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Before **James Bond** there was Commander Ian Fleming or '17F' as he was known during World War 2 when the young British author served as an intelligence officer in Great Britain's **Naval Intelligence Department**.

In his startling debut novel, Ian Fleming scholar Damian Stevenson has crafted the ultimate origin story for one of popular culture's most beloved icons. Everything that inspired the **James Bond** books is here: the suave and ruthless central character, his demanding boss, a bevy of beautiful femme fatales, formidable villains bent on world domination, their homicidal henchmen, exotic locations, crackling wit and all the cool cars, guns, gadgets and hardware one would expect in a story about the author of 'Casino Royale,' 'Live and Let Die,' 'Moonraker,' 'The Spy Who Loved Me,' 'Diamonds Are Forever,' 'Goldfinger,' 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service' and many other timeless 007 adventures.

The Ian Fleming Files: Operation Armada is all the more powerful for being rooted in historical reality. The narrative is rife with factual details and has been lauded by Bond fans for the new insight it has brought into the creation of the world's most famous fictional spy. Stevenson takes us inside Ian Fleming's mind as he executes the dangerous missions that inspired his best selling books.

Damian Stevenson researched his novel for six years, interviewing hundreds of people connected to Ian Fleming's life and reading everything ever written about him. The result is an instant classic that will appeal to Bond fans and lovers of good writing everywhere.

'OPERATION ARMADA' MISSION BRIEF

June 14, 1940. Naval Intelligence operative Commander Ian Fleming a.k.a. '17F' is parachuted into occupied France with two million pounds in gold. His mission: to negotiate the purchase of sixty battleships from the renegade head of France's Navy, the mysterious and charismatic World War I legend Admiral Darlan. Fleming is assisted in his quest by the French Resistance led by the beautiful saboteur Denise Astier. Plans go awry and 17F is forced to improvise when German Army Group B, led by the sadistic General Bock, makes a run for Admiral Darlan's ships. Hitler needs France's battle-cruisers and destroyers to mount 'Operation Sealion,' his planned invasion of Great Britain. Ian Fleming has four days to get to Darlan before the French fleet is annihilated by the Royal Navy. With General Bock on his heels, and a traitor close to home, 17F finds himself in a race with the biggest stakes imaginable.

'Operation Armada' is the first in a series of 'The Ian Fleming Files' stories. Read Book 2, **'Operation Parsifal.'**

"The story has everything that you would expect from a James

**Bond story: thrilling action scenes, gadgets, women and cars."
- Christoph Fischer, Amazon Top 1000 Reviewer**

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