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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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The newest, most improved ship of its kind, the luxurious Titanic was said to be unsinkable. But on April 14, 1912, tragedy struck as the ship hit an iceberg and began to sink. Samantha, safe at home, is worried sick about her siblings, Nellie and William, and her Aunt Cornelia, who are all on the Titanic. Learn about real passengers and stories from the Titanic while following along with Samantha's story to see how that night changed many lives and perspectives. Only 866 of the over 2,000 passengers survived, with fictional Nellie, William, and Cornelia among them, making a happy ending for Samantha, but not for many actual people and families on board.

This book is a great way to learn more about the Titanic! It appears that these books might be similar to the Magic Treehouse series, a fascinating fictional story with historical facts interspersed throughout. However, these American Girl books seem to focus mainly on the historical facts with bits of a fictional story spread throughout. As such, this book is a great source for information and stories about the Titanic. However, this can also sometimes make the reading rather dry. For lovers of non-fiction and those interested in learning more, this book is fantastic, but for those expecting a good fictional story, recognize that only fifteen of ninety-four pages are Samantha telling her experience. It is very educational and interesting, with fascinating descriptions and accounts of the Titanic and its sinking.