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This book analyzes the formation, evolution, and collapse of the Imperial Japanese Navy's submarine force during World War II. It examines the strategic and tactical development of Japanese submarines, highlighting their technological advancements and training regimes. Despite having advanced submarines and well-trained crews, the Japanese submarine force underperformed compared to American and German counterparts. The work explores operational strategies, including Japanese efforts in the Pacific, and evaluates whether their submarine force could have significantly impacted the war's outcomes. The author draws on primary and secondary sources, offering insights into Japanese naval strategy and its shortcomings.
