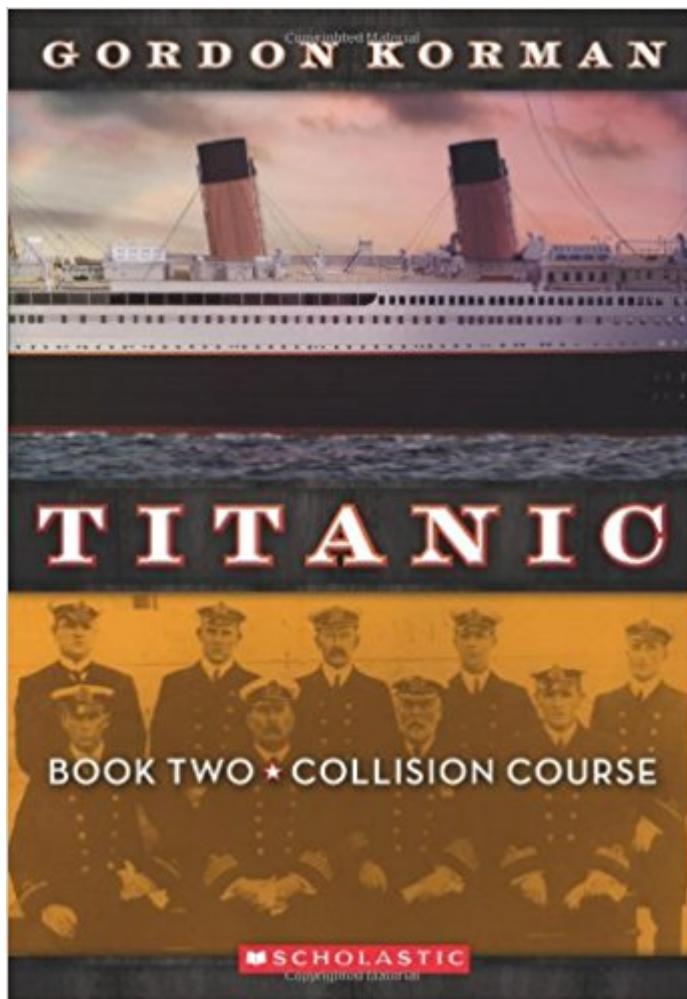


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# Collision Course (Titanic #2)



## **Synopsis**

From bestselling author Gordon Korman, a second heart-stopping adventure aboard the unluckiest ship of all. The Titanic has hit the high seas--and moves steadily toward its doom. Within the luxury of the cabins and the dark underbelly of the ship, mysteries unfold--a secret killer who may be on board, a legacy that may be jeopardized, and a vital truth that will soon be revealed. For Paddy, Sophie, Juliana, and Alfie, life on the Titanic brings both hiding and seeking, as their lives become irrevocably intertwined. And then, of course, an iceberg appears, and the stage is set for the final scene.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Will Titanic stowaway Paddy Burns ever get to breathe easy? Not only is he still pursued ruthlessly by the thugs who cast him aboard, the whole ship seems poised to capture him in this heart-stopping sequel to Korman's *Unsinkable*. Paddy crawls into a steamer trunk to sleep, fits into ship life where he can, and trusts a couple of allies. Junior steward Alfie thinks he has spotted the mysterious Jack the Ripper on board. Young royal Juliana discovers she may be sailing toward an arranged marriage. Amid this and more drama overload: the ship seems to have hit an iceberg.

Unsinkable fans will eagerly clamber on. Grades 5-8. --Anne OMalley

Praise for Gordon Korman's Titanic series: "Though best known and loved for his humorous books, Korman has proven here, as he has with the other adventure series he's penned, that he is far from a one-trick pony." • Quill & Quire "[Korman] knows how to spin a lively and engaging tale. Hanging it on an already fascinating, albeit tragic, slice of history means it wins on all levels: a thrilling account of a heart-stopping disaster, and a set of fictional characters seamlessly intertwined with real life." • The Montreal Gazette "Korman manages to tell the story of the Titanic smoothly while also introducing other elements of the early twentieth century...Altogether an enjoyable read that makes this tragic story come alive with personal narratives." • Resource Links "Highly Recommended" • Canadian Review of Materials

I read all 3 books in this series and my review of this book would be the same for all three. I suppose that each of these books could be "stand alone novels" but it is much better to start with the first and read them in order. I have to keep in mind that these are written for younger readers and thus, that might justify the length (or lack of length) of each of the books. It seems to me that these could have all been included in one regular length book. Is it a marketing ploy or was it done this way to keep the attention of the younger reader? This aside, all three books are written well and the action and adventures of the main characters, all from extremely diverse backgrounds, captures and keeps your attention throughout. All the characters are well developed and you, therefore, develop a genuine interest in each of them . Of course, what better location to have all these characters meet and interact than the Titanic? As if the actual story of the ships sinking is not enough of an adventure, adding the likes of Jack the Ripper, waterfront thugs, etc. only added to the excitement. Overall, all three books are well written and basically factual regarding the ship itself. I think younger readers would enjoy this series. They do keep your attention throughout. I think Titanic buffs would also find them fun to read. I know I did.

Gordon Korman kept us riveted during a very long drive from Texas to Tennessee and back! the Audio version was fantastic!

My 8 yr old son loved every detail. Very exciting.

10yo daughter loved this series.

Great 2nd book in this series! The story flows good and you learn more about each character.

A nice twist on the historical story from the perspective of teens on the voyage. Well written enough for adults to enjoy too. The details seem factual within my knowledge base and care is taken to keep characters from being two dimensional. The story is interesting, a good mystery.

This book is great for readers who have read the first one, *Unsinkable*. It ends in a cliffhanger that will leave you begging for more in book 3, *S.O.S.*

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