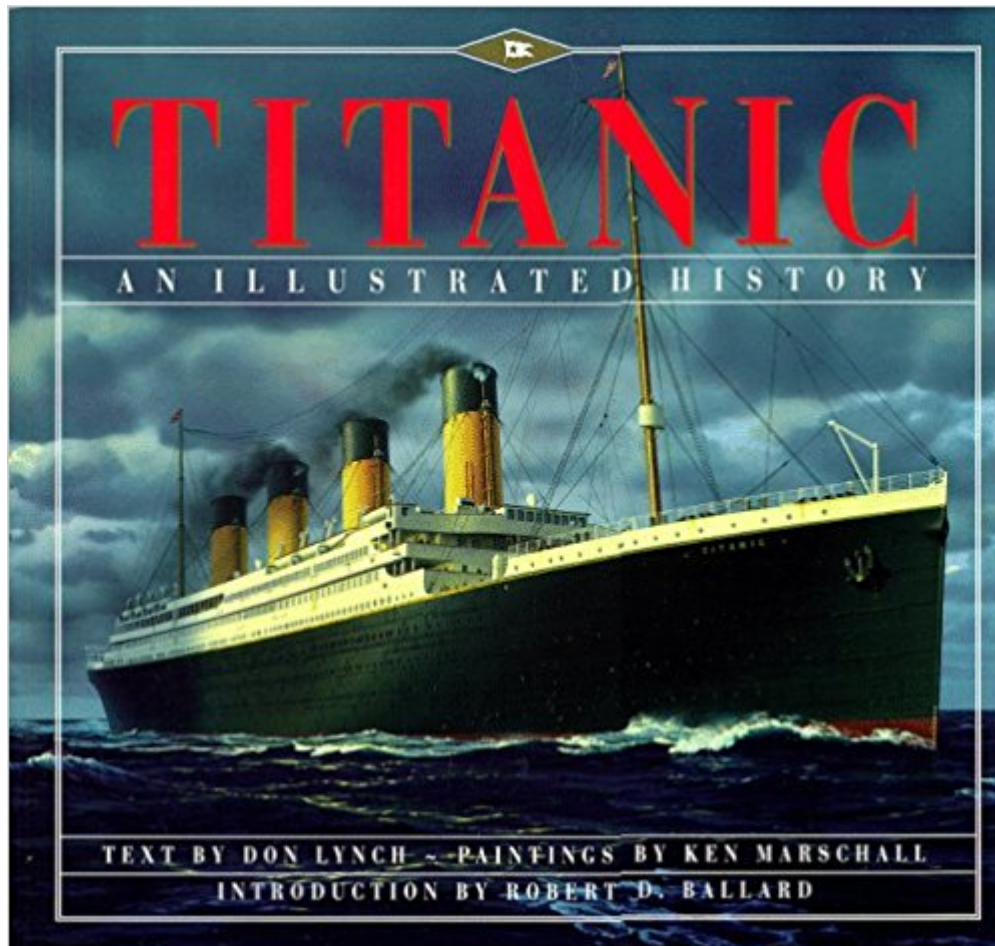




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Synopsis

A popular gift volume featuring dozens of meticulously accurate, full-color paintings--including a fold-out illustration of the whole Titanic--offers a wealth of information about the "unsinkable" cruise ship and its fatal voyage. Reprint.

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Customer Reviews

The tragedy of the Titanic has been captured in fiction, nonfiction, music, poetry, cartoons, official judicial inquiry, survivors' recollections, still photography, TV shows, and film; all of the above are covered to some extent in this good and popular book. But few Titanic books match the paintings by Ken Marschall, a specialist on the subject whose work can be found in other books by the ship's discoverer, Robert Ballard, who wrote the introduction here. The photos are notable--including shots of the red-paint-stained iceberg that may have caused the sinking, the pristine ship, the sunken wreck, the people involved in the case--but Marschall's dozens of large-scale paintings really do help to dramatize and explicate moments no camera glimpsed and few eyewitnesses agree upon. There is much to recommend the text, too. You could make a movie just about Second Officer Charles Lightoller, who helped accelerate the lifeboat-launching process, saving lives; stepped off the ship's bridge into the Atlantic; was sucked down into a ventilator taking in water, vainly swimming against its suction; and then got expelled by a blast of air, like a human cannonball in a circus, and landed next to a lifeboat that had been knocked 20 feet clear of the sinking ship's deadly whirlpool by a huge ship's funnel that crashed into the waves nearby. Lightoller was marvelously

