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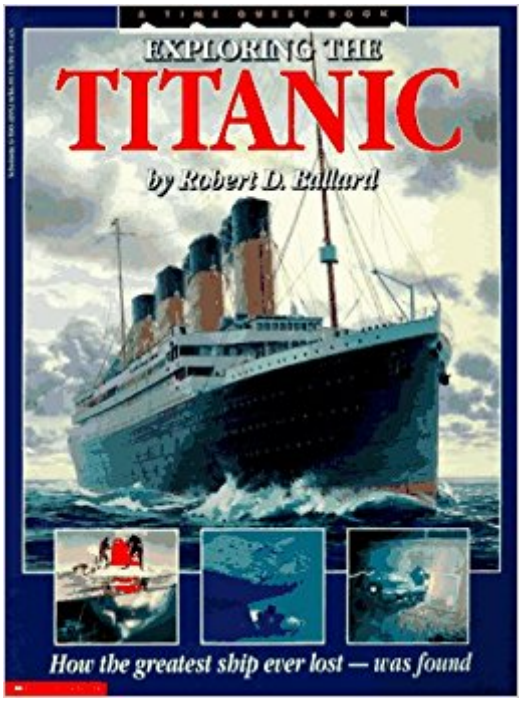

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Synopsis

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.

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Customer Reviews

The focus of this book is the recent recovery of the most famous shipwreck of this century. Taller than the Empire State or any building of her day, the Titanic carried three anchors (one weighing 15 tons), had three million rivets and was nicknamed "The Millionaire's Special." Details of her building and maiden voyage are accompanied by photographs and drawings of the ship's many staterooms, ballrooms, lounges, dining rooms, the swimming pool and the huge glass dome over its grand, curving, wrought-iron stairway. All the ship needed was more lifeboats. The night of April 14, 1912, when the ship slowly sank after hitting an iceberg, is retold in equal detail. Then Ballard narrates the years of search using modern technology, which located the ship in 1986 at a depth of 12,690 feet, more than two miles down. Graphs, drawings, sketches, photos and text combine for an excellent book on the famous disaster. Ages 8-12. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 4-8 In straightforward prose, complemented by excellent illustrations, the story of the Titanic ’s first and final voyage as well as that of her rediscovery and exploration is told. The text captures the drama of both the night of the sinking as well as that of the discovery of the great ship on the ocean floor. The technically accurate and lucid explanations are greatly enhanced by Marschall’s stunning paintings, as well as by diagrams and current and period photographs. Giving a wealth of detail on both the Titanic ’s sinking and the exploration of the wreck 74 years later, this is the title of choice for both report writing and browsing on this topic. Although the glossary is good, it does not cover all unfamiliar words. ``Funnel,'' for example, is not defined and may confuse readers who do not realize that this refers to the smokestack. This is a minor quibble, however, given the general excellence of the work. Exploring the Titanic gives more depth of coverage in better style than does John Dudman’s The Sinking of the Titanic (Bookwright, 1988), and is more colorful and compelling than Frank Sloan’s Titanic (Watts, 1987). Ann Welton, Lake Dollof Elementary School, Auburn, Wash.Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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.

My 8 yr old son loves this book. He has given us all lots of lessons about the Titanic. He is fascinated by Ballard, and especially loved the book because it is written by him, he who found the Titanic. This is a very informative book. My son carries it with him.

very good

MY 8yr. Old grandson Loved It!

Very nice thanks

If you love reading about sunken ships then you found the right book! Seriously, I got this for my mom who is a history teacher, she uses it in her class to teach a unit, the kids love the stories from the book.

Read this over 25 yrs ago.The least they could'have done is adding a Full Titanic plan .Bought one myself when it was issued , and was offered one , by someone, who didn't know what I then knew!My advice , buy it for the kids , that is if they have any interest in the big "T" (considering that this was first sold , then added to a Revell:Europe Package ,and that it comes on stream again , albeit with a new soft cover which makes it easely disposable !) , but please ! First look for the one you've forgotten about at the bottom end of you book case !Good yarn , though , if over priced!

I LOVED this book as a kid in the mid-90s. I read it over and over. It doesn't need to be read start-to-finish either - you can page through it in any order. I'd had a young children's history book about it (maybe around 2nd grade?) and was very curious to learn more, and this book answered so many questions and raised many others for me. Aimed at kids 9-13, but can be appreciated by teens and adults and may be of interest to younger readers as well. 20+ years later I'm still fascinated by the great ship and her wreck... to the point that last night I was looking up if it's still possible to visit the wreck with scientists and how many years of my salary that might cost.

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