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On April 15, 1912, the RMS Titanic, the largest and most luxurious passenger ship in the world, sank in the North Atlantic Ocean after striking an iceberg. The disaster claimed the lives of over 1,500 people, but it also led to a number of important safety improvements in the maritime industry.

#### The Design of the Titanic

The Titanic was designed to be unsinkable. It had a double hull, which meant that it had two layers of steel plates around its sides. The inner hull was watertight, and the outer hull was designed to keep water out even if the inner hull was damaged. The Titanic also had sixteen watertight compartments, which were designed to prevent water from flooding the entire ship if one or more compartments were damaged.

#### The Construction of the Titanic

The Titanic was built in Belfast, Northern Ireland, by the Harland and Wolff shipyard. The ship was constructed using the most advanced shipbuilding techniques of the time. The hull was made of high-quality steel, and the watertight compartments were carefully sealed. The Titanic was also equipped with a number of safety features, including lifeboats, life rafts, and watertight doors.

#### The Sinking of the Titanic

On the night of April 14, 1912, the Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic Ocean. The iceberg tore a gash in the ship's hull, and water began to flood into the watertight compartments. The Titanic sank within two hours and forty minutes.

#### The Legacy of the Titanic

The sinking of the Titanic was a disaster, but it also led to a number of important safety improvements in the maritime industry. The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) was adopted in 1914, and it has been updated several times since then. SOLAS requires all passenger ships to have a double hull, watertight compartments, and a sufficient number of lifeboats. SOLAS has helped to prevent many maritime disasters, and it is considered to be one of the most important safety regulations in the world.

The Titanic also led to the development of new technologies, such as radar and sonar. These technologies have helped to make ships safer by allowing them to detect icebergs and other obstacles in their path.

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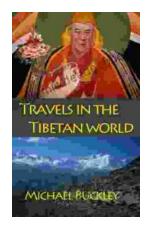


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