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Nick the Greek - Harry Mark Petrakis 2000

In 1919 Nick Dandolos arrived in Chicago from Greece, pursuing the American dream. Instead, tempted into a high-stakes game of cards, he is driven to humiliation and defeat. From these depths he begins his painstaking mastery of the skills of gambling under the tutelage of the crafty old gambler, Nestor, who says, "If God wished to learn to gamble, he would come to me." Wreaking vengeance on the powerful gangsters who had beaten him, Nick begins a meteoric ascent that carries him through no-limit games with kings and tycoons, and, finally, gains for himself legendary status as "Nick the Greek."

Battle of Antietam - Hourly History 2016-10-30

The Battle of Antietam was a turning point in the Civil War. In the span of several hours, there would be more loss of American life than in any other battle before or since, leaving one in four of the soldiers who took part either dead or wounded by the end of the day. Inside you will read about... □ Maryland, My Maryland... □ McClellan's Army □ The Opening Gambit □ Harper's Ferry □ Dunker Church & The Woods □ The Cornfield □ Bloody Lane And much more! What led to such a disastrous conclusion? And could something positive come from such an appalling massacre? The focus of the war was about to change. So too was how the American people viewed war as a whole.

A Night to Remember - Walter Lord 1997

An absorbing, minute-by-minute account of the demise of the "unsinkable" Titanic, the massive luxury liner that housed a French "sidewalk cafe" and a grand staircase, among other extravagances, but failed to provide enough lifeboats for the 2,207 passengers on board. Reissue.

Bamboozlers - Diamond Jim Tyler 2008-01-01

Damon Runyon - Jimmy Breslin 1992

This is the exuberant biography of the best known and most colorful newspapercolumnist of the 1920s and '30s by one of the best-known and most colorful newspaper columnists of today, Jimmy Breslin.

Titanic - Melissa Stewart 2018-08-01

This title is replete with brilliant photographs and exclusive in-depth coverage including Bob Ballard's 1985 discovery.

Down with the Old Canoe: A Cultural History of the Titanic Disaster (Updated Edition) - Steven Biel 2012-03-26

Explores how the Titanic disaster became an icon for a variety of groups, including suffragists and their opponents, radicals, reformers, capitalists, critics of technology, racists, and xenophobes.

Famous Gamblers, Poker History, and Texas Stories - Johnny Hughes 2012-08-21

You have a great writing style, very credible, and entertaining. Those

were dangerous times. Almost all of the guys are gone. A great book!... Doyle Brunson, Poker Hall of Fame, author. Hes as good a writer as he is a player. When it comes to poker tales..Johnny Hughes is your man.... Anthony Holden, London, President of the International Federation of Poker, author ... a captivating raconteur and avid historian...brings them to life with a unique flair and panache...(He) paints word pictures with witty, lush brush strokes reminiscent of Tom Wolfe... Paul Dr. Pauly McGuire, author ..the William Manchester of poker historians...a Hughes narrative is like lighting a lantern into the darkest recess of pokers subculture...provides the very best portrait of these unique real-life characters of anyone on record... Nolan Dalla, Media Director. World Series of Poker, author. ...the true story...of the beginnings of the phenomenon that poker has become... Crandell Addington, Poker Hall of Fame. Reading...is only paralleled by listening to him tell those stories in real time...like putting yourself in the same room as it all unfolded...when the mob ruled Las Vegas...the real stories... Ryan Sayer, OnTilt Radio, C.O.O.,and Host. www.JohnnyHughes.com
Wanderon - Fred Walther 2008-09-12
Our true story begins in Hungary with the Hungarian hussars, a group of mercenaries, and ends with the third generation, an American icon, Minnesota Fats, the hustler and entertainer known around the world. The lives of the three Wanderons have touched history's most memorable events from the past one hundred years of revolutions and wars around the world to audiences with world leaders, movie stars, corporate tycoons, mobsters and gangsters, famous entertainers, dignitaries, and celebrities. History has been made clearer from the lives of the Wanderons as they travelled through decades of time spawning an incredible spirit of challenge and adventure. It is not only their adventure throughout the past 150 years and the uniqueness of the Wanderons, but also their secret of success and their ability to earn this success that mystifies the tablets of love and memory. It is not only the search for the keys to this successful formula, but also the keys to happiness that fuels this book. Behind the scenes of many accepted historical accounts and explanations, there often exists hidden and undiscovered information yet

to be brought to the surface. The desire to know the complete truth and the curious need to know the why of historical accounts is often void of the complete story as we know history today. But Wanderon will add spice and flavor and give a new perspective to the past while revealing a unique formula to the Wanderon success.

