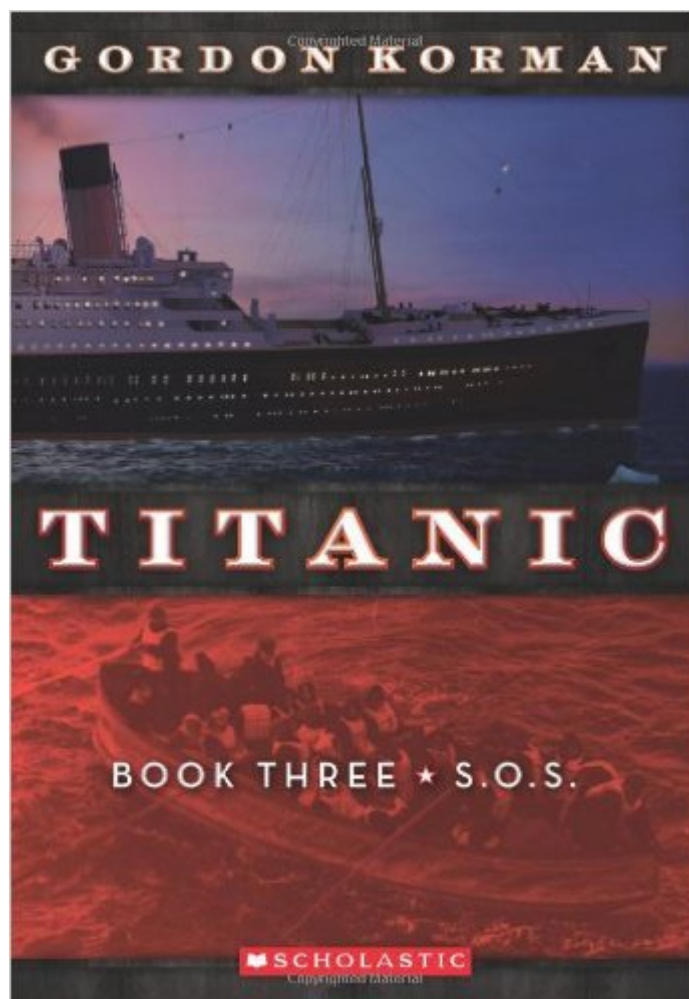


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Synopsis

From bestselling author Gordon Korman, the thrilling conclusion to the adventure aboard the unluckiest ship of all. The Titanic was supposed to be unsinkable - the largest passenger steamship in the world, one of the biggest and most luxurious ships ever to operate. For Paddy, Sophie, Juliana, and Alfie, the Titanic is full of mysteries - whether they're to be found in the opulent first-class cabins and promenade decks or the shadows in the underbelly of the ship. Secrets and plans are about to be revealed - only now disaster looms, and time is running out. The four of them need to find the truth, unmask the killer...and try not to go down with the ship.

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Customer Reviews

this book is awesome it is sad with a splash of adventure you will love it. it is when it is sinking. it will make you want to keep on reading! i recommend it for anyone. by bryden.m

I thoroughly enjoyed this Titanic S.O.S. series by Gordon Korman. My 7-year-old loves anything having to do with transportation and has knowledge of the Titanic from my husband's many adult books on the subject. He checked out these books from the library and asked me to read them to

him. I was immediately drawn in, so much so that I could not wait for him and finished them on my own. The cast of characters is diverse and interesting. The author does a fantastic job of weaving the characters' stories together as they experience a common event from different viewpoints. The author uses factual information and characters as a basis for the fictional story. There is plenty of adventure, excitement, and surprises. The author sees the story through to explain how each of the main characters fared after the rescue, so the reader is not left wondering how things may have turned out. I highly recommend these three books!!

I read all 3 books in this series and my review of this book would be the same for all three. I suppose that each of these books could be "stand alone novels" but it is much better to start with the first and read them in order. I have to keep in mind that these are written for younger readers and thus, that might justify the length (or lack of length) of each of the books. It seems to me that these could have all been included in one regular length book. Is it a marketing ploy or was it done this way to keep the attention of the younger reader? This aside, all three books are written well and the action and adventures of the main characters, all from extremely diverse backgrounds, captures and keeps your attention throughout. All the characters are well developed and you, therefore, develop a genuine interest in each of them. Of course, what better location to have all these characters meet and interact than the Titanic? As if the actual story of the ships sinking is not enough of an adventure, adding the likes of Jack the Ripper, waterfront thugs, etc. only added to the excitement. Overall, all three books are well written and basically factual regarding the ship itself. I think younger readers would enjoy this series. They do keep your attention throughout. I think Titanic buffs would also find them fun to read. I know I did.

My kids and I are studying the Titanic and I thought these books would be interesting. I hoped to add an accurate but heartfelt perspective to our research. Although, the story was fictional the facts and details about the Titanic were true. I also loved the characters Korman developed in the books. I found myself rooting for Paddy and I'm glad he had a very well deserved happy ending. My only problem with the book was the Jack the Ripper character. In my opinion that was not needed the story line was strong enough without it. And my daughter pointed out that if you put all the books side-by-side they form the entire ship. Cool!*Warning* All three books should be read in order to get the full effect and understanding.

I listened to these books through Audible.com, and the narrator was brilliant. The plot is tight and

well-woven. The pacing is quick, so each of these books is about 3-3.5 hours each. Easy listening. Had I been reading, easy reading. These grab the reader and don't let go. I did have a tiny bit of issue telling the two girls, Sophie and Julie, apart at the beginning, but that went away fast. They defined themselves and kept to their definitions. And despite the short length of the books and the fairly large cast, everyone had attention paid to them. I could see the character development. I didn't feel like anyone in particular got shafted or left out. And even though Paddy is clearly the driving force behind the whole trilogy, he doesn't get that much special attention. He's at the center of the wheel, but he's still part of the tapestry. Everything would have fallen apart without any one of the characters. I loved the addition of the Jack the Ripper mystery to the Titanic story. I thought it was brilliant, or else this could easily have been just another "THE SHIP IS SINKING WHAT DO WE DO?!" story. Korman nailed this journey with that subplot addition. It turned a disaster book into a pursuit book, and I think it was brilliant. It certainly grabbed my attention. That said, I don't think it should have been three books. Korman could easily have combined them into one book and been done with it.

Book #3 picks up where book #2 left off. It tells the story of the Titanic's sinking in the most descriptive way I've ever read about in other fictional books. Some of the fine details may just be the author's interpretation of how the sinking happened, but the visual scenes of the ship and the panicking emotion of the passengers felt real. This is my favorite book in Korman's Titanic trilogy! It was a great series and I really enjoyed the pleasure of reading it. I discovered many new facts about the Titanic, which I previously hadn't known.

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