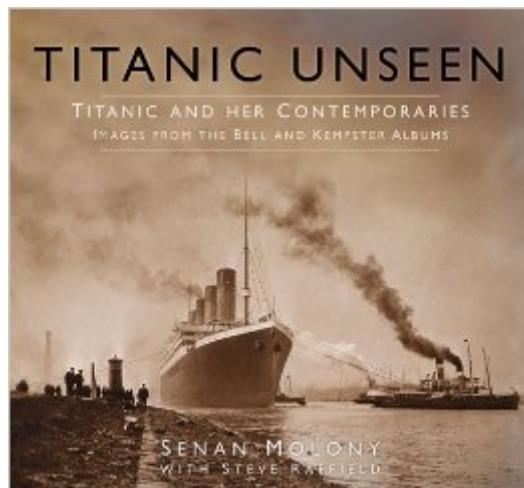


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Titanic Unseen: Images From The Bell And Kempster Albums



Synopsis

The work of two passionate photographers, Philip Bell and John Kempster, offer insights into what it meant to build, deploy and operate the great White Star ships in the era of Titanic. From the surging spectacle and excitement of a launch, to the lazy days of a long homeward haul from Australia, we see intimate details of life on-board or are asked to confront the ever-present dangers of an industrial shipyard. RMS Titanic was from the gene pool of an ever-strengthening fleet of vessels that eventually extended to a globe-girdling enterprise. These rare pictures, from a pair of extraordinary albums, provide her context.

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I agree with a review posted on the UK 100% in regard to this book not making the most of the newly discovered Titanic photographs. The reason for the bad reproductions of the Bell and Kempster album photographs is most probably because they want to cash in on selling high quality prints of these images. Note there is an advertisement at the back of this book giving details of where you can buy them. I think it is extremely bad form to do this because I thought I was buying decent copies of these images when I bought this book. Anyway, what you get with this book are almost black & white photocopies. They are not even in the original gorgeous sepia tones and often appear quite small. Firstly, you have to pay to see them exhibited. Then you pay to get the book thinking you will get decent reproductions in the book. Then, because the book does not have decent reproductions of these images, you have to buy the prints separately to get decent copies.

The owner of these photographs must have really cashed in on this project in a very big way. Below is a photograph of the advertisement at the back of this book on the last page showing where you can get high quality reproduction prints of the Bell & Kempster photographs.

I do not disagree with the review posted of the first reviewer. However , he missed a significant technical error (in my opinion) that was right in front of him in his attachment to his review. Specifically, the picture attributed to John Dempster in his posting appears on the last page (#144) of the book with the caption identifying the ship as the German liner "Bismarck" on its way out of Cuxhaven as WW I war reparations to the White Star Line. allegedly circa 1922 i.e. 10 years after the Titanic sank. This is not the German liner Bismarck which subsequently became the White Star Majestic. Rather, it is clearly the RMS Queen Mary (circa 1936) likely heading down the River Clyde in front of probably cheering Brits on its way to gather its lifeboats and begin its builder's sea trials prior to delivery to the Cunard/White Star Line. This is an error which I attribute to the author; if you don't know have the proper technical background knowledge, don't try to write about it unless you have a technical specialist to proof your work. This is the kind of error that can irreversibly damage your credibility and that of the book. Poor "RMS Queen Mary" ! This is the second time in recent expensive books where I have seen it misidentified the other was Richard Silvin's piece on the French liner "Normandie" where he identified the Queen Mary as the "Ile de France, 1927" on page vii early in the book. I rated this book one star above the first reviewer >> because of the pics which I previously had not seen---not for the author's technical prominence. I will keep it for the photographic value.

I have read dozens of books on the Titanic and seldom find anything new. This book has photographs and stories I haven't seen before. I liked the format and sepia-toned pictures which evoke that era. I would recommend this book for Titanic aficionados and those just beginning to learn about this great, grand tragedy.

It was a gift for a true Titanic fan and he was blown away that I had a found a book he'd never seen before on the subject!

Very nice

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