



Suggested Reading: Titanic Survivor Violet Jessop

Titanic Survivor by Violet Jessop, ed. John Maxtone-Graham (1998). Stewardess Violet Jessop shares stories about life on grand ocean liners of the golden era of transatlantic travel, as well as her experiences surviving the sinkings of both the *RMS Titanic* in 1912 and the *HMHS Britannic* in 1916.

882½ Amazing Answers to Your Questions about Titanic by Hugh Brewster (1999). A fun book packed with facts about *Titanic*. A top-seller among *Titanic* books, aimed at a children's audience but fascinating for all ages.

Down With the Old Canoe: A Cultural History of the Titanic Disaster by Steven Biel (1996). A scholarly yet fun study of myths the disaster inspired, from songs to political speeches to musicals.

A Night to Remember by Walter Lord (1955). Walter Lord's classic minute-by-minute account of the last night of the *Titanic* remains the most riveting account of the collision and its aftermath. Based on extensive interviews with survivors. My top pick for readers new to the *Titanic*.

Titanic: An Illustrated History by Don Lynch, paintings by Ken Marschall (1992). A magnificent, lavishly illustrated book that tells the full story of the *Titanic*, from her building and launch to the sinking and the recovery, created by a leading *Titanic* historian and the foremost *Titanic* painter.

HMHS Britannic: The Last Titan by Simon Mills (1992). A brief history of the *Titanic's* forgotten sister ship, which sank after hitting a German mine during World War I.

Timeline of Violet Jessop

Oct. 1, 1887	Born in Argentina, the oldest child of Irish immigrants
1908	Joins Royal Mail Line as a stewardess. Two years later, switches to the White Star Line.
June 14, 1911	The <i>Olympic</i> , the first of three sister ships, embarks on her maiden voyage.
Sept. 20, 1911	<i>Olympic</i> collides with the warship, <i>HMS Hawke</i> . Violet survives
April 10, 1912	The <i>Titanic</i> departs Southampton, England, on her maiden voyage.
April 14, 1912	The <i>Titanic</i> hits an iceberg at 11:40 p.m. ship's time.
April 15, 1912	At 2:20 a.m., the <i>Titanic</i> sinks. Violet survives in lifeboat 16, one of only 705 survivors.
Nov. 21, 1916	The <i>HMHS Britannic</i> (third of the sister ships) sinks in the Aegean Sea. Violet survives.
1935	The <i>RMS Olympic</i> , nicknamed "Old Reliable," is scrapped after 24 years of service
1950	Violet retires to Suffolk after more than 40 years at sea
May 5, 1971	Violet dies of congestive heart failure at the age of 83
1975	A crew led by Jacques Cousteau finds the wreck of the <i>Britannic</i> in about 400 feet of water
1985	A crew led by Robert Ballard discovers the wreck of the <i>Titanic</i> at a depth of 12,415 feet
1998	Violet Jessop's memoir, <i>Titanic Survivor</i> , published