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with first-hand experience...

## HITLER'S LAST GASP THE MIRACLE WEAPON

a novel by **Manfred Krutein**

*Manfred Krutein's time aboard German U-boats shows on every page of this vivid and exciting suspense novel, which roams from the fjords of Norway to the North Atlantic to Cuba, Italy and Mexico, packed with action every step and mile of the way.*

—Theodore Taylor, author

### **Manfred Krutein, 1917 – 2002**

Born during the closing months of WWI in Königsberg, then capital of the German state of East Prussia. In 1936 he entered the Navy for an education in Naval Architecture (ship building) and attended the Technical University of Danzig. He married Eva Lehnert in 1942.

Manfred served on a U-boat in the North Atlantic through 1941, when he became director of submarine repair at St. Nazaire on the coast of occupied France. In 1945, as the Allies made their advance, Manfred was sent to Wilhelmshaven, Germany to become Technical Director of the Navy shipyard. He stayed on in Wilhelmshaven after the war to help disassemble the facility under the direction of the British. He later opened his own civilian shipyard to serve the port area.

In 1951 Manfred and Eva tried to immigrate to the U.S. but the German quota was closed. They took their three children to Chile instead, where Manfred switched careers to underseas mining and engineering. The Krutein family was finally able to come to the U.S. in 1960, settling in California.

In 1970, the CIA tapped Manfred to direct a secret mission to raise a sunken Soviet submarine from the bottom of the Pacific Ocean using the newly built research ship Glomar Explorer. The cover story was that the Glomar Explorer was ocean mining for manganese nodules. After the successful mission, Manfred continued to work in ocean mining. In February of 2010 the CIA declassified the history of the Glomar Explorer and Project Azorian. Manfred's firsthand account (vetted by the CIA) is interspersed with Eva's chronicle of those times in her memoir, **AMERIKA? AMERICA!**

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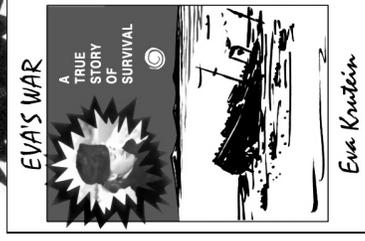
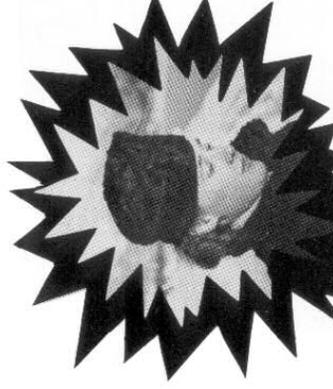
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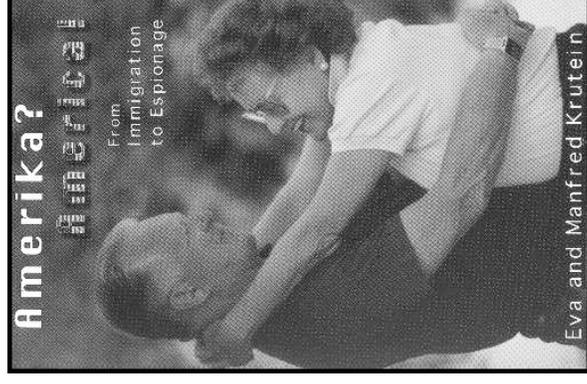
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