
Jules Verne

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Description

Wrought with struggle between nature and man, this enthralling depiction of the turmoil and thrill of a sea journey is one of Jules Verne's best novels.

Insightful reviews

Rashidul K: surprisingly this novella isn't popular. This is so well written and deserves to be noticed more among hundreds of other works of Jules Verne. Read it if you love his works.

Rodrigo: This is supposed to be the journal of one of the passengers. It feels more like journalism than literature. It's well written, but it's little more than an account of facts. The characters are developed through dialog with the journal's writer and his opinions, this is well done and does not feel forced. He's the kind of person who never misjudges people, which makes the story less interesting. And all the characters act the same way the whole story, which is odd given the situations they go through, but plausible. It's entertaining and well written, but it is a "look what happened to us" kind of book and for adventure books I prefer the "look what we did" kind.

dragonhelmuk: Kindled for free. This book was pretty good. A ship for some never-explained reason is steered entirely off course, is wrecked somewhere between Africa and South America, and the castaways face starvation and slow death. This may be the first Verne book ever where Verne does not seem to be present in the story himself, and it is probably for this reason that the characters do not make their perilous situation into such an amazing opportunity that they are tempted to stay on their desert island/north pole hideout/submarine forever more. Reading about the characters did make me feel thirsty though! Three quotes to illustrate:

{Verne style description, not too thick in this book}

The scene presented to our eyes is one of strangest interest. The sea, carpeted thickly with masses of prolific fucus, is a vast unbroken plain of vegetation, through which the vessel makes her way as a plow. Long strips of seaweed caught up by the wind become entangled in the rigging, and hang between the masts in festoons of verdure; while others, varying from two to three hundred feet in length, twine themselves up to the very mast-head, from whence they float like streaming pennants. For many hours now, the Chancellor has been contending with this formidable accumulation of algae; her masts are circled with hydrophytes; her rigging is wreathed everywhere with creepers, fantastic as the untrammelled tendrils of a vine, and as she works her arduous course, there are times when I can only compare her to an animated grove of verdure making its mysterious way over some illimitable prairie.

{Example of hunger description}

True as it was, we scarcely realized the fact of there being actually nothing until on the following morning the hour came round for the distribution of the scanty ration, and then, indeed, the truth was forced upon us in a new and startling light. Toward evening I was seized with violent pains in the stomach, accompanied by a constant desire to yawn and gape that was most distressing; but in a couple of hours the extreme agony passed away, and on the 3d I was surprised to find

that I did not suffer more. I felt, it is true, that there was some great void within myself, but the sensation was quite as much moral as physical. My head was so heavy that I could not hold it up; it was swimming with giddiness, as though I were looking over a precipice.

{Matter-of-fact writing style}

Often, when reading the histories of shipwrecks, I have suspected the accounts to be greatly exaggerated; but now I fully realize their truth, and marvel when I find on how little nutriment it is possible to exist for so long a time. To our daily half-pound of biscuit the captain has thought to add a few drops of brandy, and the stimulant helps considerably to sustain our strength. If we had the same provisions for two months, or even for one, there might be room for hope; but our supplies diminish rapidly, and the time is fast approaching when of food and drink there will be none.

Stuart Taylor: Gave me what i needed from Moby Dick!The Survivors of the Chancellor is a ebook which for the 1st forty - 50 pages felt uninteresting and uneventful. Characters have been validated and the writing type used to be very fluid and immersive however it hadn't hooked me and that i feared that i'd simply plod during the booklet and finish by means of giving it a lacklustre three stars, feeling that - although good written - it simply did not hook me. It was once approximately this element although in those later pages the place i began to understand how worthwhile this a part of the narrative was. because the scenario turns into worst and worst and the characters deteriorate, you simply 'feel' it within the writing. those as soon as lively, persevering and confident characters slowly develop into those damaged down, worn out characters who simply welcome death. This ebook is a tricky one to get into yet as soon as you are there, it by no means shall we up. The desperation and horror of those character's scenario (madness, affliction or even cannibalism) paints this kind of vibrant photograph and feeling of hopelessness, it is nearly legal how quite unknown this ebook turns out to be. It takes it is time yet provide it a minimum of eighty pages prior to giving up. it truly is certainly worthy it!! may additionally add, it describes one of many maximum Father/Son relationships i have ever read. they are in truth the most touching scenes.

Juan Carlos Santillán: Éste es, definitivamente, el libro más oscuro que he leído de Verne hasta el momento. En él no existen grandes descubrimientos científicos ni pormenorizadas descripciones geográficas. "El Chancellor" es los angeles historia de un grupo de personas y sus diferentes maneras de hacer frente a un desastre inevitable, que pone a prueba su integridad física y moral. No es de los mejores libros del novelista francés, pero mantiene los angeles tensión, el ritmo y l. a. fluidez en casi toda su extensión.

Kimberly Mccrea: publication referenced on "Lost". Regina is examining the ebook the wrong way up earlier than she wraps herself in chains and leaps off the freighter.

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