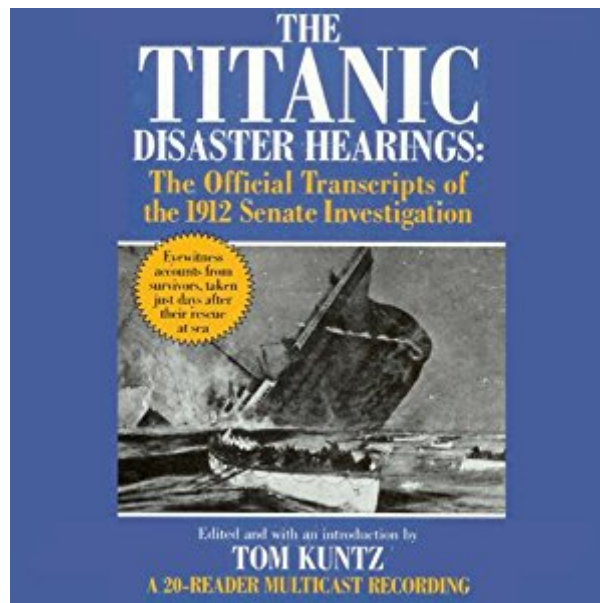




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# **The Titanic Disaster Hearings: The Official Transcripts Of The 1912 Senate Investigation**



## Synopsis

Merely a day after Titanic survivors arrived in port in New York City, a United States Senate committee began an investigation into the wreck of the great "unsinkable" ship. For the first time in book form, here is the dramatic testimony of crew and passengers from all walks of life, as they recall the sights and sounds of the night of April 14, 1912. From the manners of the day to the conduct of those boarding the lifeboats, from acts of kindness to palpable greed, here is an unforgettable portrait of human nature in the face of the Titanic tragedy, in the words of the men and women who survived....J. Bruce Ismay, British officer of the White Star Line, who hopped into a lifeboat to save himself and never looked back to see her go down....Second officer Charles Lightoller's harrowing plunge as the sinking ship's force of suction pulled him under water....On-duty lookout Frederick Fleet's admission that the iceberg might have been avoided if the crew had been equipped with binoculars....Passenger Daisy Minahan, who recalled the refusal of an officer in her lifeboat to aid those adrift in the frigid waters...and many more witnesses to one of the most shattering events of our century. Illustrated with historical photographs, *The Titanic Disaster Hearings* is a vital piece of the puzzle that has sparked worldwide fascination. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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While the excerpts are long and little is omitted, some testimony has been left out. I am not sure why anyone would put the book together and not include ALL the testimony, but that is what has been done. The full testimony is available online. I prefer books to online stuff and am disappointed

that I bought this and will have to read it online, anyway. There is a forward by James Cameron. He's the guy who thought the story of the sinking and the people on board wasn't dramatic enough and needed teenage romance, nudity (female), Feminism Yay (especially amusing in the same movie that has a young, nude woman), sex and a gun chase to punch up the drama. He informs us that history was actual events that happened to real people. It's a lot like a high school or college student who has just discovered this. He also requests that we view the events with a "post-sixties cynicism," which leads one to wonder just how deeply Mr. Cameron has thought through the information he intends to impart. As if cynicism was invented by the youth of 1960s and 70s America. Ay-yi-yi. It's fine if you want to read most of the testimony. For many people, it would be more info than they really wanted. But it's incomplete and that is disappointing.

Not a large book but does contain all of the original testimony.

If one wanted a historic viewpoint on this type of disaster then this book is for you. This book makes you feel you are there in the room when this hearing is going on.

This is the best first-hand account by some of the most important players of the tragedy. I would have liked to see some third-class passengers go in front of the Senate, but back then their opinion wasn't worth much. This book lists the entire 17 days of testimony, excerpts from the Senate sub-committee's final report (for the full report go to the U.S. Senate's website at [...]), and a summary of passengers and a good digest at the end. Overall this is a great read. Get it along with "A Night To Remember" for a solid account of the tragedy.

I have been reading Titanic material for about 3 years now, and this was by far the best, most informative and straightforward account. This is the story, told by eyewitnesses, just days after the disaster. No fictional characters, no romance, just bone-chilling descriptions. Although it is in the format of questions and answers, it is an easy read and riveting for the most part (I did get a little bored by all the testimony regarding the Marconi telegraph system, and whether or not the wireless operators from the Titanic and Carpathia should have been paid for their exclusive stories). I might recommend this book to someone who is already familiar with the story of the Titanic - all the persons and details can get a bit confusing without a general background. This book certainly doesn't clear up any of the confusion about the details that night - but it is a fascinating insight into how so many people can experience the same thing and come away with different impressions.

This is a piece of history in itself.

very interesting though another version I read has the senators life as a young man which is very interesting, think this edition omits it, still, a fantastic read.

Everything from start to finish with a prolog for after thought. It blends very well with my collection. According to my 2 professors, this was a well built ship before its time. To the 1,532 people who went down with this nautical marvel, R.I.P.

Bought long ago. Don't remember

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