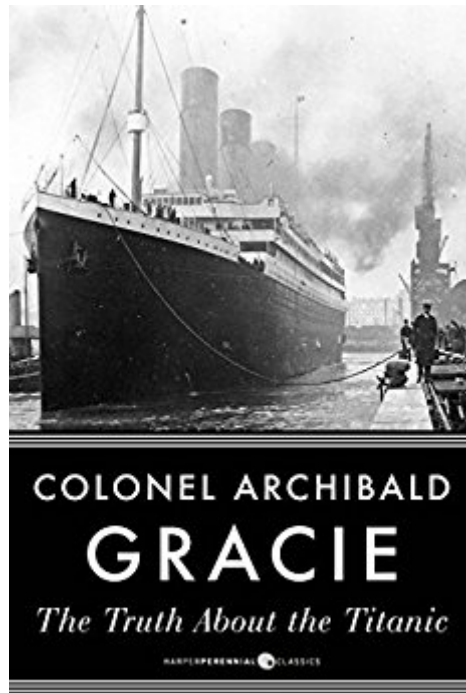




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The Truth About The Titanic



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With time running out and the decks awash with the sea, first-class passenger Archibald Gracie was one of the last people to escape the sinking of the Titanic, clinging to an overturned collapsible boat before being rescued. Once safe on the Carpathia, Gracie immediately began writing what has become one of the definitive books on the tragedy. *The Truth About the Titanic* is Gracie's detailed account of not just his experience the night of April 15, 1912, but that of each of the lifeboats launched that night, as well as the testimony at the inquiry that followed. Although Gracie died before his book was published, *The Truth About the Titanic* is recognized as one of the most complete and accurate accounts of the tragedy. HarperPerennial Classics brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperPerennial Classics collection to build your digital library.

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For readers familiar with the Titanic's foundering, Col. Gracie's very personal account of his

near-drowning and survival complements other memoir and reporting accounts of this drama. He draws much on the American and English courts of Inquiry reports and personal correspondence with other survivors. He presents specific lists by name and lifeboat identity of those rescued by the S.S. Carpathia at daylight. It is not a "stand alone" source of information about the tragedy such as Lord's "A Night to Remember," but Gracie captures the color and vivid memories of the unforgettable experiences shared within the fellowship of Titanic's survivors.

I have never been so pleased or grateful that a book was written. This is noble and true, and a fine piece of work. Thank you, Col. Gracie.

For being written so long ago, it is not at all wordy or overly embellished. It was very interesting and as accurate as he knew it. For instance, he stated that the Titanic did not split in two, yet other survivors in other books say that it did. He said Murdoch did not commit suicide while other survivors in other books disagree with that. However, he did contact many other survivors to get their accounts of the tragedy. It is well worth the read if you are interested in the Titanic at all. I felt ever so much better about Bruce Ismay after reading Col. Gracie's explanation of how he came to be on one of the lifeboats.

Thoroughly enjoyed reading this book all the way through, would recommend this to anyone who already has a good history learned of the Titanic and wants to broaden that. Gracie goes into much detail of his trials in surviving the night after being plunged into the Atlantic and finding himself aboard the upturned collapsible boat. He paints a vivid picture in your mind and you almost feel as if you are there yourself. He goes into detail of assisting the officers in loading the port side boats, and gives account from his own research into the history of the other lifeboats from the inquiries and testimonies. I feel like these are the best kind of books to read to get the best account of what it was like to be there that night, you can definitely tell this book was in aid of making movies about the disaster, most notably "A Night to Remember." The only reason I didn't give this book 5 stars is because written so soon after the disaster some testimony and findings are a little outdated, like proof of the ship breaking apart, and Gracie died before some of his studies could be corrected. You need to put yourself 100+ years back when reading. Even with a 4 star rating it is well worth the read, these old books are like hidden gems now days, and for such a low price because of the expired copyrights you definitely can't go wrong!

As I have read several books on the Titanic, this one is by far the most exciting, and informative out of a half dozen or so books on this subject that I've ever read ! I have archived this book forever to re-read as I am a true Titanic fan! Remember, Colonel Gracie survived this great disaster only to live long enough (eight months) to put the details of the sinking into a very informative, detailed account of what generally happened on that tragic night of April 14th, 1912. I recommend this read to all history buffs, as it's one of the most fatal happenings of the vast oceans!

It's an interesting perspective on an old story. If you find stories about the Titanic interesting, you should include this book in your library.

Mr Gracie writes with truth from being on the Titanic that horrible night. He recalled everything he saw in detail and gave so much information on private lives of his fellow 1st class passengers For instance who they were, where they were from and how they made thier money. I could not put this book down

This style was in the 2nd party, which personally is not my cup o 'tea-By the title I thought it would have been a documentary style but that is my fault and not a issue with the author.

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