*Titanic: Voices From Disaster* Deborah Hopkinson Reviewed by: Anthony McLaughlin, 23 Star Teen Book Reviewer of Be the Star You Are! Charity <u>www.bethestaryouare.org</u>

April 14, 1912 is a day of tragedy forevermore. This was the day the Titanic sunk; despite being the largest passenger ship ever at the time. Claims of it being indestructible made the shock and heartbreak that much worse as the news broke. As well-known as the tragedy is, *Titanic: Voices From Disaster* dives to a much deeper depth of what truly unfolded. From the construction to the sinking, the story and its aftermath is told in entirety. The detail oriented author provides facts, theories, and interviews from survivors to educate the reader. The insight gained is much greater in comparison to the critically acclaimed movie.

*Titanic: Voices From Disaster* was a fascinating read because it made me realize I only knew half the story. Being over 100 years ago, my only source of knowledge came from Leonardo DiCaprio, and brief mentions during grade school. It turns out (as should be expected) Hollywood movies aren't the greatest source for 100 percent accuracy. The description itself would do the trick, but I thoroughly enjoyed the included pictures of the ship to complete the visual. Theories and possible explanations were what I found most interesting. Titanic's tragedy seemed mythical to me, like the lost city of Atlantis. That was until I read the brutal experience described by survivors. I'm captivated and will be sharing this read with others.

As far as a targeted audience, I'd say *Titanic: Voices From Disaster* is for ages 8-14. It's not a difficult read but will still provide extensive knowledge on what took place that cold April night. I would gift this book to anyone in the age group mentioned above, and would recommend older readers to check it out from the library.

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