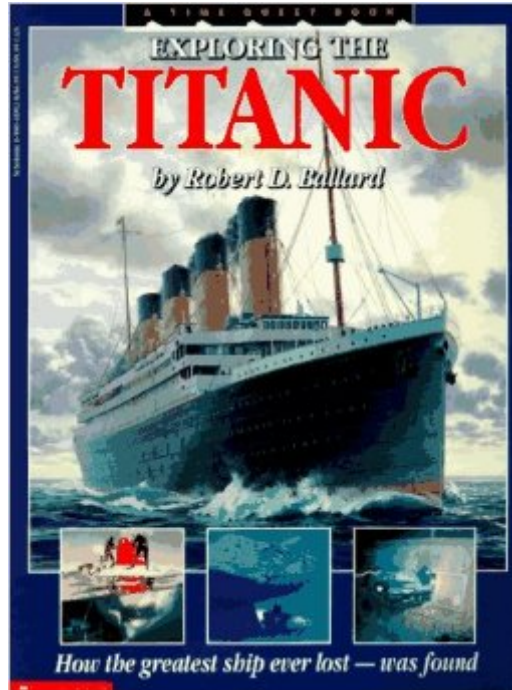


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Exploring The Titanic: How The Greatest Ship Ever Lost Was Found



Synopsis

Tells the tragic and fascinating story of the unsinkable liner that disappeared without trace after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage. Laying unexplored for more than 70 years, the Titanic was discovered by Doctor Robert Ballard.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

My 8 year old son expressed some interest in the Titanic as they touched briefly on it at his school. This was thrilling to me as I was obsessed with the Titanic as a youth (still am) and had an impressive library on the subject. My first and favorite book on it however was this one, "Exploring the Titanic By Robert Ballard." It's got excellent graphics and pictures demonstrating both the size and scale of the ship, as well as before and after sinking pictures as well. The text bodies of this book are a bit advanced for very young readers. My 8 year old 2nd grader had some difficulty making heads or tails of it, so I helped. But the pictures and graphics more than make up for any complexities that might not be grasped by some, and do a great job of holding a young readers imagination and attention. All in all, this book is a winner. It has aged incredibly well and if I didn't know better it could have been printed a year ago. If you have a young person expressing interest in the subject this is an excellent place to start.

I first read this book almost 15 years ago, at age 5 : I loved it, and read it uncountable times. Today it is still just as fascinating. Beautifully illustrated and clearly written, it was the first of many Ballard books that I read. I would also recommend the Discovery of the Bismark and The Wreck of the Isis, just as interesting but less well known. A great way to start reading about the great ships of the past.

In this book, Dr. Robert Ballard explains how he located the Titanic's shipwreck 73 years after it sank. The story of the Titanic is told: main facts about the ship, the voyage, the sinking, etc. Ballard then goes on to tell about his expeditions, and the condition of the ship and debris as it was found. The underwater photos that Ballard obtained are equally informative. "Exploring the Titanic" is actually just a reduced version of Ballard's bestseller, "The Discovery of the Titanic". I would recommend "Exploring the Titanic" if you just want to learn basic facts, or for young readers. On the other hand, "The Discovery of the Titanic" contains all the same information and much, much more (especially for advanced Titanic enthusiasts).

Nearly everyone has heard of the Titanic, the "unsinkable" ocean liner that on its maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean from England to the United States in 1912 hit an iceberg and sank into nearly twelve and a half thousand feet of water (over two miles), with the loss of some 1,500 lives out of 2,223 passengers. For the next 73 years, the wreck lay unexplored until a French-American team led by author Robert D. Ballard discovered its location in 1985. This book tells the complete tragic and fascinating story of the sinking and discovery of the Titanic for middle grade readers and will be of interest to all youngsters who enjoy reading about the great ships of the past. After an introductory Chapter 1, Chapters 2 and 3 relate about the building and sinking of the ship. Then Chapters 4 and 5 discuss its location in 1985 and its exploration in 1986. Ballard offers his conclusions in Chapter 6 and the Epilogue. The back of the book contains a glossary, a time line, and a bibliography for further reading. The clearly written and detailed text describing the famous disaster and its finding is accompanied by Ken Marschall's stunning paintings and both period and current photographs, as well as numerous other excellent illustrations such as drawings, graphs, diagrams, and sketches. Ballard also wrote the bestselling The Discovery of the Titanic for teens and adults and Finding the Titanic, a Hello Reader! Level 4 book (1993) which I have previously reviewed, for beginning readers.

This is one of the first books about Titanic I came in contact with and I read it all in one sitting. Rich illustrations, amazing photos, and a simple yet poignant storyline make this book easy to

understand and enjoy. Written for children but great for adults too.

For as long as Robert Ballard can remember, he has been fascinated by the sea. In school he studied marine geology and dreamed of searching for the wreckage of the Titanic. He had the scientific training and experience to head this type of excursion, but had difficulty finding others that believed in his dream. But Ballard did not give up on his hope and eventually teamed up with a group of French scientists to search for the ship's remains. With little information about the exact location of the wreckage and not much time, Ballard and the French team worked non-stop. Using sophisticated underwater tracking devices, Ballard and crew finally found traces of the ship on one of their last days at sea. Word of the discovery spread throughout the world and the crew were greeted as heroes when they returned home. The next year, Ballard returned to the Titanic again and explored it in a submarine. Ballard tells the whole story of the Titanic from her construction to that fateful night in April, 1912. Interwoven throughout the book are excellent pictures and photographs and several eyewitness accounts of survivors. I highly recommend this book to anyone who would like a complete history of the Titanic.

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