The Unsinkable Titanic Thompson - Carlton Stowers 1982

Big Deal - Anthony Holden 2010-06-15

In 1988, best-selling biographer Anthony Holden spent one year living the life of a professional poker player. His mesmerizing account of that year went on to become a classic of the genre, an inspiration to innumerable poker players and poker memoirists who followed. *Big Deal* is his story of days and nights in Las Vegas, Malta, and Morocco, mingling with the greats, sharpening his game, perfecting his repartee, and learning a great deal about himself in the process. Poker, Holden would insist, is a paradigm of life at its most intense, a gladiatorial contest that brings out the best as well as the worst in people. The heroes and eccentrics of the poker world stalk the pages of this remarkable book, along with all the hair-raising, nail-biting excitement of the game itself.

Island I: Shipwreck - Gordon Korman 2013-06-25

An action-packed survival suspense from bestselling and award-winning author Gordon Korman. Six kids. One shipwreck. One desert island. They didn't want to be on the boat in the first place. They were sent there as punishment, or as a character-building experience. Now the adults are gone, and the quest for survival has begun.

Confessions of a Ghost-hunter - Harry Price 1936

Unsinkable Titanic - Allen Gibson 2012-02-28

Delving deep into Titanic's legacy, Allen Gibson presents a comprehensive history with a refreshing argument, that Titanic represented a considerable achievement in maritime architecture. He determines the true causes of the disaster, telling the story of the 'unsinkable' ship against a backdrop of a tumultuous and rapidly

emerging technological world. The book exposes the true interests of the people involved in the operation, regulation and investigation into Titanic, and lays bare the technology so dramatically destroyed. Juxtaposing the duelling worlds of economics and safety, this study rationalises the mindset that wilfully dispatched the world's largest ship out to sea with a deficient supply of lifeboats. Using original material, this fascinating book explores not only how the sinking occurred but also examines the significance and allure of Titanic as well as boldly establishing a future for the wreck itself.

Summary of Derek DelGaudio's AMORALMAN - Everest Media, 2022-06-13T22:59:00Z

Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 I was a card mechanic hired by the house to pose as a professional dealer and cheat its customers. I made sure they went bust. I was having trouble finishing what we had started several hours earlier. My boss was annoyed that it was taking so long to collect. #2 I was forced to deal with the cold hands problem, which was caused by my body's fight-or-flight response. I was dealing with a brute who was trying to sell a gun to me. I ignored the awkwardness and began gathering up the cards. #3 I was a bust-out dealer in a casino, and I saw something extraordinary in that house. I was twenty-five years old when I worked as a bust-out dealer. It was a brief chapter in my life, less than six months, but it was the education of a lifetime. #4 I was 11 years old, riding in the passenger seat of my mother's truck, when I was given a twenty-dollar bill. I took the money and kept it, even though I didn't need it. My mother gave me the five dollars and told me I could keep it because I was honest with her.

A Course of Their Own - 2005-01-01

Bill Spiller was forty-seven when he was forced by desperate finances to caddy at the Hillcrest Country Club in Los Angeles. One day Spiller was caddying for a member who became outraged by Spiller's stories of inequities and suffering during his golfing career. The golfer urged Spiller to write California's attorney general, who later ordered the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) to cease its discrimination. In

1961 the "Caucasian race" clause was deleted from the PGA constitution. This was an historic decision that gave black golfers the chance to compete at the highest level in the sport. Golf has long been the domain of white men. During the twentieth century, however, African American pioneers such as Lee Elder, Howard Wheeler, and Charlie Sifford broke down the barriers for black golfers who wanted to play, and win, as equals with white golfers. A Course of Their Own looks at golf from the perspectives of these men, who had courage as well as remarkable skills. It tells the stories of their struggles, their bravery, and their passion for the game and puts their lives and contributions into historical perspective.

One of a Kind - Nolan Dalla 2006-05-30

Traces the rise and fall of poker champion Stuey Ungar, offering insight into his meteoric career as one of the game's most feared tournament players, the factors behind his tragic change of circumstances, and his early death at the age of forty-five. Reprint. 35,000 first printing.

