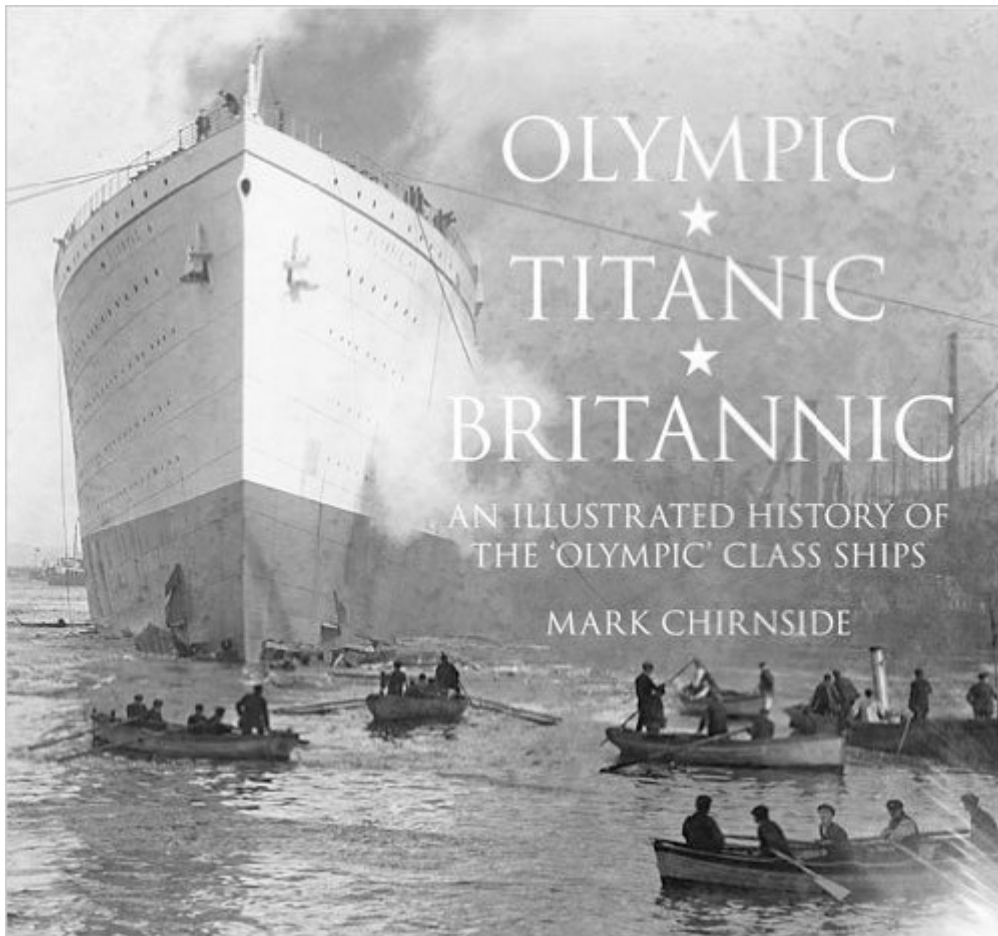


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# Olympic, Titanic, Britannic: An Illustrated History Of The Olympic Class Ships



## Synopsis

A pictorial celebration of the world-famous sister ships: the Olympic-class liners. A maritime expert tells the story of the sister ships using previously unseen pictures, passenger diaries, and deck plans, illustrating Olympic's successful career; the premature ends of her two unfortunate sisters; and the experiences of those onboard. Designed for passenger comfort, they were intended to provide luxurious surroundings and safe, reliable transport rather than record-breaking speed. Ironically, fate decreed that only Olympic would ever complete a single commercial voyage and she went on to serve for a quarter of a century in peace and war. Titanic's name would become infamous after she sank on her maiden voyage. The third sister, Britannic, saw a brief and commendable career as a hospital ship during World War I, sinking in the Aegean Sea in 1916.

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## Customer Reviews

I have truly enjoyed this book. While not begrudging the amount of press and film devoted to the horrible accident that sank RMS Titanic, it is wonderful to see this author concentrate his efforts on RMS Olympic, a nearly identical ship that served faithfully and well for decades. RMS Britannic, whose career was cut short by a WW I mine, is thoroughly covered. RMS Titanic is also well covered, though the drama of her sinking is left to the multitude of other sources available. Color is used where possible, engineering drawings, interior views, wonderful photographs, and so on abound. The text is crisp and informative. If ocean liners appeal to you, and you would like to know more about "Old Reliable," the "nice guy" ship that didn't come to a tragic end, this book will reward

you handsomely.

I read a statistic that said that the Titanic was one of the three most written about subjects in history, and browsing through the available books on and other sites certainly gives credence to that. I would imagine that like many much-written subjects the number of GOOD books is merely a fraction of that number, but this book is certainly one of the good ones. Richly illustrated with accurate captioning it certainly opens up my understanding of the Olympic class liners and is a valuable addition to my growing library on the subject. The ONLY way it could be better would be if I could buy a copy to read on my Kindle like a previous title I have bought....like this! Titanic or Olympic: Which Ship Sank?

This excellent book is more than just a picture history of the Olympic Class liners. As is usual for Mark Chirnside, he brings his considerable research skills to bare & provides new info on this famous trio. Olympic, Titanic & Britannic are also placed in their proper historical context without the frequent hyperbole related to Titanic that so many other authors fall prey to. Highly recommended!

The photos are even clearer quality than previously published. Some are even in color! This book is beautiful and full of information on the Olympic class ships. I was not disappointed. I definitely recommend it for steamship aficionados. Lots of photos of passengers onboard Olympic; Olympic during war service; inside/outside Britannic and Titanic on the sea floor! Lots of neat white star lines ads too.

I'm currently working on an original fiction story that in effect can be seen as a sort of Biography of the RMS Olympic, and as I was already more than familiar with the story of Titanic, I needed info on the Lead Ship herself. Mister Chirnside not only supplies, but supplies in abundance of interesting and exhaustive information from the start of construction in 1908 to Olympic's scrapping in 1935. In fiction there is the concept of the "Hero of Another Story," where a side character is alluded to have adventures just as interesting as (if not more so than) the Protagonist's, and for decades Olympic has been such a figure in the Titanic story, a glorified footnote if she is mentioned at all. At long last, we can finally know Olympic's story.

Got this book for my son. It is a true addition to any collector's library. Filled with many unseen photo's. What I like best about this book is that it gives complete histories of all three ships. It

focuses less on Titanic than the other books out there.

Considering I have an extensive collection of books on this subject, this one is my favourite. It is well researched and documented. It is accurate in that Mr. Chirnside has made a great effort to clarify nearly all the misinformation that has been perpetuated over and over in other books on this subject as well as providing additional information, both technical and visual, not found in previous books. It is very readable and well thought out. Overall a fine effort and attractively priced considering the content. Highly recommended.

Titanic was not a unique ship. She had in fact two sister ships, Olympic and Britannic. This fine book puts the Titanic into proper context by detailing the history of all three ships. "Titanic Buffs" will be pleased by a number of never before published illustrations. Newcomers to the subject will be fascinated to learn of the history of this nautical trio.

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