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For fans of *Unbroken*, *Left for Dead* is the incredible story of a boy inspired by *Jaws* to help bring closure to the survivors and their families of the World War II sinking of the USS *Indianapolis*.

Just after midnight on July 30, 1945, the USS *Indianapolis* was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. The ship sank in 14 minutes. More than 1,000 men were thrown into shark-infested waters. Those who survived the fiery sinking—some injured, many without life jackets—struggled to stay afloat in shark-infested waters as they waited for rescue. But the United States Navy did not even know they were missing.

The Navy needed a scapegoat for this disaster. So it court-martialed the captain for “hazarding” his ship. The survivors of the *Indianapolis* knew that their captain was not to blame. For 50 years they worked to clear his name, even after his untimely death. But the navy would not budge—until an 11-year-old boy named Hunter Scott entered the picture. His history fair project on the *Indianapolis* soon became a crusade to restore the captain’s good name and the honor of the men who served under him.

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