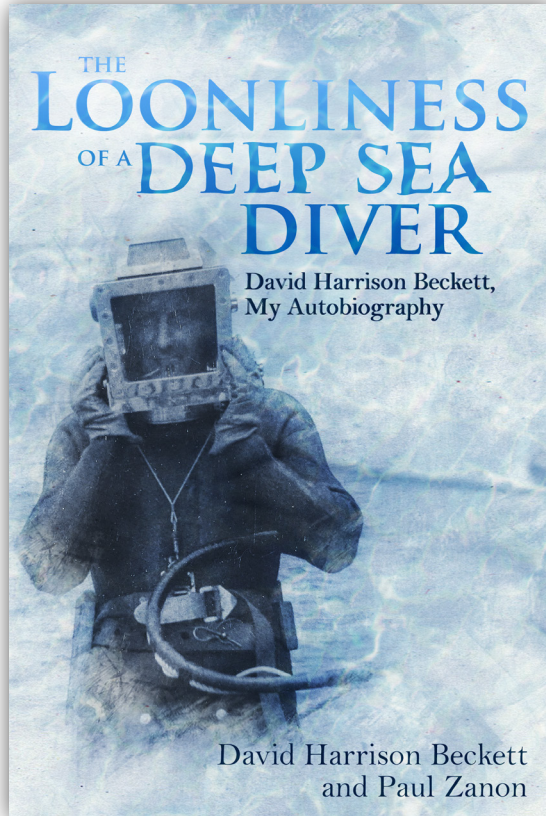




Title information



The Loonliness of a Deep Sea Diver

David Harrison Beckett, My Autobiography

By David Harrison Beckett and Paul Zanon

Key features

- Autobiography of one of the world's most experienced and respected deep-sea divers David Harrison Beckett
- Engaging life story which will appeal to the millions of dive enthusiasts and also to non-enthusiasts via its fascinating human-interest appeal
- Includes gripping, first-hand accounts of some of the world's most infamous disasters at sea
- Written with experienced biographer Paul Zanon, who has previously collaborated with former boxers Paul Ingle and Jimmy Tibbs on acclaimed autobiographies
- Includes colour photo section including many stunning pictures from David's personal collection
- Large publicity campaign planned including radio, newspaper and magazine publicity

Description

Imagine living in a box at the bottom of the sea for a month at a time. Locked away in a saturation chamber, plumbed to depths of more than 500 feet, this has been David Beckett's love, life and work for all his adult life. Destined to become a pig farmer in the late 1960s, a twist of fate saw him become a diver. He would brush with death on more than one occasion – not least when helping to recover 45 bodies of the victims of the Sumburgh chinook disaster in the Shetland Islands – and when called in to assist with the deadliest peacetime shipwreck in Europe, as the MS *Estonia* sank in the Baltic Sea and claimed 852 lives. Amongst the depths of despair, there are many lighter moments, including treasure hunting in the Philippines, almost clinching a contract to salvage the bursar's safe from the *Titanic* and surviving a 24-hour typhoon and 80-foot waves crashing down on his boat. *The Loonliness of a Deep Sea Diver* is gritty, sometimes comical and offers a unique glimpse into a life at sea, much of it at the bottom.

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