

Short story of the Titanic



On April 15, 1912, one of the **deadliest maritime disaster** in history **occurred**. At 2:45 am on April 15; 5 days after its original **departure** from Liverpool, England, the Titanic **struck** a large **iceberg** in the Atlantic Ocean.

The ship Titanic was the second in a three ship set; the Olympic, Titanic, and Britannica.

She was 300 yards long, and weighed several hundreds of thousands of pounds. The great ship, made mostly of metal, was thought to be **unsinkable**.

Then the **impossible** happened. Captain Edward John Smith had **altered** the Titanic's **course slightly** to the south, hoping to **avoid** the **icefields** that had been **spotted** and **reported** by other ships. Unfortunately, the change in course didn't help much. In the late hours of April 14, the Titanic **collided with** a large iceberg.

Upon striking the berg, the Titanic's **flood compartments**, made for just such an occasion, began to fill with water. The Titanic could have **stayed afloat** if only 4 of the compartments were flooded, but the water quickly filled 6, making the **bow sink** slowly into the 28 °F degree (-2° Celsius degree) water. Many **passengers** were actually spotted **playing soccer** with the **chunks of ice**, **unaware** of the danger posed to them.

There wasn't a **rush** to get into the **lifeboats** at first, because passengers would rather stay on the warm ship, than go out into the cold and the **unknown** of the sea in a small boat. The first of the 20 lifeboats simply left with 28 people **aboard**, although they were designed to hold 65 passengers.

When the danger **became apparent**, 3rd class passengers were **locked down into** their 3rd class area, **unable to escape** to the safety of a lifeboat. 1st and 2nd class passengers got to the lifeboats quicker and easier, because they had boats on their **decks**. The stewards and stewardesses didn't lock the 3rd class passengers because they wanted them to die. They locked them until they were **given orders**. Once the orders were given to let the women and children out first and not let any men out, they unlocked the doors, but **had a hard time** getting just the women and children out. **Desperate** men actually **dressed as women** so they would **be allowed to** enter a lifeboat. There are **undisclosed rumors**, still to this day, that say the Titanic's **crew** shot passengers who wanted a lifeboat. The lifeboats were **picked up** by the Carpathia.

This is where the Titanic's journey ends. She soon went down "head-first" into the **icy depths**. Hundreds **perished** that night, men, women, children, even dogs. One of the passengers **describes** the ride down with the sinking ship "like an elevator ride". The **survivors recall** that there were so many dead, they could hardly **row through** the bodies. Out of the 1523 people in the water, 7 were found **alive**. Out of the 2228 passengers aboard the ship only 705 survived. All of the men in the engine room died.

On April 17, 1912 the 705 survivors finally reached their **destination** of New York City. The Carpathia arrived at 9:35 p.m. and started to unload the survivors. Interviewers **swarmed** the passengers asking them what had happened. All of them **agreed** that their lives would never be the same again.

glossary

deadly - halálos
maritime disaster – tengeri katasztrófa
to occur – meggesik, megtörténik
to strike, struck, struck - ütődik
iceberg - jéghegy
unsinkable - elsüllyeszthetetlen
impossible - lehetetlen
to alter – megváltoztat
course - útvonal
slightly - enyhén
to avoid – elkerül, kikerül
ice field – jég mező
to be spotted – észre véve lenni
to be reported – jelentve lenni
to collide with – összeötközik valamivel
compartment - rekesz
to stay afloat – tengeren/vízen maradni
bow – hajó orra
to sink - elsüllyed
passenger - utas
to play soccer - focizni
chunk of ice – nagy jég darab
unaware of ... - nincs tudatában annak, hogy ...
rush – ruhanás, sietség
lifeboat - mentőcsónak
unknown - ismeretlen
aboard - fedélzeten
to become apparent – nyilvánvalóvá válik
to be locked down into – bezárva lenni valahova
to be unable to escape – nem képes elmenekülni
deck - fedélzet
to be given orders – utasítást/parancsot kap
to have a hard time doing something – nehéz dolga van
desperate - kétségbeesett
to dress as a woman – nőnek öltözött
to be allowed to - meg van engedve, hogy ...
crew - legénység
to be picked up by - felvéve lenni valaki által
icy depth – jeges mélység
to perish – elpusztul, elvész
to describe - leír
survivor - túlélő
to recall - felidéz
to row through - áttevez
destination – úticél