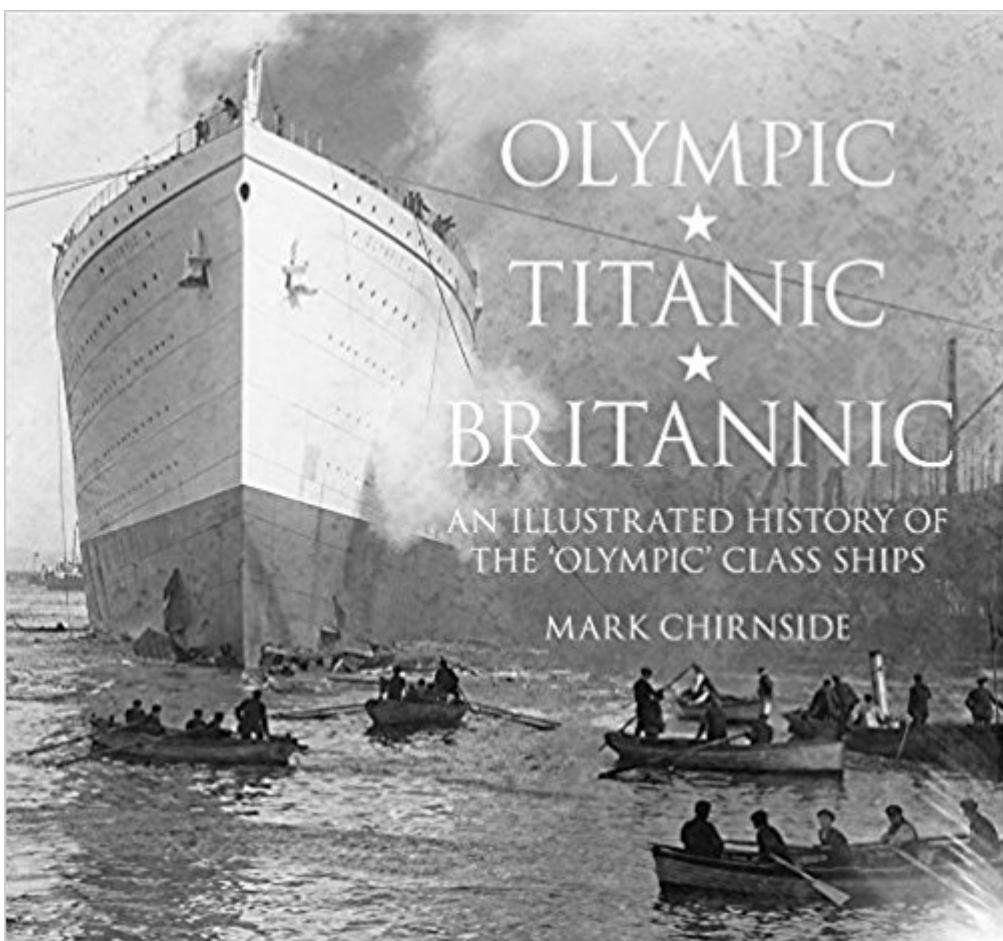


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Olympic, Titanic, Britannic: An Illustrated History Of The Olympic Class Ships



Synopsis

A pictorial celebration of the world-famous sister ships: the Olympic-class liners. A maritime expert tells the story of the sister ships using previously unseen pictures, passenger diaries, and deck plans, illustrating Olympic's successful career; the premature ends of her two unfortunate sisters; and the experiences of those onboard. Designed for passenger comfort, they were intended to provide luxurious surroundings and safe, reliable service rather than record-breaking speed. Ironically, fate decreed that only Olympic would ever complete a single commercial voyage and she went on to serve for a quarter of a century in peace and war. Titanic's name would become infamous after she sank on her maiden voyage. The third sister, Britannic, saw a brief and commendable career as a hospital ship during World War I, sinking in the Aegean Sea in 1916.

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Customer Reviews

Mark Chirnside is the author of The Olympic Class Ships, RMS Aquitania, RMS Majestic, and RMS Olympic.

I have truly enjoyed this book. While not begrudging the amount of press and film devoted to the horrible accident that sank RMS Titanic, it is wonderful to see this author concentrate his efforts on RMS Olympic, a nearly identical ship that served faithfully and well for decades. RMS Britannic, whose career was cut short by a WW I mine, is thoroughly covered. RMS Titanic is also well covered, though the drama of her sinking is left to the multitude of other sources available. Color is

used where possible, engineering drawings, interior views, wonderful photographs, and so on abound. The text is crisp and informative. If ocean liners appeal to you, and you would like to know more about "Old Reliable," the "nice guy" ship that didn't come to a tragic end, this book will reward you handsomely.

I read a statistic that said that the Titanic was one of the three most written about subjects in history, and browsing through the available books on and other sites certainly gives credence to that. I would imagine that like many much-written subjects the number of GOOD books is merely a fraction of that number, but this book is certainly one of the good ones. Richly illustrated with accurate captioning it certainly opens up my understanding of the Olympic class liners and is a valuable addition to my growing library on the subject. The ONLY way it could be better would be if I could buy a copy to read on my Kindle like a previous title I have bought....like this! Titanic or Olympic: Which Ship Sank?

I'm currently working on an original fiction story that in effect can be seen as a sort of Biography of the RMS Olympic, and as I was already more than familiar with the story of Titanic, I needed info on the Lead Ship herself. Mister Chirnside not only supplies, but supplies in abundance of interesting and exhaustive information from the start of construction in 1908 to Olympic's scrapping in 1935. In fiction there is the concept of the "Hero of Another Story," where a side character is alluded to have adventures just as interesting as (if not more so than) the Protagonist's, and for decades Olympic has been such a figure in the Titanic story, a glorified footnote if she is mentioned at all. At long last, we can finally know Olympic's story.

Considering I have an extensive collection of books on this subject, this one is my favourite. It is well researched and documented. It is accurate in that Mr. Chirnside has made a great effort to clarify nearly all the misinformation that has been perpetuated over and over in other books on this subject as well as providing additional information, both technical and visual, not found in previous books. It is very readable and well thought out. Overall a fine effort and attractively priced considering the content. Highly recommended.

Great addition for anyone who collects books on the Titanic and her sister ships!

It's always nice to find a picture of Titanic or her sisters that you've never seen before. So it must be

nothing short of amazing to find a book full of photographs and info the average person hasn't seen before. Mark Chirnside has delivered a wonderfully interesting and beautiful book, a must have for any Titanic or ocean liner enthusiast.

For all those "rivet counters" out there, if you think we've seen every photo ever taken of Titanic, or even her two sisters, you might want to get this book. Believe it or not, more photographs of these beautiful liners have surfaced, and for the serious collector, the book is worth having for some of these marvelous shots.

Mark Chirnside has once again provided a marvelous view if these White Star trios. Updated with several photos that this 'oldster' has not seen before. Well done Mark!

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