The Night Lives On - Walter Lord 2012-03-06

In this New York Times bestseller, the author of A Night to Remember and The Miracle of Dunkirk revisits the Titanic disaster. Walter Lord's A Night to Remember was a landmark work that recounted the harrowing events of April 14, 1912, when the British ocean liner RMS Titanic went down in the North Atlantic Ocean, a book that inspired a classic movie of the same name. In The Night Lives On, Lord takes the exploration further, revealing information about the ship's last hours that emerged in the decades that followed, and separating myths from facts. Was the ship really christened before setting sail on its maiden voyage? What song did the band play as water spilled over the bow? How did the ship's wireless operators fail so badly, and why did the nearby Californian, just ten miles away when the Titanic struck the iceberg, not come to the rescue? Lord answers these questions and more, in a gripping investigation of the night when approximately 1,500 victims were lost to the sea.

Rothstein - David Pietrusza 2011-09-13

History remembers Arnold Rothstein as the man who fixed the 1919 World Series, an underworld genius. The real-life model for The Great

Gatsby's Meyer Wolfsheim and Nathan Detroit from *Guys and Dolls*, Rothstein was much more -- and less -- than a fixer of baseball games. He was everything that made 1920s Manhattan roar. Featuring Jazz Age Broadway with its thugs, speakeasies, showgirls, political movers and shakers, and stars of the Golden Age of Sports, this is a biography of the man who dominated an age. Arnold Rothstein was a loan shark, pool shark, bookmaker, thief, fence of stolen property, political fixer, Wall Street swindler, labor racketeer, rumrunner, and mastermind of the modern drug trade. Among his monikers were "The Big Bankroll," "The Brain," and "The Man Uptown." This vivid account of Rothstein's life is also the story of con artists, crooked cops, politicians, gang lords, newsmen, speakeasy owners, gamblers and the like. Finally unraveling the mystery of Rothstein's November 1928 murder in a Times Square hotel room, David Pietrusza has cemented The Big Bankroll's place among the most influential and fascinating legendary American criminals. 16 pages of black-and-white photographs are featured.

Careless Whispers - Carlton Stowers 2001-01-15

An updated edition of the Edgar Award-winning true crime classic describes the brutal murders of three young people near Lake Waco, Texas, describes the lengthy police investigation into the killings, and covers the trials and convictions of the murderers. Reissue.

Sinking of the Titanic - Jay Henry Mowbray 2012-08-09

Published only months after the disaster and sold as a "Memorial Edition," this is one of the most sensationalistic early books about the sinking of the Titanic. It contains a multitude of survivor accounts, taken from newspaper stories, personal interviews, and reports of the Senate investigation. Much of the early reporting -- for example, that the Titanic exploded and broke in two before she sank -- is now known to be untrue, but the raw horror of the disaster remains in the rush and jumble of the survivors' own words. There are also unique accounts not reported elsewhere, including a comparison to the cowardly behavior of passengers and crew during the Bourgogne disaster, a chapter on the gruesome task of the "funeral ship" Mackay-Bennett, and the initial story of Lady Duff-Gordon, who was later pilloried by the "yellow press."

Gambling Secrets of Nick the Greek - Ted Thackrey Jr 2016-02-04

In 1919 Nick Dandolos arrived in Chicago from Greece, pursuing the American dream. Instead, tempted into a high-stakes game of cards, he is driven to humiliation and defeat. From these depths he begins his painstaking mastery of the skills of gambling under the tutelage of the crafty old gambler, Nestor, who says, "If God wished to learn to gamble, he would come to me." Wreaking vengeance on the powerful gangsters who had beaten him, Nick begins a meteoric ascent that carries him through no-limit games with kings and tycoons, and, finally, gains for himself legendary status as "Nick the Greek."

Echoes of Titanic - Mindy Starns Clark 2012-03-01

Kelsey Tate comes from sturdy stock. Her great-grandmother Adele endured the sinking of Titanic and made it safely to America, where she not only survived but thrived. Generations later, Kelsey works for the firm Adele founded nearly 100 years ago. Now facing a hostile takeover, the firm's origins are challenged when new facts emerge about Adele's actions on the night Titanic sank. Kelsey tries to defend the company and the great-grandmother she has long admired, but the stakes are raised when Kelsey's boss is murdered and her own life threatened. Forced to seek help from Cole Thornton, a man Kelsey once loved—and lost, thanks to her success-at-all-costs mentality—she pursues mysteries both past and present. Aided by Cole and strengthened by the faith she'd all but forgotten in her climb up the corporate ladder, Kelsey races the clock to defend her family legacy, her livelihood, and ultimately her life.

