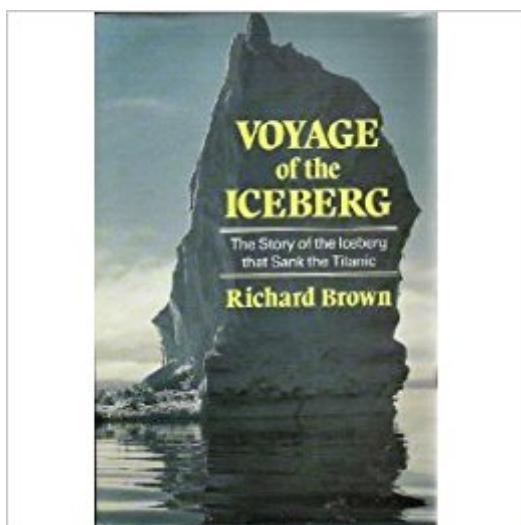


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This is the story of the most famous iceberg of all time: the one iceberg that has gripped the imagination of the world, that has humbled arrogant faith in technology, that speaks of the wonders and dangers of the North Atlantic Ocean. This is the iceberg that sank the Titanic. First published in 1983, Richard Brown's brilliant account tells the story of the iceberg through the experiences of the Inuit bands, sailors, and explorers who saw it before its fateful meeting with destiny. In it, Titanic takes her place among the ships and seals, the whales and bears, seabirds and people who all feel the effects of the iceberg's passing. Its moment in history proves the culmination of a long and influential passage. A classic of natural history writing, *Voyage of the Iceberg* has been warmly received in Canada, as well as in French, Dutch, American, and British editions. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Voyage of the Iceberg: The Story of the Iceberg that Sank the Titanic by Richard Brown is a small book unlike any other about the Titanic disaster. Brown, a specialist on seabirds, has written a compact tale about the journey of icebergs, specifically the Iceberg with a capital I, that entered immortality on 14 April 1912. From the Iceberg's formation in the Jakobshavn Ice Fiord in Greenland, to its migration north near Ellesmere Island then south past Baffin Island and the east coast of Labrador to the north Atlantic, Brown paints a natural history of all icebergs of the region. Originally published in 1983, *Voyage of the Iceberg* was reprinted with a new preface on the centenary of the Titanic's sinking. Brown writes more than just about the journey of a hunk of ice

from Greenland to the time the Titanic collided with it. Brown also writes about the avifauna and the habitat and migration of all arctic species, and how they depend on icebergs as storehouses of vast food reserves. The Canadian and Greenlandic Inuit also feature in Voyage of the Iceberg as they rely on icebergs when fishing or hunting for seals. As European and North American explorers ventured further north than ever before during the early part of the twentieth century, the Inuit were vital for their guidance and expert advice. The native arctic population however could not understand why these strange people would trudge ever northward: "What Big Nail were they looking for? Old Mequsaq knows the men who went there with Cook and the men who went with Peary, and none of them saw any Nail. All the white men did was to travel so far out on the ice that the Inuit were afraid they would never get back to land. When they stopped, they put up a post with a cloth on it, turned around and came home again.

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