

Shipwreck: A History of Disasters at Sea / 352 pages / 2015 / 9781623653750 / Quercus, 2015 / Sam Willis

Books. My library. Help. Advanced Book Search. Download EPUB. Download PDF. Plain text. eBook - FREE. About this book. Terms of Service. Plain text. PDF. EPUB. This book is not a series of stories about shipwrecks, it's more of a study of shipwreck sites, prefaced by very elementary history of the background of each ship. It's well written but written at a high school level at best. Willis assumes the reader knows nothing about maritime history. Read more. It was apparently the first major oil tanker disaster in history, because earlier generations of oil tankers had been much smaller. Politicians and experts of all kinds were clueless and forced on to a steep learning curve. The book claims that a lot of lessons were learned. Maybe so, but this was more than 20 years before Exxon Valdez oil tanker spill in Alaska. A maritime disaster is an event which usually involves a ship or ships and can involve military action. Because of the nature of maritime travel, there is often a substantial loss of life. The term maritime disaster can refer to both commercial ships and military naval ships. A maritime disaster can result in one or more of the following simultaneously ; Loss of life. Pollution of marine environment (in case of oil spill, foul discharge of materials, sulphur emitted from fuels, etc.) Shipwrecks selects the sinkings with the greatest loss of life, the most famous vessels, the richest treasure troves, the most archaeologically significant wreck sites and the most daring rescues. It tells the tales of the fate of the victims, the disastrous mistakes made by ships' captains and navigators, the impossible conditions faced at sea, the courage of those who survived and the audacious attempts to raise what now lies at the bottom of the sea. Additional info: About the Author Nigel Cawthorne studied at University College, London, where he gained an honours degree in physics, before