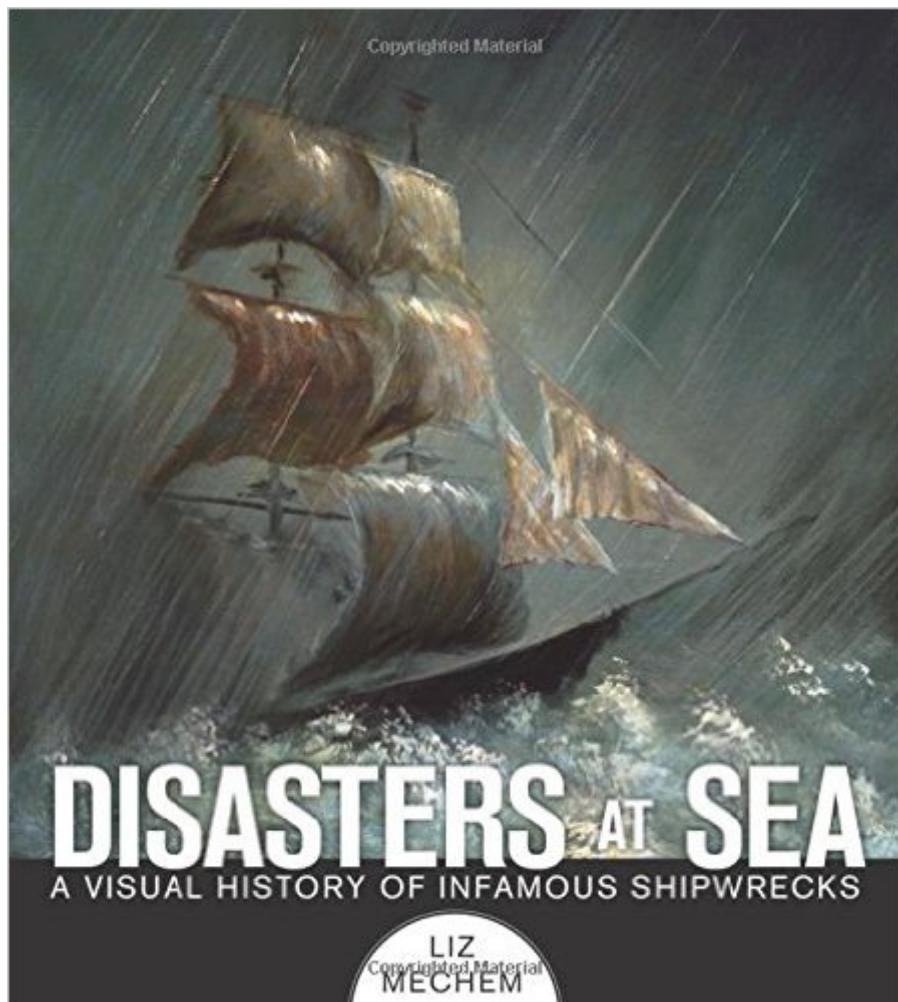


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# Disasters At Sea: A Visual History Of Infamous Shipwrecks



