



Recommended Reading Shipwrecks

The Christmas Tree Ship: The Story of Captain Santa / By Rochelle Pennington. Woodruff, Wis.: The Guest Cottage/Amherst Press: 2002. WWL call number 191089 Kids

The popular story of "Captain Santa," who for years sailed from Michigan's Upper Peninsula to Chicago with a load of freshly cut Christmas trees. But in 1912, his ship could not withstand the strong gales on Lake Michigan and went down off the coast of Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Charles Vickery provides the artwork. For children in grades 4-8.

The Edmund Fitzgerald: The Song of the Bell / By Kathy-Jo Wargin and Gisjbert Van Frankenhuyzen. Chelsea, Mich.: Sleeping Bear Press: 2003. WWL call number 191075 Kids

Shows through vivid storytelling and pictures the dangers of the Great Lakes. The Edmund Fitzgerald was a cargo ship that got caught in a storm in November 1975 and sunk with all her crew. The bell that rang throughout the night was later retrieved, as shown in an afterword by the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society. For children in grades 1-4.

Exploring the Titanic / By Robert D. Ballard. New York: Scholastic: 1988. WWL call number 191076 Kids

In 1986, after years of searching, the Titanic was found two miles down on the ocean floor. She sunk on April 14, 1912, and the account of her tragic maiden voyage is told along with her rediscovery. For children in grades 4-8.

Ghost ship: a Cape Cod story / By Mary Higgins Clark. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers: 2007. WWL call number 191157 Kids

While visiting his grandmother on Cape Cod, nine-year-old Thomas encounters a ship's cabin boy from centuries past

Inside the Titanic / By Hugh Brewster and Ken Marschall. Boston, Mass.: Little, Brown: 1997. WWL call number 191077 Kids

The Titanic disaster is explored through the eyes of children voyaging on her from a wide range of economic and social backgrounds. For children in grades 4-6.

The Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex / By Nathaniel Philbrick. New York: Putnam: 2002. WWL call number 191074 Kids

Philbrick has carefully adapted his adult National Book Award winner, *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*, for a younger audience. It's the true story of a sperm whale who in 1820 wrecked the ship trying to hunt him -- stranding the crew at sea for three months. For children in grades 6-10.

Shipwrecks: exploring sunken cities beneath the sea / By Mary M. Cerullo. New York: Dutton Children's Books, Penguin: 2009. WWL call number 191146 Kids

Stunning images of undersea life including sunken ships, tropical fish, and marine exploration highlight this diverse work packed with information ranging from the discovery of the sunken slave ship Henrietta Marie to discussions of the wondrous array of sea life that makes its home within such wreckage. Grade 3–6.

Spotlight shipwreck explorer: [discover lost treasures as you light up sunken relics of the deep] / By Saviour Pirotta. San Diego, CA: Silver Dolphin: 2008. WWL call number 191147 Kids

This one-of-a-kind novelty book includes an amazing spotlight effect that illuminates the cover and four of the spreads. With each turn of the wheel, kids can find a myriad of treasures and guess what type of ship or explorers they came from. Each page includes detailed information on what items were used for, the history behind each ship, and the battles that were won or lost. Kids also learn the importance of analyzing clues and what it takes to be a true shipwreck explorer!