Titanic Thompson: The Man Who Bet on Everything - Kevin Cook 2010-11-22

Capturing the spirit of a freewheeling era, this rollicking biography brings to life the gambler-hero who inspired *Guys and Dolls*. Born in a log cabin in the Ozarks, Alvin "Titanic" Thompson (1892-1974) traveled with his golf clubs, a .45 revolver, and a suitcase full of cash. He won and lost millions playing cards, dice, golf, pool, and dangerous games of his own invention. He killed five men and married five women, each one a teenager on her wedding day. He ruled New York's underground craps games in the 1920s and was Damon Runyon's model for slick-talking Sky

Masterson. Dominating the links in the pre-PGA Tour years, Thompson may have been the greatest golfer of his time, teeing up with Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Lee Trevino, and Ray Floyd. He also traded card tricks with Houdini, conned Al Capone, lost a million to Minnesota Fats and then teamed up with Fats and won it all back. A terrific read for anyone who has ever laid a bet, Titanic Thompson recaptures the colorful times of a singular figure: America's original road gambler.

Close-Up Magic Secrets - Diamond Jim Tyler 2010-12-16

"A professional performer presents tricks for magicians at every level of skill, especially novices. Intended for performances in bars, restaurants, and other close-up venues, these 29 routines include original tricks as well as tried-and-true crowd pleasers. Over 300 photographs illustrate clear instructions for illusions involving cards, money, fire, mind reading, and comedy"--

[Gambling in America](#) - William Norman Thompson 2001

An A-Z look at the history and impacts of gambling, including related legal, legislative, economic, and social issues. * More than 250 entries on every aspect of gambling in the United States * A chronology of significant events in the history of gambling from prehistory to the present day * The full text of 11 of the author's published articles on gambling * Reviews of more than 60 books in an extensive and thoroughly annotated bibliography

Godfather of Poker - Doyle Brunson

The story of Doyle Brunson, an American treasure and the greatest poker player of all time, is one for the ages. It's a story of guts and glory, of good luck and bad, of triumph and unspeakable tragedy, of courage and grace. He has survived whippings, gun fights, stabbings, mobsters (the real-life ones portrayed in the movie Casino), murderers, and a death sentence when, riddled with incurable cancer, he was given months to live by doctors who told him his hand was played out. A master of the bluff, his most outrageous bluff came after being pistol-whipped and told he's going to die with a gunman pointing a pistol at his forehead. Again, he lived. Brunson has seen it all: from the athletic dreams and a leg shattered by a freak injury which waylaid his path to the NBA (he was

drafted by the Lakers), to the devastating death of his first-born daughter, to outrageous exploits like trying to discover Noah Ark and raise the Titanic. Doyle's rollercoaster of a life defines the saying: Truth is stranger than fiction. Twice a winner of the prestigious World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, he's won millions and lost millions sometimes in seconds but decidedly more of the former than the latter. Brunson can still be found playing in the highest stakes poker games in the world, often with as much as one million dollars in front of him. To every one of the 250 million people worldwide who play poker each year, Doyle Brunson, is the legendary Babe Ruth of Poker the greatest gambler and poker player who has ever lived.

AMORALMAN - Derek DelGaudio 2022-02-01

Truth and lies are two sides of the same coin. But who's flipping it? A thought-provoking and brilliantly entertaining work of nonfiction from one of the world's leading deceivers, the creator and star of the astonishing theater show and forthcoming film *In & Of Itself*. Derek DelGaudio believed he was a decent, honest man. But when irrefutable evidence to the contrary is found in an old journal, his memories are reawakened and Derek is forced to confront--and try to understand--his role in a significant act of deception from his past. Using his youthful notebook entries as a road map, Derek embarks on a soulful, often funny, sometimes dark journey, retracing the path that led him to a world populated by charlatans, card cheats, and con artists. As stories are peeled away and artifices are revealed, Derek examines the mystery behind his father's vanishing act, the secret he inherited from his mother, the obsession he developed with sleight-of-hand that shaped his future, and the affinity he felt for the professional swindlers who taught him how to deceive others. And once he finds himself working as a crooked dealer in a big-money Hollywood card game, Derek begins to question his own sense of morality, and discovers that even a master of deception can find himself trapped inside an illusion. **A M O R A L M A N** is a wildly engaging exploration of the fictions we live as truths. It is ultimately a book about the lies we tell ourselves and the realities we manufacture in others.