## Synopsis

A fully illustrated collection of the most thrilling shipwrecks of all time! Experience the mystery and wonder of the bottom of the sea with over sixty accounts of shipwreck catastrophes. Illustrated with detailed maps and shipwreck locations, *Disasters at Sea* takes readers on a fascinating journey through history and to the ocean floor. Learn all about the historical details and theories of the most infamous shipwrecks; from the most well-known sinkings like the *Titanic*, to the obscure, mysterious drifting ghost ships and unexplained disappearances. Subjects include: Tragedies by Mother Nature; Shipwrecks and war; Fatal errors; Legends, myths, mysteries; And many more! Whether by human error, collision, piracy, or mutiny, this book has them all. With shipwrecks from the Old Testament, to ancient Greece, to modern times, this exciting book is compellingly written with accompanying sources, high-quality images, and a great deal of evidence. Find out interesting tidbits about Christopher Columbus' *Santa Maria*, which eluded discovery for centuries despite long-term investigations. Stay afloat with the *Mary Celeste* and the *Carroll A. Deering*; ships that did not wreck at all but whose entire crews disappeared, never to be found. Readers are no doubt familiar with the tragedy of the *Titanic*, but this book also recounts the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, which took nine thousand lives at the end of World War II. *Disasters at Sea* is sure to offer an addicting and thrilling voyage that will leave you reading over and over again. This is an exciting book for the history buff; or for anyone looking for a fascinating read! Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a *New York Times* bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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DISASTERS AT SEA is a nicely-done, visual history of over 60 famous - or, sometimes, infamous - shipping disasters. Spanning the centuries, author Liz Mechem's book presents summaries and eye-catching illustrations on such noteworthy sinkings as the Edmund Fitzgerald, USS Indianapolis, SS Eastland, Titanic, HMS Birkenhead, Andrea Doria and other fated ships. DISASTERS AT SEA runs to 192 pages divided into chapters: 'Nature's Fury,' 'The Fatal Flaw,' 'Collision Course,' 'Piracy, Mutiny and Skullduggery,' 'Casualties of War,' 'Mystery,' 'Blaze of Glory,' and 'Legends of the Deep.' Within each chapter are two-page spreads on ships whose loss was attributed to, for instance, collision, fire, enemy torpedoes, on-board explosions, etc. The 'Casualties of War' chapter, for example, covers the Mary Rose, the Spanish Armada, Napoleon's flagship L'Orient, Lusitania, Britannic, Laurentic, Bismarck, Arizona, Wilhelm Gustloff, Indianapolis and General Belgrano. Each ship's two-page spread features a concise summary of the ship and three-six b&w/color photographs, illustrations and a map of the area it was lost in. The ships covered reads like a Who's Who of famous ships - Batavia, Queen Anne's Revenge, Bounty, Santa Maria, Mary Celeste, Sultana, General Slocum, Mont-Blanc, Monitor, Nuestra Senora de Atocha, Essex, Erebus and Terror, Vasa, etc. Mechem also touches on other legendary ships and maritime topics such as Noah's Ark, the Flying Dutchman, wreck diving, fireboats, pirates, the Bermuda Triangle, nautical superstitions and so on. Two pages of further reading and web sites round out the book. If seafaring lore and legend is in your blood, you should enjoy DISASTERS AT SEA. It is a good, lively, well-illustrated and reasonably-priced introduction to a fascinating subject. Recommended.\*\*\*\*NB. One goof: The top photo on page 123 is not BB Bismarck; it looks to be one of the Kaiser's BBs from WWI.

My 1st grader is obsessed with sea vessels and shipwrecks throughout history. He absolutely loves this encyclopedic book! It is clearly written for older kids/adults, but he likes picking out one of the subjects that the book is divided by and we start reading from there. Great purchase for my little guy

who loves shipwreck history.

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A beautifully illustrated and considered reflection on some well-known and less-well known maritime disasters. If you enjoyed this you might like this: Beautiful Bodies: The convict era's most shameful disaster

My father in law loves this book!

The history of sailing ships is a history of great accomplishments and great tragedies. In "Disasters at Sea: A Visual History of Infamous Shipwrecks", Liz Mechem takes full advantage of Hammond's expert cartography to illustrate her informed and informative accounts of more than sixty stories of catastrophes at sea that occurred because of nature's storms, piracy, mutiny, and unexplained mysteries. From the disappearance of Kublai Khan's navy as they attempted the invasion of Japan, to the shipwrecks of the Caribbean, "Disasters at Sea: A Visual History of Infamous Shipwrecks" is a gripping read that is profusely illustrated throughout. Replete with such 'infobits' as to why women were considered bad luck aboard a ship, to superstitions prohibiting the carrying of a banana, to always boarding a ship with the right foot to avoid bad luck, "Disasters at Sea: A Visual History of Infamous Shipwrecks" is very highly recommended for school and community libraries in general, and the reading lists of anyone with an interest in the history of seafaring.

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