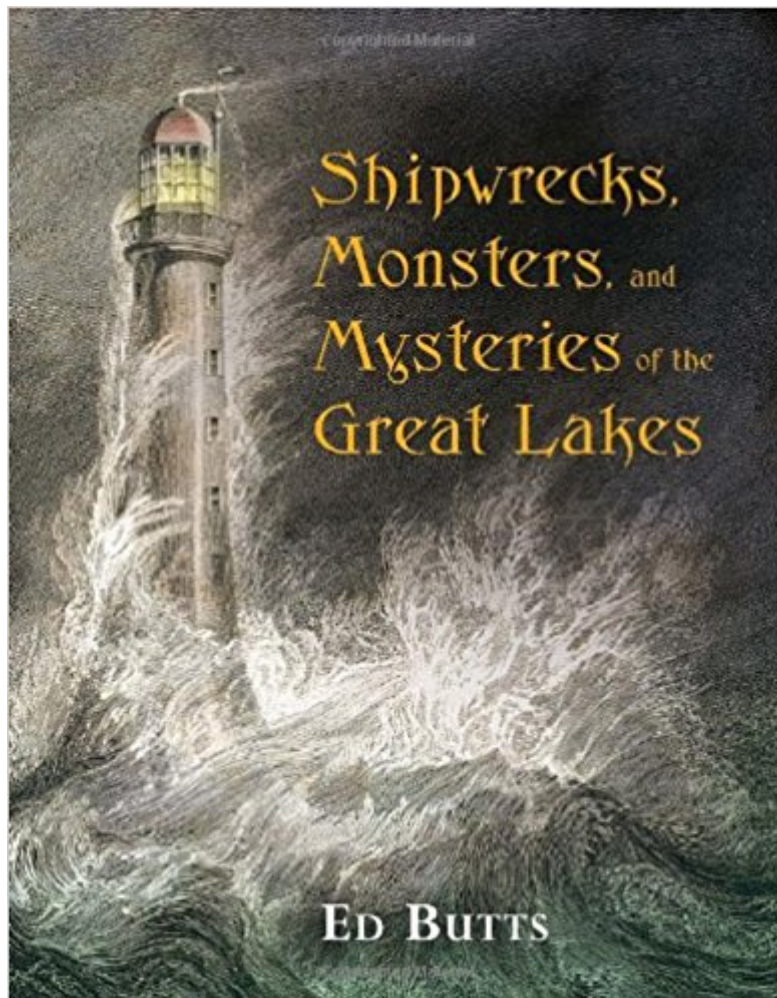




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In 1679, a French ship called the Griffon left Green Bay on Lake Michigan, bound for Niagara with a cargo of furs. Neither the Griffon nor the five-man crew was ever seen again. Though the Griffon's fate remains a mystery, its disappearance was probably the result of the first shipwreck on a Great Lake. Since then, more than six thousand vessels, large and small, have met tragic ends on the Great Lakes. For many years, saltwater mariners scoffed at the freshwater sailors of the Great Lakes, "puddles" compared to the vast oceans. But those who actually worked on the Great Lakes ships knew differently. Shoals and reefs, uncharted rocks, and sandbars could snare a ship or rip open a hull. Unpredictable winds could capsize a vessel at any moment. A ship caught in a storm had much less room to maneuver than did one at sea. The wreckage of ships and the bones of the people who sail them litter the bottoms of the five lakes: Ontario, Erie, Huron, Michigan, and Superior. Ed Butts has gathered stories and lake lore in this fascinating, frightening volume. For anyone living on the shores of the Great Lakes, these tales will inspire a new interest and respect for their storied past.

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An excellent, excellent book. I was raised on the Wisconsin side of Lake Michigan. Many tales over the years about lost ships. I bought this for my husband but I ended up reading it first. It is easy reading and good for all ages. In this 'modern age' you never hear about the sea monsters anymore. I was very glad to read the history of several shipwrecks that I'd heard stories about as a kid.

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I bought this as a gift for my husband who loves the subject! He's finished it and still enjoys re reading it in his spare time

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