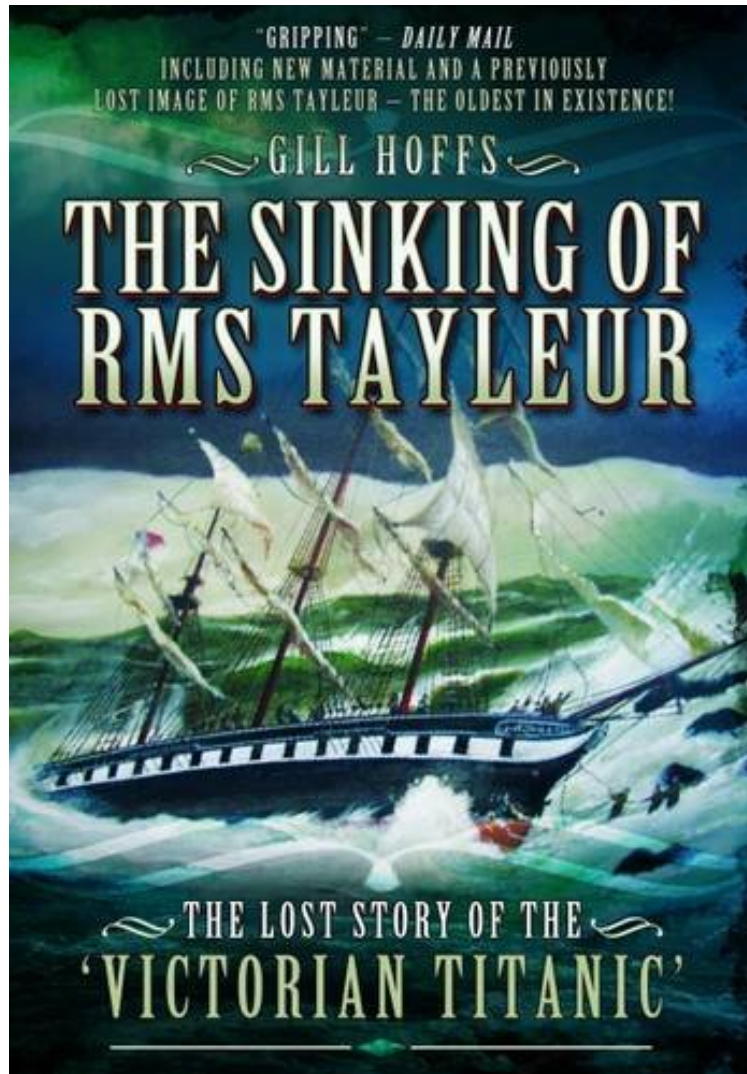


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. in the families and adventurers brave enough to travel across the ocean for a chance at a better life. Most of them didn't makeBy Scott A. WaldynThere's a warm heart hidden in the holds of this cold, wet, rough, and deadly nonfiction chronicling of a little-known disaster. It's in the meticulously

researched passengers who were on the RMS Tayleur as it went down, in the families and adventurers brave enough to travel across the ocean for a chance at a better life. Most of them didn't make it, but from the survivors, we are given stories to hear and lives to witness. This book was written with great care. Part analysis of a tragic shipwreck that maybe shouldn't have happened, and part glimpse into the backgrounds and desires of the people on board, it's a book that manages to echo the struggle of each man, woman, and child on board that vessel. It hits home as the author, Gill Hoffs, scribes the known records and history of as many people listed on that ship as she could find. Combined with newspaper articles, documented accounts from the survivors, and various other records, it's a well-rounded voyage beyond the abyss of what happened that fateful day. It's not just facts. It's human.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very well written and researched

By D. Covington

First, I must say that I was ignorant of the existence of the RMS Tayleur. As one reviewer said, the book grabs you by the heart and won't let go and I too will always remember it. The book is well researched and well written. The black and white newspaper clipping illustrations from Illustrated London News are somewhat haunting especially 'The Poor Man's Friend'. I highly recommend this book and I wouldn't worry about the "Spoiled by silly things" review. There are some similarities between the RMS Titanic and RMS Tayleur, for example they were both large steel ships that were lost on their maiden voyage. The author mentions the RMS Titanic only 5 times in the whole book. As far as the Table of Contents with only the chapter numbers and affecting their research, I too do a lot of research. Probably 98% of the books I buy are for research and I rarely use the table of contents, ever! I use the Kindle app's "bookmark" and note taking feature exclusively as they are way more efficient than using Chapter titles. I would have liked some diagrams of the ships layout etc., but they may not exist anymore.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very good read on a little known historical event

By Patrick C. Weidinger

Very good read on a little known historical event. I like that the author did not try to stretch this out to fill 500 pages. He told the story in a crisp fashion in about 300 pages, which is all that was needed. Well done.

'The moment they fell into the water the waves caught them and dashed them violently against the rocks, and the survivors on shore could perceive the unfortunate creatures...struggling amidst the waves, and one by one sinking under them.' (Hereford Times, 28 January 1854) The wrecking of the RMS Tayleur made headlines nearly 60 years before the Titanic. Both were run by the White Star Line, both were heralded as the most splendid ships of their time - and both sank in tragic circumstances on their maiden voyages. On 19 January 1854 the Tayleur, a large merchant vessel, left Liverpool for Australia; packed with hopeful emigrants, her hold stuffed with cargo. On the 160th anniversary of the disaster, Gill Hoffs reveals new theories behind the disaster and tells the stories of the passengers and crew on the ill-fated vessel: Captain John Noble, record breaking hero of the Gold Rush era. Ship surgeon Robert Hannay Cunningham and his young family, on their way to a new life among the prospectors of Tent City. Samuel Carby, ex-convict, returning to the gold fields with his new wife - and a fortune sewn into her corsets. But the ship's revolutionary iron hull prevented its compasses from working. Lost in the Irish Sea, a storm swept the Tayleur and the 650 people aboard towards a cliff, studded with rocks 'black as death'. What happened next shocked the world.