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"NOT EVEN GOD HIMSELF COULD SINK THIS SHIP?" On the evening of Sunday, April 14, 1912, the awesome ocean liner Titanic-the majestic queen of the White Star fleet-struck an iceberg and quickly vanished into the frigid blackness of the North Atlantic. Seventy-three years later, a dedicated group of scientists set sail in search of the sunken behemoth-an incredible mission that uncovered shocking secrets buried two miles below the ocean's surface.

In *Her Name, Titanic*, Dr. Charles Pellegrino combines two enthralling adventures in one: re-creating with breathtaking immediacy the terrible night the great ship went down...and offering a riveting, first-hand account of a remarkable expedition-and the miraculous scientific technology-that helped shed astonishing new light on the greatest seagoing disaster of the 20th century.

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SouthWestZippy says

Very interesting book. Quick read.

Travis says

Pellegrino is a very good author, although he does tend to involve himself in the story more than I'm comfortable with. Even so, I would recommend this to anyone interested in the Titanic, Bob Ballard, or both.

Brian Meadows says

This book centers at least as much on the author's experiences, which are very interesting, and his thoughts as it does on the Titanic itself. There are side trips of conjecture about exploration on moons of other planets and an interesting parallel between the Titanic and the Challenger disaster. Both had elements of overconfidence that contributed to what went wrong. How often will this repeat itself?

Another interesting thing brought out was the science fiction works of Morgan Robertson who wrote his book *Titan* about a ship like the Titanic that was unsinkable but sank like the Titanic on its first voyage, with many uncanny similarities. It was written before the Titanic sailed and there was actually a copy of this prophetic science fiction work on the Titanic during that fateful cruise! Bone-chilling! The same author wrote another science fiction book about a world war that featured Japanese planes bombing Hawaii on a December morning. Robertson died in 1915 in poverty.

I learned a lot I didn't know about oceanography and about the Titanic. The book is very worthwhile reading as it is a first-hand account of the finding of the Titanic and the author's best attempt to describe the indescribable emotional upheaval they went through when they did. There are also a lot of description of what went on in the lives of the passengers and crew of the Titanic during this disaster. The book flips back and forth in time between the events leading up to the discovery and exploration of the Titanic 2 1/2 miles deep in 1986 and the April 15, 1912 events of the Titanic.

If you are wanting a history of the sinking of the Titanic alone, this book isn't it. But, if you want a look at that event with the perspective of those who found the wreck in recent times, this is a great read. It comes with helpful illustrations to better understand what the author is talking about. Without them, I would likely have had difficulty following the narrative.

Wsprag says

What an awesome book! Great insights into that terrible night and the finding of the wreckage. I highly recommend to everyone.

Mariah says

Charles Pellegrino is a vibrant storyteller, though his stories come at the cost of historical accuracy. More of an in-depth look at Ballard's discovery and subsequent expedition to the wreck than a look at the historical sinking - it makes an excellent companion to Ballard's own book, though of course has been heavily dated with the discoveries and theories since.

Cws says

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Wendy says

(found read date in diary)

Angie says

This story is more about those who found her and the ship involved than the Titanic herself. It was a very interesting and respectable look at the wreckage and the finding and the original thoughts that went into her find

DAISY DISNEY says

Not what I expected. I wanted to learn more about the discovery of Titanic and not so much of the vessels that were used to find her wreckage. I did enjoy the parts that go back to 1912 though when people were on board.

Fishface says

This is another good read by the author of the wonderful GHOSTS OF THE 'TITANIC' (it looks as if this one came out before that one). Runs you through the sinking of the ship, some of the more awful and even some funny moments connected to the sinking, and what went into finding the wreckage 77 years later. Makes a very apt comparison to the events surrounding the 'Challenger' explosion. Pellegrino should know, because he dealt directly with both.

Sean Chick says

It has its share of errors of analysis, but I liked the purple prose and Pellegrino's love of technology coupled with Titanic's constant reminders of technology's limitations. This is a passionate book.

Phil LeDuc says

After reading "The Sleepwalkers" I needed a quick read before starting "Advise and Consent", and this was it. Be forewarned, it's not a straight recounting of the sinking of the Titanic - "A Night to Remember" is still the best of the bunch for that. This is partly stories/vignettes of the sinking and partly a recounting of the discovery of the sunken liner. Pellegrino was part of Robert Ballard's team and so there are extracts from his journals, interviews with Ballard and others, narrative chapters about the search, discovery, and subsequent dives by the various submersibles ("Argo", "Alvin", etc.) and ruminations about the Titanic, ocean exploration, and other topics.

Michael Murdoch says

Engagingly haunting - although broken into snippets and articles, the format does not distract from the history lover's yearnings. Moreover, Pellegrino leaves you with the greatest gift a writer can give, he leaves you wanting more.
