

Grandad Was a Sailor: August Santleben's Life in the Navy

Grandad Was a Sailor is a memoir by August Santleben, a World War II veteran who served in the United States Navy. The book chronicles his experiences from his enlistment to his discharge, and provides a unique glimpse into the life of a sailor during wartime.



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Santleben was born in 1922 in a small town in Wisconsin. He grew up during the Great Depression, and when the United States entered World War II in 1941, he was eager to join the fight. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and was assigned to the USS Essex, an aircraft carrier.

The Essex was one of the most active carriers in the Pacific theater during World War II. Santleben saw action in some of the war's most famous battles, including the Battle of Midway and the Battle of Leyte Gulf. He was also present when the Essex was torpedoed by a Japanese kamikaze in 1945.

Santleben survived the war and returned home to Wisconsin in 1946. He married and raised a family, and worked as a carpenter until his retirement. He passed away in 2017 at the age of 95.

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- James M. McPherson, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian

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- Tom Brokaw, NBC News anchor and author

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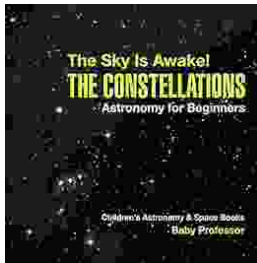
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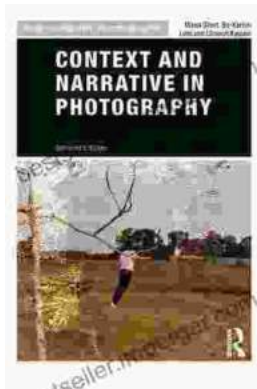
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