The Magician and the Cardsharp - Karl Johnson 2006-07-25

A famous magician's journey to find the greatest cardsharp ever evokes the forgotten world of magic where Americans found escape during the Great Depression. It has the nostalgic quality of an old-fashioned fable, but Karl Johnson's *The Magician and the Cardsharp* is a true story that lovingly re-creates the sparkle of a vanished world. Here, set against the backdrop of America struggling through the Depression, is the world of magic, a realm of stars, sleight of hand, and sin where dreams could be realized - or stolen away. Following the Crash of '29, Dai Vernon, known by magicians as "the man who fooled Houdini," is tramping down Midwestern backroads, barely making ends meet. While swapping secrets with a Mexican gambler, he hears of a guy he doesn't quite believe is real - a legendary mystery man who deals perfectly from the center of the deck and who locals call the greatest cardsharp of all time. Determined to find the reclusive genius, Vernon sets out on a journey through America's shady, slick, and sinful side - from mob-run Kansas City through railroad towns that looked sleepy only in the daytime. Does he find the sharp? Well, Karl Johnson did - after years of research into Vernon's colorful quest, research that led him to places he never knew existed. Johnson takes us to the cardsharp's doorstep and shows us how he bestowed on Vernon the greatest secret in magic. *The Magician and the Cardsharp* is a unique and endlessly entertaining piece of history that reveals the artistry and obsession of a special breed of American showmen.

Gilded Lives, Fatal Voyage - Hugh Brewster 2012-03-27

Gilded Lives, Fatal Voyage takes us behind the paneled doors of the Titanic's elegant private suites to present compelling, memorable portraits of her most notable passengers. The Titanic has often been called "An exquisite microcosm of the Edwardian era," but until now, her story has not been presented as such. In *Gilded Lives, Fatal Voyage*, historian Hugh Brewster seamlessly interweaves personal narratives of the lost liner's most fascinating people with a haunting account of the fateful maiden crossing. Employing scrupulous research and featuring 100 rarely seen photographs, he accurately depicts the ship's brief life

and tragic denouement and presents compelling, memorable portraits of her most notable passengers: millionaires John Jacob Astor and Benjamin Guggenheim; President Taft's closest aide, Major Archibald Butt; writer Helen Churchill Candee; the artist Frank Millet; movie actress Dorothy Gibson; the celebrated couturiere Lady Duff Gordon; aristocrat Noelle, the Countess of Rothes; and a host of other travelers. Through them, we gain insight into the arts, politics, culture, and sexual mores of a world both distant and near to our own. And with them, we gather on the Titanic's sloping deck on that cold, starlit night and observe their all-too-human reactions as the disaster unfolds. More than ever, we ask ourselves, "What would we have done?"

'CAN I HAVE A WORD BOSS?...' - Phil O'Brien 2018-08-18

Written by an ex-prison governor, this book describes how a battle of wits goes on between the governor and his quarry. This can be dangerous for the unwary and those more orthodox. Each plots the downfall of the other and learns as they develop and mature. A professional reputation is made on the one hand; the ability to source drugs and weapons and plot escapes, on the other. Prisoners being allowed to set a violent agenda serve neither the public interest nor the public purse. We need informers but they are rarely admired. Nevertheless, this book demonstrates the role informers have to play in keeping the public safe. No prisoner rehabilitation can take place whilst the violent minority rule the roost. Born and brought up in Bradford, an advert for a career in the prison service caught Phil O'Brien's eye. He applied, was accepted and in his forty year career he went all round the country into every type of prison. He retired as a governor working in both the public and private sectors.

Something for Nothing - Jackson Lears 2004-07-27

Jackson Lears has won accolades for his skill in identifying the rich and unexpected layers of meaning beneath the familiar and mundane in our lives. Now, he challenges the conventional wisdom that the Protestant ethic of perseverance, industry, and disciplined achievement is what made America great. Turning to the deep, seldom acknowledged reverence for luck that runs through our entire history from colonial

times to the early twenty-first century, Lears traces how luck, chance, and gambling have shaped and, at times, defined our national character.

True Crime Narratives - Ben Harrison 1997

Takes the reader on an exploration of this genre, from the mid-nineteenth century through 1993.

