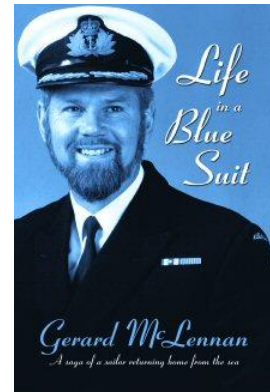


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Twenty five years after he left the inner suburbs of Melbourne to join the navy as a raw cadet midshipman, this captain of a modern guided missile frigate faces his last day at sea. His insightful tale of a naval career spans the golden years of the Australian post-war navy and explores the intrigue of the Cold War, the South East Asian geopolitical environment and the many personalities and adventures which have made him into a professional and compassionate captain of a modern warship.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gerard McLennan lived in Melbourne, Australia for the first fourteen years of his life. He experienced active service in Borneo, South Vietnam and off Iceland as a young naval officer. Twenty two years later he achieved his career objective of command of the guided missile frigate *HMAS Adelaide* (FFG-01).

Gerard left the navy in 1987. Since then he has managed his own Defence and Aerospace Consultancy P-CON Knowledge Systems (www.p-con.com.au) in Sydney, Australia. He provides professional services to government and industry organizations involved in major defense procurement projects. He has applied his project management skills to over 150 projects including the launch of cable television in Australia in the mid 1990s.

Gerard McLennan has been writing all his life, but this is his first novel based on his own life experiences. His novel offers a baby boomers perspective of the social opinions of life during the 60's, 70's and 80's.

During the 1992 Gulf War, Channel 9 invited him to be a naval commentator on the 'Today' show.

After a near death experience in 2002, he was diagnosed with a rare cancer, Leiomyosarcoma (soft muscle tissue sarcoma), and has had a long battle against the onslaught of this deadly disease. He continues to read, write, walk, and swim in the sea as he faces the inevitable outcome of his disease Gerard lives in Sydney with his wife Christine, near their four children and six grandchildren.

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