

***Titanic: Voices From The Disaster***

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Everyone has heard about the Titanic. We all know what happened on the ill-fated voyage. But many of us only know factual details, and aren't able to take it in on a personal level. In this book, we get a first hand glimpse of what it was like from the actual survivors of the Titanic, including quotes and stories of survival, and a few about losing loved ones. No one will ever be able to understand the hardships that these people had to endure, but this book makes it easier to empathize with the passengers and crewmembers. This book is able to take you from boarding, sailing, to sinking and even to when they were rescued.

One thing I really liked about this book was the pictures that it showed. We get to see families, the different areas of the ship, and even a few things on the menu of the restaurant. By having the pictures, it makes this surreal occurrence seem more real than ever. Also by the book showing personal stories from survivors, young teens are able to understand the intensity of the ship, and how it affected these peoples lives forever. The people in this book had families, and people that cared about them, and that is something a lot of people seem to not understand when they read or hear about the Titanic.

Overall this book is a really good classroom or educational read. The historical and factual elements of it make it an easy read, with little to infer about. Having stories from the people actually boarded on the ship make it an interesting story of survival and trauma. This book allows us to understand that the actual sinking was the least of the concerns of the passengers of the ship. The book does have its moments where I would lose interest because of its redundancy, but nonetheless it still is a captivating and inspiring story for any young teen wanting to know more about the actual lives of the people aboard the Titanic.