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内容简介

In May 1941, the German battleship Bismarck headed out into the North Atlantic to raid Allied shipping. She was accompanied by the Prinz Eugen and her pursuit was an epic of naval warfare. Found and shadowed by British cruisers, she was engaged by the Hood and the Prince of Wales. Within minutes, she had sunk the former, the pride of the Royal Navy, and damaged the latter. The next few days were agonising for both sides. The Bismarck was attacked by Swordfish of the Fleet Air Arm, lost and then rel-ocated, attacked once more and disabled. Now there was no choice for the pride of the Krigesmarine but to run for safety and the French port of Brest. But then the battle-ships Rodney and King George V caught up with her.

'The search for and sinking of the Bismarck has become one of the great sea sagas of all time. For sheer suspense and switch of all time. For sheer suspense and switch of fortune from one side to the other, the story could hardly be equalled. It is good to record that the epic has at last found the book it deserves in Ludovic Kennedy's Pursuit.'

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