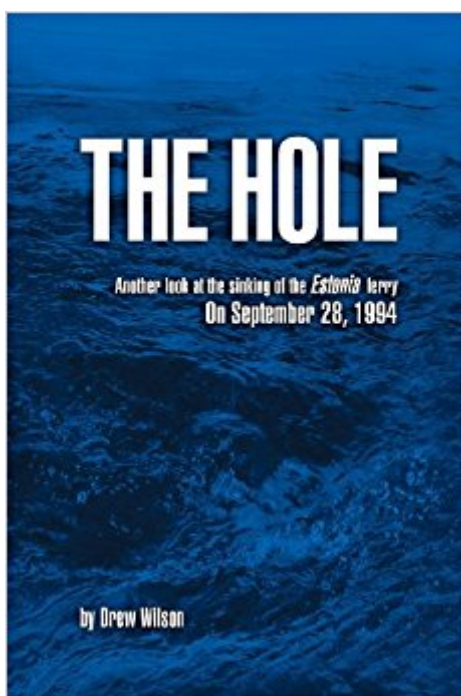


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The Hole: Another Look At The Sinking Of The Estonia Ferry On September 28, 1994



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In September 1994, the passenger ferry Estonia set out on an overnight cruise from Tallinn, Estonia to Stockholm, Sweden and sank in the Baltic Sea, killing nearly 1000 people in 35 minutes. It was the worst peacetime sea catastrophe in European waters in the 20th century. A controversial government investigation blamed the ship's design and high waves. But the Estonia was the only intact ship in maritime history to sink in less than one hour -- faster than some torpedoed ships. This disturbing fact is the core of the tragedy and was left unexplained. The victims still remain in the shipwreck in shallow depth just off the coast of Finland, a spot militarily guarded by Sweden. "The Hole: Another look at the sinking of the Estonia ferry on September 28, 1994" examines alternative explanations in view of post-Soviet chaos, proceeding from the theory that the Estonia had a hole -- from a collision or an explosion.

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Readers interested in the Estonia incident must read this book. Readers interested in true crime and non-fiction can safely buy this book - it is one of the best ever I think. I'm a scandinavian though, perhaps biased. This book is extremely well written, and reads like a top-notch thriller. Unfortunately it is all true - this is not for children, it's a horrible nightmarish story. Dear author, you are really an excellent writer and investigator. Could you please do something similar with the norwegian Scandinavian Star incident back in April 1990? I recommend this book. I picked it up by coincidence, being not very interested in the Estonia incident. I remember it, but I never paid much attention to it. But wow. I couldn't put the book down.. Incredible story, and scary... What an accomplishment by

the author. Wow.

A detailed review of the official narrative and well as alternative engineering related explanations. The first person accounts were very interesting. The (failed) attempts the relatives made to get a real investigation, with the official refusals, were disturbing.

It's hard to believe that it is twenty years since the Estonia sank with a loss of life more than half that of the Titanic and the worst peacetime disaster since then. And since then nobody has definitively solved the mystery of exactly what happened. This book gathers a huge amount of research and presents the facts with clear graphics and illustrations highlighting the many questions around the fate of this ship. For instance, there are questions about possible undisclosed military cargoes and the prohibitions on diving to the wreck. Sweden even wanted to concrete over the wreck although this has not happened. Currently the wreck lies in 100m of water still with the remains of 650 people inside and with no clear answer as to why this awful disaster occurred.

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