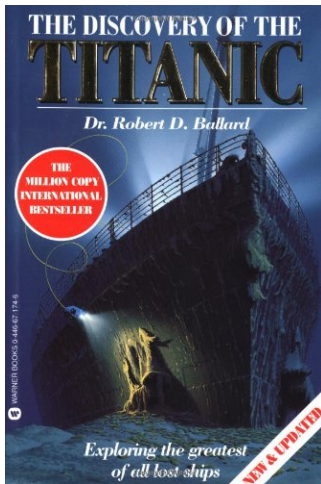


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Description:

As Woods Hole oceanographer Robert Ballard demonstrates in his absorbing, profusely illustrated book about his years-long hunt for the wreck of the *Titanic*, science isn't all that different from Hollywood. Just as a Hollywood type--say, the director whose quest to make the world's most expensive film is chronicled in Paula Parisi's --must use the cachet of his studio connections to raise cash, a Woods Hole scientist must use that eminent institution's reputation to win financing for his or her projects. Like the movie that sprang from the finding of the wreck, Ballard's scientific exploration is a tale of triumph against long odds. He's also got some good historical data on the drama of the sinking. Here are a few ear-witness accounts of the moment of the iceberg's impact on the *Titanic*: "A disquieting ripping sound like a piece of cloth"; "A thousand marbles"; "As though somebody had drawn a giant finger along the side of the ship." Ballard quotes the most precise description of the fatal instant, given by colorful Second Officer Lightoller: "Not that it was by any means a violent concussion, but just a distinct and unpleasant break in the monotony of her motion." Ballard's book helps you get the feeling of climbing aboard and being there for that distinctly unpleasant moment. --*Tim Appelo*

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This discovery gave new meaning to the Titanic's sinking and gave birth to new dreams in ocean exploration. The Titanic's Journey. Built in Ireland from 1909 to 1912 on behalf of the British-owned White Star Line, the Titanic officially left the European port of Queenstown, Ireland, on April 11, 1912. Carrying over 2,200 passengers and crew, the great ship began its maiden voyage across the Atlantic, headed for New York. The Titanic carried passengers from all walks of life. Tickets were sold to first-, second-, and third-class passengers—the latter group largely consisting of immigrants seeking better lives. For years, the incredible discovery of the Titanic's wreckage at the bottom of the ocean in 1985 was thought to have been a purely scientific effort. But Robert Ballard, who discovered the Titanic, said that the expedition was part of a secret US military mission to recover two sunken nuclear submarines on the bottom of the ocean. The wreck of the RMS Titanic lies at a depth of about 12,500 feet (3.8 km; 2.37 mi), about 370 miles (600 km) south-southeast off the coast of Newfoundland. It lies in two main pieces about a third of a mile (600 m) apart. The bow is still recognizable with many preserved interiors, despite deterioration and damage sustained hitting the sea floor. In contrast, the stern is completely ruined. A debris field around the wreck contains hundreds of thousands of items spilled from the ship as she sank. The Now, as the Titanic was discovered, I felt the full meaning of discovery. I understood that even if it was a discovery of a man-made object, it was still discovery. It WAS science! The prose is easy to read and properly written. The story of the Titanic includes several never fully-resolved controversies and the repeatedly asked question was 'Was it truly an accident or did individual or corporate incompetence affect what happened?'. Related questions included why several earlier iceberg warnings were ignored and there were few lookouts, why it ventured so close to the Arctic Circle and within the ice belt at close to maximum speed, whether its Captain was as qualified for his role as he should have been and whether or not he was in full control immediately prior to its collision or. Complete summary of Rich Archbold, Robert D. Ballard's The Discovery of the Titanic. eNotes plot summaries cover all the significant action of The Discovery of the Titanic. Seventy-three years after the majestic ship had slipped beneath the cold waters of the North Atlantic, the headlines proclaimed, TITANIC FOUND. Download The Discovery of the Titanic Study Guide. Subscribe Now. One year later, Ballard returned to the Titanic to explore and photograph it extensively with state-of-the-art undersea technology.