THE PEOPLE OF THE TITANIC
Men of the Titanic

“What do you think I am? Do you believe that I’m the sort that would have left that ship as long as there were any women and children on board? That’s the thing that hurts, and it hurts all the more because it is so false and baseless. I have searched my mind with deepest care, I have thought long over each single incident that I could recall of that wreck. I’m sure that nothing wrong was done; that I did nothing that I should not have done. My conscience is clear and I have not been a lenient judge of my own acts.”

(J. Bruce Ismay)

Joseph Bruce Ismay- He was the head of the White Star Liner company. When the ship began to sink he got on a lifeboat reserved for women and children. After they were rescued and pulled from the sea, he was painted as a coward.

“He was a brave man. I learned to love him that night and I suddenly felt a great reverence to see him standing there sticking to his work while everybody else was raging about. I will never live to forget the work of Phillips during the last awful fifteen minutes.” (Harold Bride)

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Captain J. Smith- He was the captain of the Titanic. He had received warning that there were deadly obstacles. Despite this he decided to ignore them and speed up the ship.

"I cannot imagine any condition which would cause a ship to founder. I cannot conceive of any vital disaster happening to this vessel. Modern ship building has gone beyond that."

(Captain Smith)
White Star Line

After the Titanic sank the White Star Line became the recipient of numerous lawsuits. Eventually filing for bankruptcy. They never once fully claimed responsibility for the sinking and tried to make it seem as though the survivors were unable to think clearly after being traumatized.

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Triumph & Tragedy

The tragedy of the Titanic is very well known. The ship that inspired so many, had done the unbelievable and sunk. Taking over one-thousand lives with it. The triumph is a little bit more difficult to understand. The survivors had lost so much, yet where many would have given up these survivors kept going. They literally triumphed over tragedy.
Women & Children of the Titanic

"I was ordered up on deck. Calmly, passengers strolled about. I stood at the bulkhead with the other stewardesses, watching the women cling to their husbands before being put into the boats with their children. Some time after, a ship's officer ordered us into the boat (16) first to show some women it was safe. As the boat was being lowered the officer called: "Here, Miss Jessop, look after this baby." And a bundle was dropped on to my lap." (Violet Jessop)

Violet Jessop - The stewardess of the Titanic and the Britannic. She is known for surviving the sinking of two of the White Star Liner ships. Years after her deadly encounters in the ocean she wrote a very detailed memoir of her life.

"I leapt into the water but was sucked under the ship's keel which struck my head. I escaped, but years later when I went to my doctor because of a lot of headaches, he discovered I had once sustained a fracture of the skull." (Violet Jessop)

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"My mother had a premonition from the very word 'GO'. She knew there was something to be afraid of and the only thing that she felt strongly about was that to say a ship was unsinkable was flying in the face of God. These were her words." (Eva Hart)
Propeller of The Olympic, unknown, Ulster Folk & Transport Museum

The Titanic Under Construction, 1911, Library of Congress

Lifeboats on way to Carpathia, 1912, National Archives

Group of Rescued on Carpathia, 1912, Library of Congress