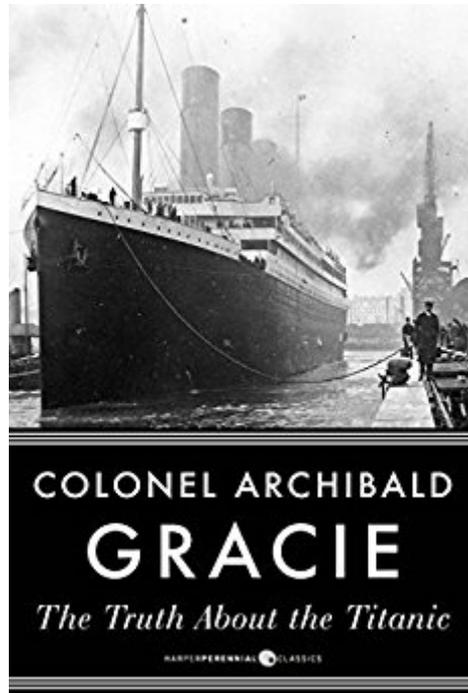


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With time running out and the decks awash with the sea, first-class passenger Archibald Gracie was one of the last people to escape the sinking of the Titanic, clinging to an overturned collapsible boat before being rescued. Once safe on the Carpathia, Gracie immediately began writing what has become one of the definitive books on the tragedy. *The Truth About the Titanic* is Gracie's detailed account of not just his experience the night of April 15, 1912, but that of each of the lifeboats launched that night, as well as the testimony at the inquiry that followed. Although Gracie died before his book was published, *The Truth About the Titanic* is recognized as one of the most complete and accurate accounts of the tragedy. HarperPerennial Classics brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperPerennial Classics collection to build your digital library.

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The Truth About the Titanic is an in depth and yet haunting tale of survival on the tragic night of April 15th 1912 when the Titanic struck an iceberg and sunk into the bitter Atlantic Ocean, taking with it

more than 1,500 poor souls. The author re-tells the events of that fateful night from his own perspective as well as countless other survivors that he interviewed. Of all the Titanic books I've read over the years, this particular book gathers the most intensely detailed descriptions of that night from the actual survivors. Each perspective is overlapping as the author exhaustively plotted who was in each and every lifeboat. From a modern perspective, knowing what we do now 100+ years later about the ship and what happened that tragic night, reading this book gives insight to how vastly different one's idea of what happened can be. The author even talks about this at several points in the book since the ship was so big, it was impossible to know what was going on elsewhere from one's own perspective. For instance, Gracie truly believed that ship went down intact despite people like Jack Thayer, that he interviewed swearing otherwise. Keep in mind that the book can be disjointed at times but I do not blame the author. It is quite obvious by the in-depth nature of detail that Gracie strived for while writing this book. Unfortunately he passed away before he could formally edit the book or write a conclusion. My only complaint of this book, is not its length or it's mild disjointed nature but rather that Gracie only focused on the First Class Passengers and crew. The second and third class passengers at many points were only offered the barest of sentences let alone paragraphs. Yet stories on the First Class Passengers filled the majority of this book.

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