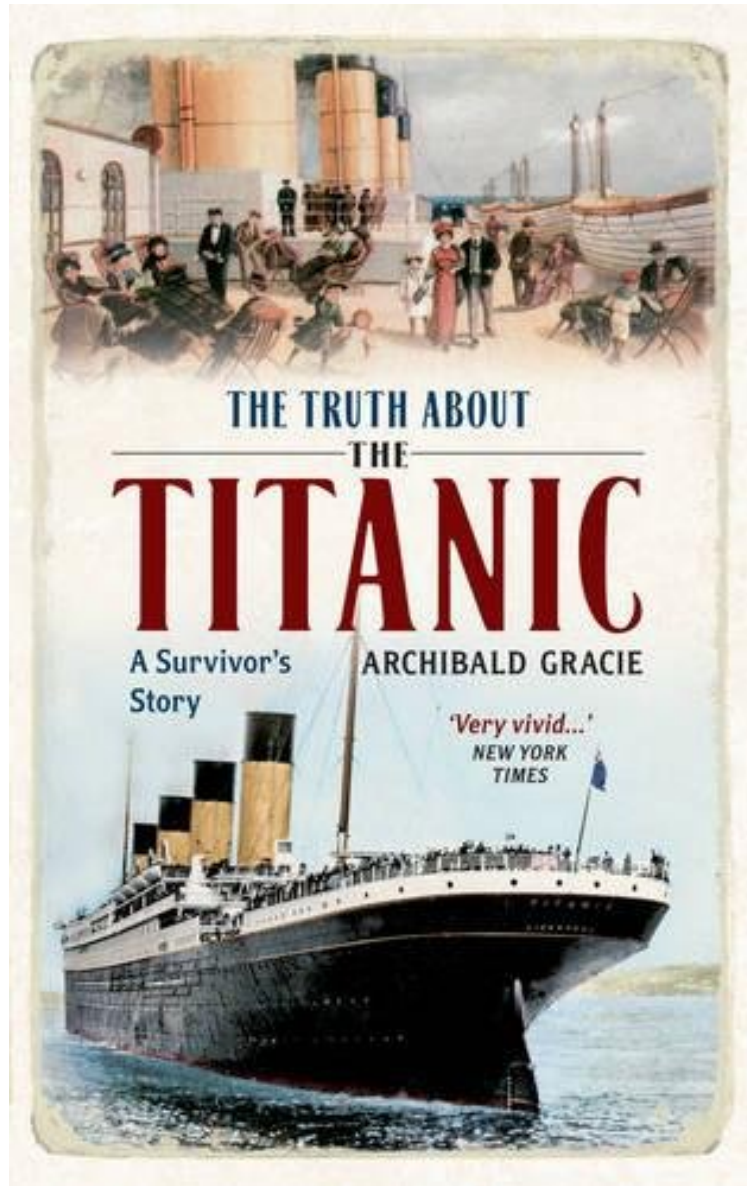


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complements other memoir and reporting accounts of this drama. He draws much on the American and English courts of Inquiry reports and personal correspondence with other survivors. He presents specific lists by name and lifeboat identity of those rescued by the S.S. Carpathia at daylight. It is not a "stand alone" source of information about the tragedy such as Lord's "A Night to Remember," but Gracie captures the color and vivid memories of the unforgettable experiences shared within the fellowship of Titanic's survivors.

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INTERESTING  
By Billie Jean  
For being written so long ago, it is not at all wordy or overly embellished. It was very interesting and as accurate as he knew it. For instance, he stated that the Titanic did not split in two, yet other survivors in other books say that it did. He said Murdoch did not commit suicide while other survivors in other books disagree with that. However, he did contact many other survivors to get their accounts of the tragedy. It is well worth the read if you are interested in the Titanic at all. I felt ever so much better about Bruce Ismay after reading Col. Gracie's explanation of how he came to be on one of the lifeboats.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great first hand account and more!  
By Thomas O. Phippen  
Thoroughly enjoyed reading this book all the way through, would recommend this to anyone who already has a good history learned of the Titanic and wants to broaden that. Gracie goes into much detail of his trials in surviving the night after being plunged into the Atlantic and finding himself aboard the upturned collapsible boat. He paints a vivid picture in your mind and you almost feel as if you are there yourself. He goes into detail of assisting the officers in loading the port side boats, and gives account from his own research into the history of the other lifeboats from the inquiries and testimonies. I feel like these are the best kind of books to read to get the best account of what it was like to be there that night, you can definitely tell this book was in aid of making movies about the disaster, most notably "A Night to Remember." The only reason I didn't give this book 5 stars is because written so soon after the disaster some testimony and findings are a little outdated, like proof of the ship breaking apart, and Gracie died before some of his studies could be corrected. You need to put yourself 100+ years back when reading. Even with a 4 star rating it is well worth the read, these old books are like hidden gems now days, and for such a low price because of the expired copyrights you definitely can't go wrong!

Awakened by the shuddering of a huge iceberg puncturing the side of the ship, Colonel Archibald Gracie was quickly dressed and on deck to see the aftermath of what was to become the most famous collision in history. He had gone to bed early on the night of 14 April 1912, expecting to be up with the larks, and enjoying a session in the gym and a game of squash before breakfast but by morning he was standing atop an overturned lifeboat awaiting rescue from the frozen North Atlantic. The night's exertions were to have a huge effect on Gracie. He began to write the story of the tragic events soon after he was back on dry land, completing most of the task by Autumn 1912. Telling the story of the last few hours of the sinking Titanic, and his miraculous escape as she plummeted 14,000 feet to the ocean floor, Gracie's book is recognised as simply the best account of the disaster. He died in December 1912, while proofing the manuscript, but the Truth about the Titanic remains today as the most accurate of the eyewitness accounts, recording Gracie's own story as well as that of each of the lifeboats as they left the doomed Titanic.

About the Author  
Archibald Gracie was an American writer and historian. He died in December 1912, as the proofs for his book about the Titanic were being worked on. He has provided us with the best first-hand account of the sinking. Campbell McCutcheon has had a life-long interest in the Olympic-class vessels and naval shipping. He has written extensively on the subject along with some Military History and Bradshaw's Railway titles for Amberley. He lives in Gloucestershire, but he was born within sight and sound of the water and has been interested in ships from a young age.