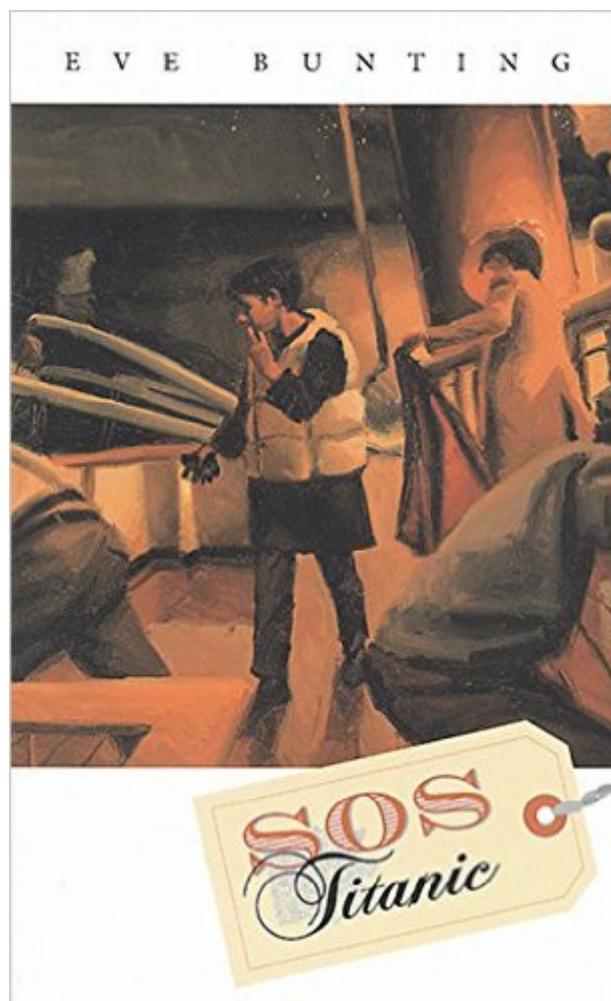


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SOS Titanic



Synopsis

Irish teenager Barry O'Neill is journeying to New York on the Titanic's fateful maiden voyage. He's homesick and worried about the Flynn boys traveling in steerage, who have threatened to throw him overboard. Little does Barry know that a struggle with the Flynns is the least of the dangers that await him. This suspenseful story is based on the true and terrible events that occurred as the Titanic sank one hundred years ago.

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Customer Reviews

I loved this book for many different reasons. What I most liked about it was that it wasn't all about the sinking of the titanic. It tells about if you were actually on the titanic what it would be like. The only thing is most it is fiction. There was no person named Barry, or the Flynn boys. What I also liked is how you could tell where everyone was. The writer didn't tell about one person at a time and leave everyone else hanging in space. I wouldn't suggest this book to people who are trying to find the history of the Titanic. Overall it was a very good book with a lot of twists and turns and you can actually feel like you were on the titanic. Like I said, if you are trying to find the history do not read this book, but if you are into adolescent drama and want to know what it felt like to actually be on the titanic, this book is for you.

The book SOS Titanic was very exciting and put chills up my spine. Barry goes on the Titanic to live with his parents in New York. Barry travels with the Flynn boys and their sister Pegeen, who are all from Ireland. The boys are always hurting Barry because he had a crush on Pegeen. When the ship hit the iceberg chaos erupted. Barry couldn't find Pegeen and the boat was sinking rapidly. In the end it is love that helps them find each other. Once they finally get saved they are both happy and they realize that love is very powerful. I chose the book Titanic because I have always had an interest in the different point of views of the actual happening. Everybody always exaggerates the story, and makes it sound like a love story, but this book seemed to focus most on the action portion. I may like romantic movies, but never enjoyed romantic books. The action in this book kept me on the edge of my seat with all of the descriptive words. I wanted a book that made me feel like I was actually there and my friend Heidi told me that this is what I was looking for. I took the advice and read the book. That was one decision that I do not regret. My favorite part in this book was when Barry was looking over the deck to the poop deck to see Pegeen. He turned around because a man was looking at him and he hit a poll. The next thing he noticed was that his favorite glove was gone. He really wanted to go down and find the glove his grandpa gave him because it is important to him. While he was going down the steps the Flynn brothers saw him looking at Pegeen and they hurt him. Pegeen stood up to her brothers and helped Barry. She was so nice to Barry and they totally love each other.

The SOS Titanic is a heartwarming story based on the voyage of the ship Titanic. On April 10, 1912, the Titanic picked up voyagers from Queenstown, Ireland on its way to New York. Barry O'Neill, age 15, is the main character that will be reuniting with his parents in New York. On the voyage, Barry is watched over by Mr. Scollins, a jeweler who is opening a branch of his company in New York. The only other passengers that Barry knew were Jonnie, Frank, and Pegeen Flynn. Barry knew that Jonnie and Frank had been troublemakers in Queenstown, so in order for him to make it to New York safely that he must stay away from them. While on the ship, Barry met many new people. The most important of his new friends were Mr. Watley and Pegeen. Mr. Watley was Barry's and Mr. Scollins cabin steward. Throughout the story, he and Barry became close friends. Pegeen is also a new friend. They met one night when Barry was watching the steerage passengers dancing and having a party. He accidentally dropped his grandfather's glove down below so he went to retrieve it. Frank and Jonnie saw him while he was trying to get it and they started a fight. Pegeen retrieved the glove for Barry and sent word through Mr. Watley for Barry to meet her so she could

return it. From that point on, Barry and Pegeen were friends. One night, before Barry went to sleep, Mr. Watley confided in Barry that a disaster was going to happen during their voyage. As predicted, the Titanic collided with an iceberg in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean on April 15, 1912, just a few days after their voyage began. The crew immediately began to load the lifeboats, first class women and children first. After much reluctance, people began to realize that the "Unsinkable Ship", was actually going to sink. Barry was able to leave the frantic scene to find Pegeen. After much searching through the flooded ship, he was able to find her where all the rest of the steerage passengers were. Pegeen and Barry decided that the only way to live is to jump into the ice-cold water. After being separated for a moment, they manage to find each other and swim to an overturned lifeboat. They were exhausted, but just a few hours after the Titanic sank, the Carpathia came and rescued them. Pegeen and Barry both survive the journey to New York, each to start a new life.

SOS Titanic is one of very few books that will leave you with a cliffhanger at the end of each chapter. the author, Eve Bunting, makes this book seem like you are actually on the Titanic. In April, 1912, the Titanic leaves the ship's dock in London, England to go to New York City with everyone thinking that this ship is unsinkable. Barry O'Neil, Mr.Scollins, Howard and Walty are the main characters who seach for some way to get out of the Titanic before the ship sinks and takes many, many people dow with it! Howard, a first class gentleman, is very superstisios and belives that the titanic will end up like the Titan, a ship that hit an iceberg and sank. That was only in a book, but you never know what fantasy can come to life.Only time will tell. There are sixteen lifeboats on the Titanic an they can only fit about half the people on board, so how will they survive? Readers who have read this book thought that it should have a sequel since it is so popular and people love it. Also, the author uses such descriptions that it seems like you are actually inside of the book. SOS Titanic is the one and only book you should read for a historical fiction book report.

I have used this novel as a read-aloud to fourth and fifth graders for years. The students are spell-bound from the second chapter on- We enjoy it together and it encourages us to look up facts about Titanic and its mystique. Any other teachers out there: invest in this one. You won't be sorry and neither will your students! :)

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