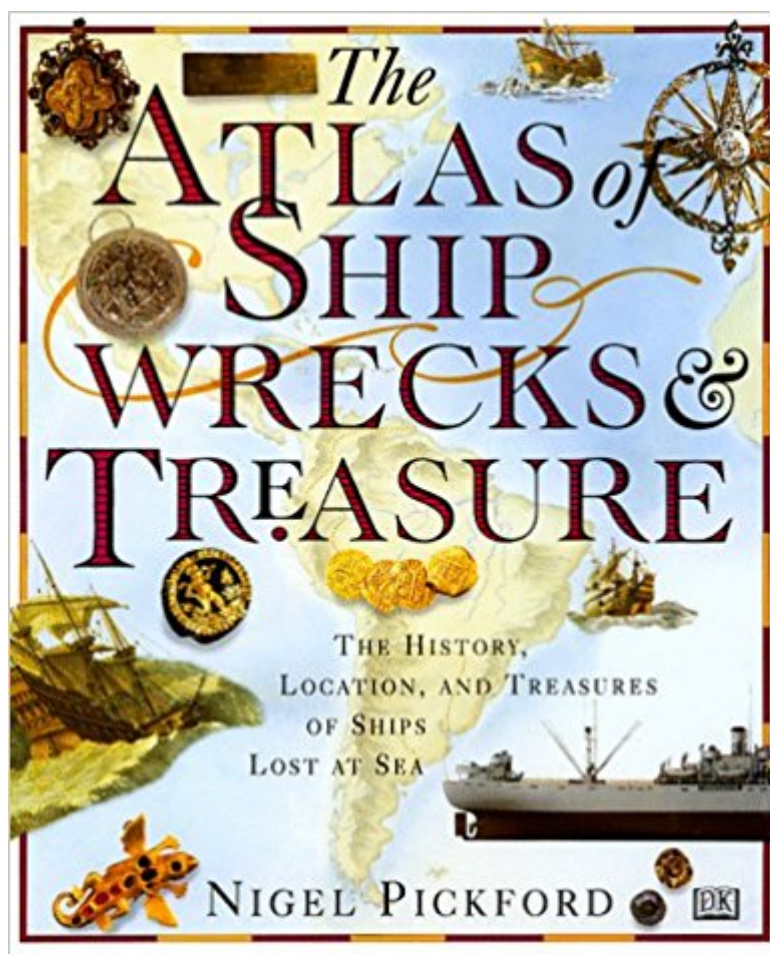


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The Atlas Of Shipwrecks & Treasure: The History, Location, And Treasures Of Ships Lost At Sea



Synopsis

The first comprehensive illustrated guide to ships lost at sea and the treasures they have yielded, capturing the romance and the risks of treasure hunting. From Roman ships laden with bronze statues to the gold--carrying blockade runners of World War II, this highly illustrated historical atlas is the first comprehensive guide to ships lost at sea and the treasures that have yielded. Tales of shipwrecks. The Atlas features spellbinding accounts of 40 of the most significant shipwrecks of all time. These accounts reveal how and why the ships sank and describe the often extraordinary feats of salvage accomplished through the centuries. There are tales of Chinese junks lost in the shark--infested waters of the South China Sea; of Spanish galleons laden with jewels; of prospectors in pursuit of gold around the world. Salvaged treasure. The Atlas is sumptuously illustrated with photographs of treasure salvaged from the wrecks, including rare coins, precious porcelain, finely crafted jewelry, and even mercury. Illustrations of diving equipment through the ages explain the development of salvage and underwater archaeology. Exquisite thematic maps. Beautiful hand--drawn maps illustrate the seas and oceans of the world during the different historical periods. They highlight the trade routes and ports of an era, detail the cargoes carried, show the notorious black holes that have bedeviled shipping, and plot the positions of some of the most remarkable shipwrecks. Comprehensive gazetteer. Twenty full--color maps plot the sites of over 1,400 wrecks around the world, showing the depths at which they lie. Accompanying profiles give details of the date on which each ship went down, its cargo, and any salvage attempts so far. Many of the wrecks still lie there on the ocean bed, their treasure awaiting recovery. Expertly researched and lavishly illustrated, this outstanding world history of shipwrecks will fire the imagination of everyone who is drawn to the risks and romance of treasure hunting.

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YA?An oversized treasure of a book, packed with illustrations, photographs, maps, and possibilities. Chronology runs from the Bronze Age through the Vikings, the Chinese, Levantine and Portuguese trades, the Armada, pirates and East India men, and the Titanic and Andrea Doria wrecks, ending with the 1944 sinking of the John Barry. Part Two is a gazetteer that surveys over 1,400 shipwrecks around the world. The information is detailed, showing the depths at which the sunken ships lie, routes taken, cargo carried, and detail on salvaging efforts. This is a book that immediately catches the eye, while perusal stimulates the imagination.?Frances Reiher, Kings Park Library, Fairfax, VA
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Pickford, whose father worked as a researcher for an English salvage company involved in nearly 100 operations, here chronicles shipwrecks from the Bronze Age to the Vikings, then moves on to Chinese junks, the Levantine trade, the Portuguese and Spanish plate fleets, pirates, gold rush paddle-steamers, and, finally, to the Titanic and other modern ships. To be included, wrecks must have been laden with treasure. Colorful maps detail the historical trade routes and pinpoint the wrecks. A gazetteer surveys over 1400 shipwrecks around the world, including many that have yet to be salvaged; each is briefly described in the "Shipwreck Listings" section. A good history and a welcome reference for treasure seekers. Highly recommended for public libraries.
John Kenny, San Francisco P.L.
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What a marvellous book! In typical DK style, the book is a good mixture of writing, photos, maps and drawings. The cover is a good indicator of the book contents (but with more narrative)! It is a very interesting read about shipwrecks, ancient and more current, and artifacts found once the shipwrecks were located. Just love it!

Good quality Thank you

Good book

We like it, Love the history for sure. We enjoy visiting museums in the area of shipwrecks and having this atlas helps pinpoint those.

as advertised

Gave this to my grand nephew. He loves it. Everybody has something special they are interested in. Shipwrecks are his special interest. He designed a school project from it and won an award.

I enjoyed this book very much. Good historical knowledge about shipwrecks. If your interested in treasure hunting, you'll love this books vast information

The book it self looked wonderful and interesting for all ages. I returned this item because there was a torn page and I was buying this as a gift.

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