

I am a self admitted Tom Clancy junkie and had read all of his books, with SSN being the sole remaining piece. I am quite frankly having a difficult time believing that Tom Clancy actually wrote this book. While there are some very fascinating peeks into the inner workings of a submarine, the book is repetitive to the point of boring, has unrealistic and not believable fiction. Each of the battle sequences seems to be the exact same, with minor variations. The fiction regarding the location of the legal Chinese PM, the response of the Chinese people to the naval conflicts, and the method of transportation for the Chinese PM back to resolve the conflict are down right silly. Unless you really really really want to know some random facts about how a Submarine works, I would advise avoiding this book.

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