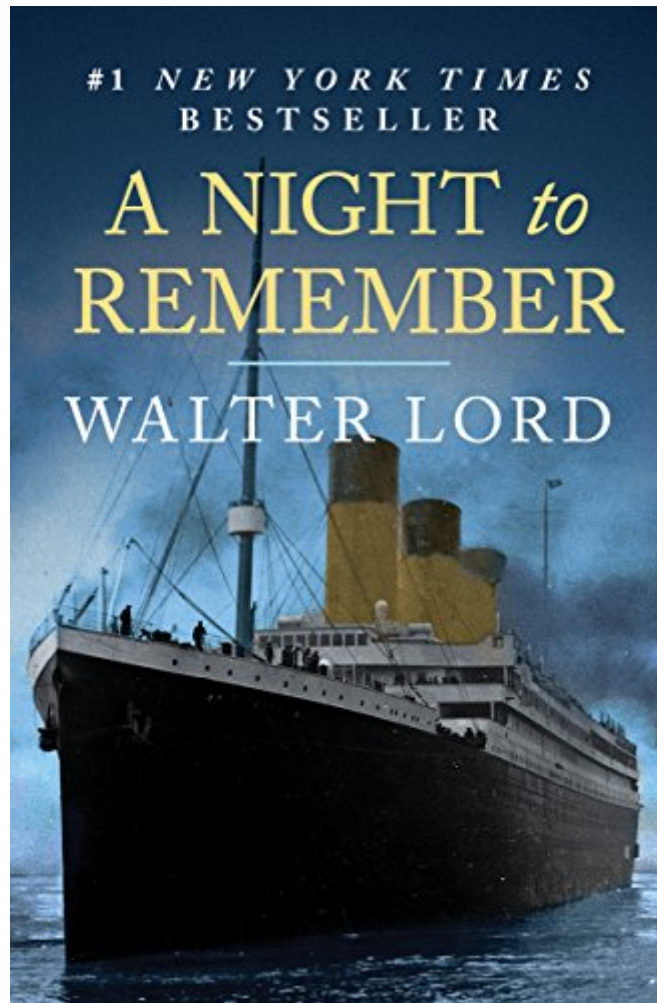




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A Night To Remember: The Sinking Of The Titanic



Synopsis

#1 New York Times Bestseller: The definitive account of the sinking of the Titanic, based on interviews with survivors. At first, no one but the lookout recognized the sound. Passengers described it as the impact of a heavy wave, a scraping noise, or the tearing of a long calico strip. In fact, it was the sound of the world's most famous ocean liner striking an iceberg, and it served as the death knell for 1,500 souls. In the next two hours and forty minutes, the maiden voyage of the Titanic became one of history's worst maritime accidents. As the ship's deck slipped closer to the icy waterline, women pleaded with their husbands to join them on lifeboats. Men changed into their evening clothes to meet death with dignity. And in steerage, hundreds fought bitterly against certain death. At 2:15 a.m. the ship's band played "Autumn." Five minutes later, the Titanic was gone. Based on interviews with sixty-three survivors, Lord's moment-by-moment account is among the finest books written about one of the twentieth century's bleakest nights.

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Customer Reviews

I have always been fascinated by the Titanic tragedy. I think this is the ultimate Titanic book. Lord interviewed survivors to put together the events factually and chronologically. Of course, at the end, he gives some differences on accounts as people's memories (or just to make their part of the story better) may not agree. I just kept shaking my head as I was reading this book over everything that happened. Everything that could go wrong....went wrong. I read this on my Kindle app on my iPad which was good because there were so many people referenced, and I could go back to the X-ray feature to refresh my memory on who they were. I'm pretty sure I got this as a Kindle daily deal and I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in a true account of what happened that awful night.

First published in 1955, time has not diminished the power of this classic account of the final hours of the Titanic to capture the imagination and interest of the reader. It was turned into an award winning hit movie of the same name in the late 1950s. Not only is the book a well-written, riveting account of the Titanic's final hours, it also tells the personal stories of some of the passengers and crew members that survived that harrowing time. It is also a peek into a bygone time, that of the Edwardian era, when class distinctions were more marked and the concept of women and children first prevailed. Although the story of the Titanic is a tragic one, out of its debacle arose improved shipboard safety, and the practice of having enough lifeboats to accommodate all passengers became the standard. No longer would an ocean going vessel ever market itself as unsinkable. This is a marvelous book that those with an interest in the Titanic Or stories of survival will love. I was positively riveted from start to finish.

I felt this book was as honest and real as it could be. It seemed to play fair with the truth and non truths that have haunted the Titanic legend. I appreciated the dedication to tell as many stories as possible no matter someone's classification on the ship. Too many times the 3rd class passengers and crew members are forgotten about or ignored all together. This book did a better job than most in exposing the corrupt nature of society during this time. It allowed the reader the opportunity to learn new facts about this story and decide for themselves what they wanted to believe as truth or fiction.

This is a GREAT read and even after all these years is still considered the Titanic Bible! Walter Lord's writing draws you right into the Edwardian Era, and since he wrote much of this book in the 1950's, he was able to interview many Titanic survivors. Lord writes in such a way that he can tell

many individual stories yet tie them all together as tragedy and the iceberg strike. Seriously, you won't want to put it down.

It's a little dated and lacking in details. Not a bad read for someone wanting a quick hit on the doomed ship's brief life and how tragedy was compounded by incompetence and stupidity in letting the lifeboats cast off often less than half full.

The sinking of the Titanic and subsequent rescue of survivors in semi-condensed version, as seen from the viewpoints of the survivors. Unlike similar "historical" accounts, not much in the way of conjecture is added. Discrepancies in some stories are acknowledged, making the overall description believable and factual.

The tragedy of the RMS Titanic is certainly the most famous ship sinking in history. Sailing across the Atlantic from Europe and bound for New York in April 1912 with about 2,200 people aboard, the ship would hit an iceberg and sink in the middle of the night. The tragedy was only worsened by several events: there were not enough lifeboats aboard for everyone, the women and children first principle is thought to have needlessly cost the lives of many men aboard, and the inaction of the Californian which was the closest ship to the Titanic at the time. About 1,500 people lost their lives in the disaster. In the mid-1950s, author Walter Lord began writing *A Night to Remember*. He was able to directly interview more than sixty survivors whose own experiences were invaluable to the book. The book itself is mainly a look at the sinking of the ship itself and the subsequent rescue. It starts off right as the Titanic is about to strike the iceberg and continues through the events of the night and into the morning when the survivors were rescued by the Carpathia. Throughout, Lord uses the direct experiences of many people on board to create a vivid image of the chaos. These include experiences from every class (first, second, and third) and many crew members from the officers down to the stokers working in the boiler rooms. There are two minor problems with the book, however. First is that it covers only the sinking of the Titanic itself. Aside from a few brief facts here and there, there is little background information on the ship. The second is that the book is now somewhat dated. Facts that were presumed to be correct when the book was published in 1955 are now known to be wrong. The iceberg did not tear a huge gash in the vessel, the Titanic was not the first use of the SOS distress signal in history, and the Titanic did not sink intact but rather broke in two before foundering. However, overall, the book is a very good account of the Titanic sinking and certainly one of the most definitive books available on the disaster. This is required reading for

anyone interested in the Titanic.

I found this book by accident and it finally gave me a picture of what my grandmother would have endured if she had rushed and sailed on the Titanic. A very good recounting of that horrific event

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