Rare Earth - Peter D. Ward 2007-05-08

What determines whether complex life will arise on a planet, or even any life at all? Questions such as these are investigated in this groundbreaking book. In doing so, the authors synthesize information from astronomy, biology, and paleontology, and apply it to what we know about the rise of life on Earth and to what could possibly happen elsewhere in the universe. Everyone who has been thrilled by the recent discoveries of extrasolar planets and the indications of life on Mars and the Jovian moon Europa will be fascinated by Rare Earth, and its implications for those who look to the heavens for companionship.

Historical Dictionary of Golf - Bill Mallon 2011-01-21

Historical Dictionary of Golf—through a chronology, an introductory essay, a bibliography, photos, and over 300 cross-referenced dictionary entries on people, places, teams, and terminology of the game—is a comprehensive history of golf.

The Mysterious Montague - Leigh Montville 2009-05-05

John Montague was a boisterous enigma. In the 1930s, he was called “the world’s greatest golfer” by famed sportswriter Grantland Rice. He could drive the ball 300 yards and more, or he could chip it across a room into a highball glass. He played golf with everyone from Howard Hughes and W. C. Fields to Babe Ruth and Bing Crosby. Yet strangely, he never entered a professional tournament or allowed himself to be photographed. Then, a Time magazine photographer snapped his picture with a telephoto lens and police quickly recognized Montague as a fugitive with a dark secret. From the glamour of 1930s Hollywood, to John Montague’s extraordinary skill and triumphs on the golf course, to the shady world of Adirondack rumrunners and the most controversial, star-studded court trial of its day, *The Mysterious Montague* captures a man and an era with extraordinary color, verve, and energy.

The Unsinkable Titanic Thompson - Carlton Stowers 1992-08-01

Money Golf - Michael K. Bohn 2007

You can't play Major League Baseball and bet on a game; just ask Pete Rose. Don't try running a betting ring in the NHL, either. Want the surest ticket out of NCAA sports? Betting's the way to do it. In stark contrast, however, the United States Golf Association officially sanctions betting among players during their games. And it's not just the pros who bet. Every man, out with his buddies, asks at the first tee, "Shall we make this interesting?" Yet there has never been a betting scandal in organized golf. *Money Golf* is the first book that tells the complete story of golf's unique association with wagering and how that relationship evolved. It features anecdotes from fifteenth-century Scots to Tiger Woods and all the smooth-swinging flatbellies, movie stars, athletes, politicians, women golfers, Joe Six-Packs, hustlers, and sharks in between. It also serves as a primer for novice golf bettors, providing explanations of Calcuttas (betting auctions), odds-making, on-course games, and the art and history of golf hustling. It even highlights movies and books that include golf wagers, showing that even writers understand the marriage of the two. Wagering on golf has been part of the game since it migrated to the United States in 1888. All of the early icons of American golf bet when they played—Francis Ouimet, Walter Hagen, and Gene Sarazen. Even Bobby Jones, the simon-pure amateur, wagered on his game. Sam Snead and Ben Hogan always had a little something on the side; so did Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, and Gary Player. Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson learned how to bet on golf when they were little kids. All the personalities, stories, and history of betting on birdies are included in *Money Golf*.

Orphans of the Storm - Celia Imrie 2021-08-19

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER 'Smashing ... I was hooked on page one and literally could not put it down. I loved all that she wrote about the true story behind this thrilling tale' JOANNA LUMLEY 'Gripping ... An epic adventure' ROSIE GOODWIN _____ Nice, France, 1911: After three years of marriage, young seamstress Marcella Caretto

has finally had enough. Her husband, Michael, an ambitious tailor, has become cruel and controlling and she determines to get a divorce. But while awaiting the judges' decision on the custody of their two small boys, Michael receives news that changes everything. Meanwhile fun-loving New York socialite Margaret Hays is touring Europe with some friends. Restless, she resolves to head home aboard the most celebrated steamer in the world - RMS Titanic. As the ship sets sail for America,

carrying two infants bearing false names, the paths of Marcella, Michael and Margaret cross - and nothing will ever be the same again. From the Sunday Times-bestselling author, Celia Imrie, *Orphans of the Storm* dives into the waters of the past to unearth a sweeping, epic tale of the sinking of the Titanic that radiates with humanity and hums with life.

The Wreck of the Titan - Morgan Robertson 1912