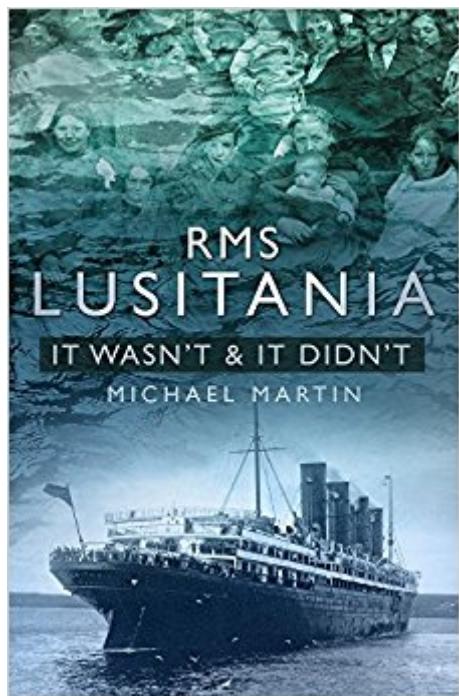


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RMS Lusitania: It Wasn't & It Didn't



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Examines the facts of the sinking of the RMS Lusitania, and provides a new critical analysis and conclusions. Within hours of the sinking of the RMS Lusitania by a submarine off the Cork coast in May 1915, a narrative was created and over time, emerged as the "truth" of the incident. Throughout the world many people still today perceive the sinking of the Lusitania was a savage attack on an innocent vessel that brought America into the war. In his new book, Michael Martin shows that the ship wasn't an "innocent" vessel and was not the catalyst for American involvement. Examining a raft of existing and new evidence, this book brings a more critical perspective to the established fact, including how the RMS Lusitania had a far wider function than just carrying passengers across the Atlantic; how specific "military type" duties were assigned to the ship despite innocent civilians being on board; and asks some darker questions about how the 1,200 civilians on board that day were being viewed by the military powers, while acknowledging the human tragedy of this historic incident.

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I agree with the first 3 reviewers who reviewed this. I have got a few extra copies now and then to give to others. A neat paperback of under 200 pages and an excellent and clear read. Chapters and information clearly laid out on issues and facts of the attack and sinking of the liner at the time in less than 20mins and what has been discovered since the attack in 1915 during WWI. Over 1000 passengers and crew drowned, but over 700 survived as local boats from Cobh (then known as Queenstown) and Kinsale rushed to the scene to pick them up, 7 to 8 miles off the Old Head of Kinsale. It did not bring the US into the war immediately. The US entered the war in the summer of 1917 after a vote by Congress in April 1917 after an attack by Germany on 7 US merchant ships. I give this book a perfect 10. His book also looks at the issues leading up to and after the attack on the Lusitania and the book deserves to be better known and a wider readership. It was very nicely written by Cobh local historian Michael Martin.

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