

***Titanic: Voices from the Disaster***

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In the book *Titanic: Voices from Disaster*, Deborah Hopkins provides an extremely detailed and thorough account of the Titanic's journey. She provides an all-encompassing novel that includes stories from survivors, pictures of the ship and the process it went through before setting sail. If you enjoy stories about true events, then this will be the book for you.

Deborah Hopkins used stories from different members of society as well as facts and statistics from historians to put together this powerful novel. She uses perspectives from people of different classes to make it so anyone can relate to her book. The pictures and letters that she included truly made it so that you could feel the magnitude of this tragedy. The way that she weaves her information together creates a truly remarkable story.

I personally loved this book. I am, however a little bit of a nerd and truly enjoy learning about historic events. I do believe though, that even if you aren't like me and non-fiction events are not your thing that you would still enjoy this book. The author presents the information in a non-boring almost story like fashion that makes the book that much more interesting. This book is so wonderfully written you will struggle to put it down.

I would recommend this book for those ages 11-13 due to its content. The book is a realistic account of the events of the titanic, which could be a little much for younger readers. It is also written for a higher reading level. This is a book that I, personally would love to receive as a gift and keep on my bookshelf at home.

**Books to read after *Titanic: Voices from the Disaster***

*Number the Stars* by: Lois Lowry

*Holes* by: Lois Sachar

*Hatchet* by: Gary Paulsen

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Everyone has heard about the Titanic. We all know what happened on the illfated 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.