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LIFE Titanic: The Tragedy That Shook The World: One Century Later



Synopsis

One hundred years ago, a ship thought to be indestructible suffered the ill fate to strike an iceberg during its maiden voyage across the North Atlantic. The unthinkable occurred, and the Titanic went to the bottom. What happened on that cold and inky night has haunted and entranced us ever since. Goodness knows, there have been other disasters-far too many disasters. But as the initial reception to Titanic, the most popular movie ever, just now being re-released in 3-D, proves: There has never been a disaster that so captivates the human imagination as that of the sinking of the Titanic. Now, on the 100th anniversary of "the night to remember," LIFE revisits this awesome human drama. Heroism is involved, and hubris. Romance and recrimination. A thousand stories spiraling outward-and all of them told in this commemorative LIFE book, in words and pictures. This oversized, deluxe book is visually splendid and exciting on every page. It includes archival photography, past reporting in LIFE and the modern-day explorations of Robert Ballard and others that inspired the James Cameron film. The book will include a special section on the new 3-D treatment of the classic movie, just now being released. We return to first-person accounts, and the words of the survivors are brought to life-with many small stories from steerage told as well as the large, well-known drama from above decks. The book will also include interstitial chapters to lend context, such as a history of famous shipwrecks, and where the Titanic fits in the grand picture. At the end of the story, the fact we entered with is inescapable: The Titanic tragedy is the one we care about, and need to revisit.

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Customer Reviews

The editors at LIFE vigorously carry on the traditions of excellence in photography, in journalism, and in telling the story of our country and our world which began with LIFE magazine in 1936 by founding editor and publisher, Henry R. Luce. They have published books on a broad range of subjects, including New York Times bestsellers One Nation, LIFE Picture Puzzle and The American Journey of Barack Obama.

What impressed me:- This coffee table book has many fascinating illustrations, including diagrams of the ship and large-format photos of varying quality. Among the most interesting and haunting photos are those taken by Father Browne, a priest who disembarked in Ireland before the final leg of the journey and whose negatives were not discovered until the 1960s.- The concluding sections of the book tell the stories of many of the victims and survivors, as well as the global reactions, investigations, memorials and impacts on safety regulations and society. What was disappointing:- For a book marking the 100th anniversary of this legendary tragedy, I found the text to be lacking and, at times, jarringly glib. I expected more comprehensive explanations and the copy editing was sub-standard. The writing was composed of nuggets of information scatter-shot through the chapters.- The color of the text on some pages was a pale taupe color on white, making it difficult to read in some lighting.- The books jacket is not high-quality enameled paper, so the cover illustration is not as impressive as it could have been.

This book is the "DIAMOND" of my collection. Buy it, read it, you won't be sorry. This book is worth more than the price and it IS A COLLECTABLE!! Thank you for a stupendous book. They don't make them like this anymore!!!! In as much for those who don't hold this book with due regards, I suggest you view the link below as it comes highly valued. <http://origin.smartertravel.com/photo-galleries/editorial/rms-titanic-commemorations-around-the-world.html?id=145&all=1> In addition, cat if you don't want this book, rather than throw it out, I have a 93 y/o in a nursing home who would love to have it.

To many pictures came from the movie!!

I've found that there are a lot of books and picture books about the Titanic. Many aren't very exciting. With the Titanic being found and many items that have been brought up, excitement about the ship took off. I bought this for my mom and she loved it. I thought it was great as well. I'm sure am a nice

son.

And that is exactly what I wanted it for. I was a docent this past year at a traveling Titanic exhibit and wanted to be as knowledgeable as possible. This book was a great help and the pictures were wonderful too.

Life always does a great job with its books on whatever subject they choose. This one on the Titanic is no exception. It's a very real book on a very sad and real disaster.

Great deal.

This is a beautifully made book that is a definite keeper. Nice pictures throughout & not surprising that LOOK magazine did another incredible job making us remember that historical time. I'd recommend to anyone who love pictures & history.

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