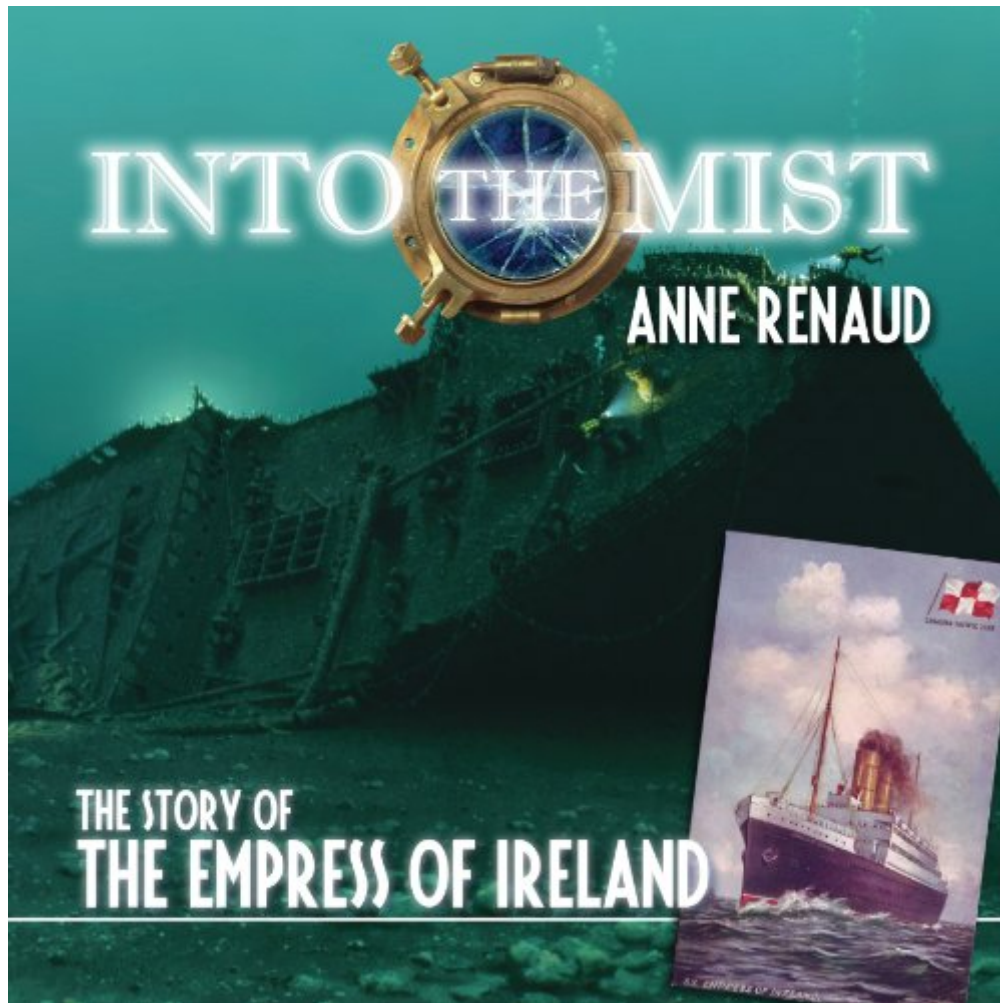




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Short-listed for the 2011 Information Book Award and commended for the 2011 VOYA Non-Fiction Honour List From 1906 to 1914, the Empress of Ireland, one of the fastest and most elegant liners of the Edwardian era, graced the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Remembered primarily for sinking in only 14 minutes in the St. Lawrence River and for having a greater loss of passenger life than the Titanic, the Empress's true legacy is the significant role it played in the building of Canada. During the ship's many crossings between Canada and England, it ferried royalty, politicians, scientists, authors, actors, captains of industry, and military servicemen aboard its decks, but most important, it carried more than 115,000 hopeful immigrants who left Europe to build new lives on Canadian soil. Into the Mist is the story of the Empress of Ireland, of the many people who walked its decks, and how, in the early morning of May 29, 1914, it came to rest on the bottom of the St. Lawrence River.

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Customer Reviews

Anne Renaud's book "Into the Mist" The Story of the Empress of Ireland is a very informative book.

It is a great book on Canadian History telling us about the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the late 1880's to transport people and cargo to Canada and to deliver mail to Japan and China, via Canada. The Empress of Ireland was one of the second group of Empresses fleet ordered by the CPR, sailing from 1906 to 1914 when the great disaster happened. What a great loss of life in Canadian history. The book is good reading for both pre-teens to adults. Anne has also included many pictures, time capsules and a lexicon all to help the reader understand the time period better. Thank you, Anne for the great book you have written.

A gripping description of the most frightening transportation accident imaginable; hundreds of passengers deep asleep, in the darkness of the night, sailing quietly downriver in calm weather, when their enormous vessel suddenly simply capsizes and sinks.

Chilling account and photos of one of the worst Ocean Liner disasters.

Don't bother with this paperback if you are looking for comprehensive coverage of the ship and the disaster. This constitutes a quick overview. The best books on the disaster are **FOURTEEN MINUTES**, **FORGOTTEN EMPRESS**, and **DARK DESCENT** for the diving aspects. The book is OK but I wouldn't have bought it if I had looked at it beforehand.

Anne Renaud's book on the tragedy of the Empress of Ireland is good reading for both young and older adults. She brings alive the formative period in the history of Canada - the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. Included are many vintage photos. I was especially interested in the photos of the 3rd class accommodations aboard the ship, areas seldom illustrated. She also includes brief biographies, with pictures, of passengers - some of whom survived, some of whom didn't. In sum, *Into the Mist* is well written, well illustrated and well researched. I recommend it highly.

As a non Canadian ocean liner enthusiast I was extremely disappointed by this book. The book is about 60% photos and the rest is a quick gloss over of the ship's short life. It appears that the book was produced with various Canadian governments' support, so perhaps the author's perspective was not really on Empress of Ireland's history despite what it says on the cover. If you are an ocean liner buff, you will not find much of value or interest here that hasn't been seen before.

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