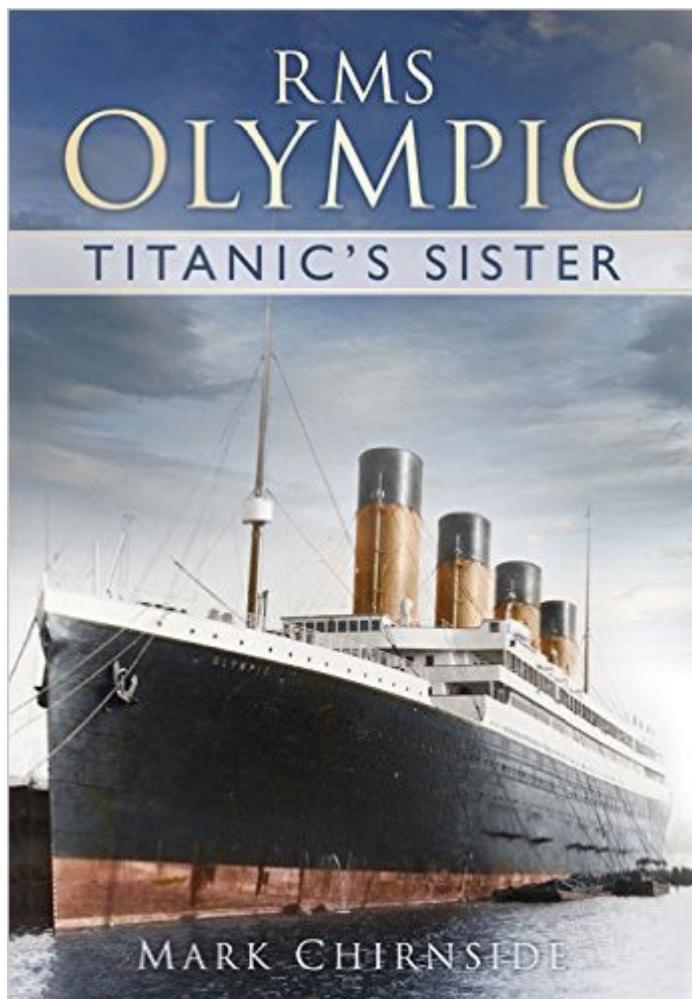


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RMS Olympic: Titanic's Sister



Synopsis

The definitive study on this famous and highly successful White Star liner. Sitting around a dining room table in 1907, the owners of the White Star Line discussed their competition to the newly-built Cunard liners, Lusitania and Mauretania. From that smoke-filled room came the first designs of three White Star superliners. Olympic and Titanic were to be built at Harland & Wolff's yard in Belfast, while the third ship was to follow after construction had been completed on the first pair of sisters. The only ship to make a return passenger voyage was Olympic and she was always overshadowed by her younger sisters. This is the definitive story of Titanic's sister RMS Olympic.

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Customer Reviews

Mark Chirnside's "RMS OLYMPIC" is one of the finest maritime studies ever performed on the TITANIC's sister. The book looks at the entirety of the liner's career, from beginning to end. The author's research is incomparable, and it is obvious that he dug into numerous first-hand accounts and original sources to find answers to questions and controversies over her life, design and career. The details and alterations made to the ship throughout her service are all wonderfully highlighted, and the narrative is fresh and enjoyable. There are a number of wonderful illustrations, though this book is more of a "reader" than a "picture book". All in all, this volume is an instant classic, and belongs on the shelf of anyone with an interest in the OLYMPIC or her sisters.

In many ways the Olympic is what the Titanic would have been had it survived the maiden voyage. From 1911 to scraping in 1935 it sailed through few dull voyages, encountering storms, submarines,

collisions and several renovations, none of which is left out of this text. The author states the ship could have served another fifteen years if only authorities had foreseen the coming war. You will certainly want to read this if you love Olympic or have a thing for ocean liners. But as with other ship 'biographies', it may be quite boring and too detailed for others.

After purchasing and thoroughly enjoying Mark Chirnside's excellent "Olympic, Titanic, Britannic", his recently updated and revised 2015 edition of "RMS Olympic - Titanic's Sister" seemed a perfect companion book. Since the "Olympic" was the first of this trio of White Star liners and the only one to have a successful commercial life, that is the primary focus of this book. As is the author's style, it is a very readable volume overflowing with many of the details and statistical information not presented in other books of this subject. There are many previously unseen black and white as well as color photographs including deck plans and period advertisements that provide the reader with a good visual picture of the Olympic's status as a very popular transatlantic liner throughout her entire career. There really is a wealth of information within the 350 pages of this book and the reader should not be disappointed in any way especially considering the very modest price.

Another well done book by researcher Mark Chirnside. Mark continues to uncover new information on the career of this amazing liner. The book is full of info you won't get anywhere else. Highly recommended.

This book is probably the definitive volume about Titanic's almost forgotten older sister. It fills in a lot of gaps in the knowledge of the Olympic and sets right some myths about her (for instance that she struck the Nantucket lightship at full speed.) There is a lot of detail in this book, and sometimes it gets a little difficult to stay focused reading it, but it is absolutely worth the money.

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