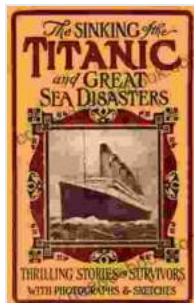


# The Sinking of the Titanic: A Tragedy in the North Atlantic



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## The Ship

The RMS Titanic was the largest and most luxurious ocean liner ever built at the time of its launch in 1911. The ship was over 882 feet long and 108 feet wide, and it had a gross tonnage of over 46,000 tons. The Titanic was designed to be unsinkable, and it was equipped with 16 watertight compartments that could be sealed off in the event of a hull breach.

## The Voyage

The Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on April 10, 1912, bound for New York City. The ship carried over 2,200 passengers and crew, including some of the wealthiest and most famous people in the world. The

voyage was initially uneventful, but on the night of April 14-15, the Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic Ocean.

## **The Disaster**

The collision with the iceberg caused a series of fatal hull breaches. The watertight compartments were unable to contain the flooding, and the Titanic began to sink rapidly. The crew and passengers scrambled to launch the lifeboats, but there were not enough lifeboats for everyone on board. Over 1,500 people died in the sinking of the Titanic.

## **The Causes of the Disaster**

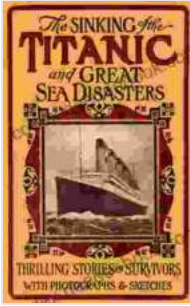
There were a number of factors that contributed to the sinking of the Titanic. These factors included:

- \* The ship's excessive speed in an area known to be frequented by icebergs
- \* The lack of sufficient lifeboats
- \* The failure of the watertight compartments to contain the flooding
- \* The lack of training and experience of the crew in emergency situations

## **The Legacy of the Titanic**

The sinking of the Titanic was a tragedy that shocked the world. The disaster led to a number of changes in maritime safety regulations, including the requirement for ships to carry enough lifeboats for everyone on board and the establishment of the International Ice Patrol to monitor icebergs in the North Atlantic. The Titanic has also become a popular subject of books, movies, and other works of art.

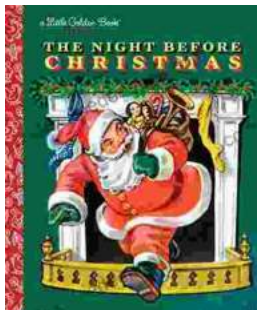
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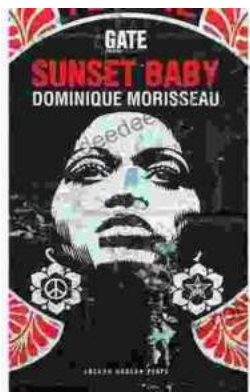
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