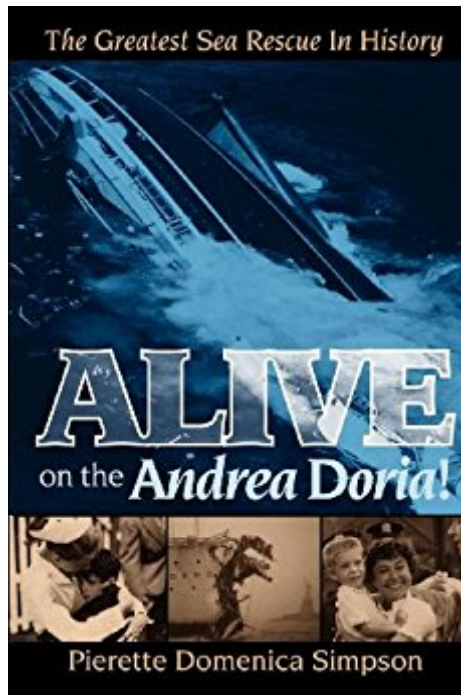




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Alive On The Andrea Doria!: The Greatest Sea Rescue In History



Synopsis

One half-century later, the catastrophic ramming of the MS Stockholm into the Italian luxury liner the SS Andrea Doria in 1956 is relived in this candid, heartrending account. Author Pierette Domenica Simpson, who, with her grandparents, survived the tragedy off the shoals of Nantucket, shares the human and technical aspects of what has become known as the greatest sea rescue in history. As only an eyewitness can do, the author presents survivors' recollections in dramatic vignettes that meticulously re-create a horrific event-one that could have been another Titanic. Both poor immigrants and wealthy travelers give their accounts of ultimate despair and infinite elation after staring at their own reflections in the black ocean that night and seeing death stare back. Equally dramatic are the revelations of new facts exposed by nautical experts from two continents facts that solve the "mystery" of who was to blame for this most improbable collision between two ships on the open seas.

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A wonderfully told book of tragedy! Each personal account of the sinking of the Andrea Doria made

me happy to be at home, safe in bed. The accident must have been the most terrifying event in the lives of all those aboard. I felt their aloneness and fear as each told of their own struggle to get off the ship. I loved the first account of the little girl and her family who sold their home, land and animals in order to travel to America to live. I felt so sad for all the immigrants who had money, clothing and personal treasures left behind on that sinking ship. I lost interest in the story when the trial began. The personal stories were wonderful! For history buffs and those who needed details of the crash there was more than enough facts in the final pages, but I left those chapters and picked up on the portions of how each one was able to find work and rejoin life after such a horrific event. For some, returning to the sea was necessary for their healing. Others lived with difficulty for the rest of their days as memories drifted back into their minds.

My sincere thanks to the author, Mrs. Simpson. She has given us the best book ever written about the Andrea Doria. I have read each and every (English) book about the tragedy. As a survivor, she presents us with a unique perspective. However, her excellent research gives us the perspective of people from all walks of life. Feel what it was like to be a Tourist Class passenger, First Class passenger, crew member, and rescuer. Mrs. Simpson takes us back to that fateful night. This work also answers the lingering question: Who was really responsible for the sinking of the Andrea Doria? The distinguished mariners who were interviewed for this work answer that question once and for all.

Good story

Compelling, interesting nonfiction.

Excellent telling of a terrible disaster that I still remember from all those years ago. I was 12 years old, hearing of this disaster on the television news.

I enjoyed this book, had forgotten about this event happening, but after reading, some of the events I remembered(I was young at that time). I am not much on shipping/boats, but still interested. She really went into detail and did good research, I think.

Amazing and sad story.

This is an excellent book.

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