clever in his courtroom interrogation by an attorney determined to maneuver him into admitting blame for the disaster. There is much more history in between the dramatic illustrations, facts both grand and trivial--if you're bent on knowing what actually happened to the dogs aboard, the answer is in this book. Definitely one of the better titles dealing with Titanic. --Tim Appelo

No ship has continued to capture the public's imagination like the White Star Liner R.M.S. Titanic. The events that unfolded on Sunday, April 14, 1912 have been told in many books, including such works as Walter Lord's *A Night To Remember* (LJ 10/15/55) and Robert D. Ballard's *Discovery of the Titanic* (LJ 1/88). Lynch (historian, Titanic Historical Society) and artist Marschall have collaborated in this latest history of that fateful event. Combining photographs, stunning paintings, and a gripping text, they have provided, as Ballard states in his introduction, the next best thing to a visit to the Titanic. Lynch raises interesting questions that may never be answered: Most tantalizingly, should First Officer Murdoch, on watch on the bridge during the 60 seconds between the sighting of the iceberg and the collision, have given different commands? This latest history of one of the sea's greatest tragedies is a visual tour de force that will please both general reader and maritime history enthusiasts. Essential for all libraries.- Harold N. Boyer, Marple P.L., Broomall, Pa. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My 9 year old son is obsessed with all things Titanic. This is a great book, well written, and with great photos (which is his greatest part). The history and passengers and crew all come alive in this great illustrated book. It is a large book filled with photos and history we hadn't seen before. We are happy with this purchase.

I've always been intrigued by the amazing machines that mankind has created - the Titanic is no exception to this. Of course, its true legacy remains as the largest and most luxurious ship of its time that ultimately could not complete its maiden voyage. Because this great ship sank before it had a chance to be properly documented, books like this are the best way I've found to remember her - through the gathering of the limited photos actually taken, together with a description of her relatively short history as compiled by Donald Lynch, and complimented by the art work by Ken Marschall - whose artwork exceeds in detail and realism any photos that *might* have been taken during that time period!

Very Nice Book!

Excellent book, excellent price. My son is a Titanic enthusiast and I ordered the book for him. He loves the book and really enjoys all of the excellent illustrations. This is a well put-together book and is a must for any Titanic enthusiast.Â Titanic: An Illustrated HistoryÂ This is a slow page turner to be able to enjoy every picture thoroughly.

Beautiful Easton Press Leatherbound Book! Tons of pictures! Perfect Addition to my Titanic & Easton Book Collections.

Great photographs. This was a gift for my Grandson and he was excited about it.

I ordered this book because several of the school-age children I work with were showing interest in the Titanic. The only book we had on it was a thin little "I can read" book. When this book came in the mail, I was immediately pleased with it. It is a large book with probably around 100 pages. There are actual photographs, paintings, diagrams, etc. Every detail is included. The book describes the idea for the ship, how it was built, who bought tickets, what the cabins were like, the food they ate, personal stories about real families and individuals who were on the ship, how and why it sank, and stories of both lives lost and survival. This is a book for adults, but the children needed something more than a beginning reader on this.

The complement to this book is the PBS Titanic 2-part series DVD where these authors provide exceptional color commentary on the events leading up to, during and well after the Titanic tragedy. This book is the only book everyone should read on the subject. In fact, it is worthy of being an elementary school history book. Buy it inexpensively, used, and do yourself a favor during a rainy day!

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