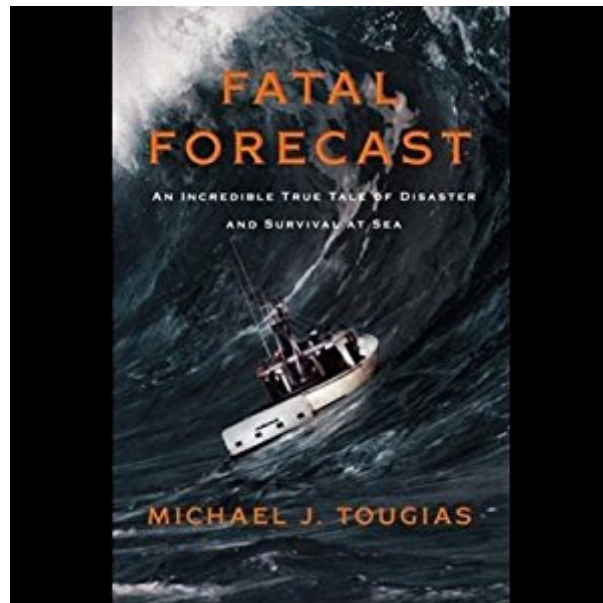




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Fatal Forecast: An Incredible True Story Of Disaster And Survival At Sea



Synopsis

[Audio CASSETTE] [Read by Jeff Cummings] Fatal Forecast chronicles the dramatic fight for survival of eight crewmembers aboard two fishing boats ambushed by a horrific surprise storm at Georges Bank, a fishing ground southeast of Cape Cod. Soon after the boats reached the fishing ground, they were hit with hurricane-force winds and massive ninety-foot waves that battered the boats for hours. The direction of the wind made it impossible to turn back. The 'Fair Wind' soon capsized, drowning all but one of the crew members. The 'Sea Fever' was nearly torn apart. Fatal Forecast provides an hour-by-hour account of the struggles faced by the crewmembers of the 'Fair Wind' and the 'Sea Fever' and focuses especially on Ernie Hazard, who endured three incredible days in a lifeboat in open water. The book also details the dramatic rescue attempts made by the Coast Guard on a day in which it received more mayday calls than any other in New England history. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

An incredible book. I couldn't put it down. Knowing this is a true story made and the characters are from my home town and surrounding area made it all the more special for me. I strongly recommend this book for adventure lovers.

This book gave me such a deep appreciation of the work of the Coast Guard, the training required to serve, and the dangers they experience as they try to save ships off the coasts of our country. It

also showed me the dangers involved in being a fisherman in any size ship or serving on any size ship during a storm. This book would make a great movie!!!! I couldn't put it down. I have read several other books by the same author and will continue to look for other books by this author because of the details within these books and the research he does in preparing to write about these subjects. Fascinating and suspenseful.

Author Tougias does a commendable job of putting us right in the middle of a raging storm at sea, a storm that would take, both, ships and men to the bottom of the sea, but that miraculously fails to take the life of one man so intent on survival, that the sea can't claim him among her victim's. Tougias' interviews with survivors of this tragedy gives the reader a good idea of the character of the people whose lives were written about in this book, making the story "hit home," as if we were acquaintances of those involved in this remarkable tale. Definitely worth reading, especially for those of us who enjoy action-packed stories about "man vs. nature."

Another thrilling tale about rescue at sea. This book actually centers around a rescue but it covers several ships and stories of people involved in a horrific storm at sea. Some survive some do not. I knocked one star off of what would be a 5 star rating because I do not think the use of foul language is necessary. Those words should be omitted.

a good read -- fast, exciting, and true

This is one of the best books I've ever read. I worried at first that it might be too technical for me to follow since I know very little about this type of fishing and boats, but that wasn't the case at all. Mr. Tougias writes in a very clear and understandable way and made it easy for me to feel I was right there on Georges Bank. It is a fascinating story and very well told. If you enjoy books based on true events, I highly recommend this book! I couldn't put it down!

This is a non-fiction about Lobster fisherman, who made their living at Georges Bank. This life is never easy, and has dangers on its best day, but fishing the lobster rich waters of Georges Bank was both rewarding and more risky than other sites. We are given another look into the lives of Bob and Peter Brown. We have heard about them before, in Sebastian Younger's book *The Perfect Storm*, the story of the *Andrea Gail*. They each are captain of a lobster boat on November 21, 1980. Through research and interviews done years after this date, the author gives us a window

into what occurred in their lives on this day. This is not their story, however. Not this time. They are players, but the main character is Earnie Hazard. An aptly named survivor of the storm that the National Weather Service failed to predict. Failed due to negligence. What was meant to be just another day in the perilous waters of Georges Bank, became a fight to survive for the men of several small boats. Ordinary men, trying to make a living for themselves and their families. Ordinary heroes might be a more precise term. This is a story of survival, courage and honor among friends. I recommend it highly.

This is a spell binding true story of survival at sea when all should have been lost. I love how the author also tells about the courage of the Coast Guard and a crew of a fishing boat who risked their own lives to save others. The amazing thing about this true story is that there were survivors. - Praise God! It is an excellent story of surviving 65 foot waves and managing to spend 50 hours afloat in the stormy open sea and live to tell about it. It is truly an unforgettable story of the collision of nature and the human will to survive. It is well written and well researched and very well worth taking the time to read. I don't think you will forget this true story or the author - Michael J. Tougias, who does a great job of telling it. Jeannie Walker - Award-Winning Author of "Fighting the Devil" - A True Story of Consuming Passion, Deadly Poison, and Murder

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