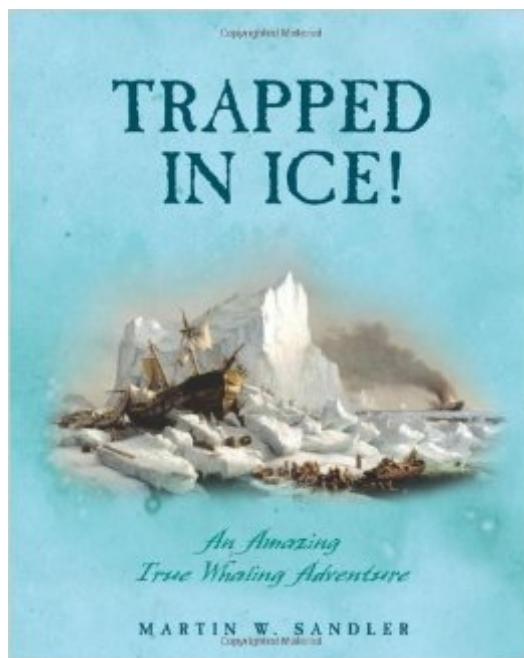


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# Trapped In Ice!: An Amazing True Whaling Adventure



## **Synopsis**

In this true story that reads as action-adventure, learn how 1,219 members of the world's largest whaling expedition managed to survive after becoming entrapped within an Arctic ice shelf. In the late summer of 1871, thirty-nine whaling ships traveled to the frigid Arctic waters in search of the prized bowhead whale. Despite warnings from local Inuit tribes about impending inclement weather, thirty-two of the whaling ships--carrying 1,219 officers, crewmen, women, and children--decided to journey ahead. When a succession of icy storms ensued, the ships' captains realized that they were, literally, trapped in ice. What followed was a desperate race toward rescue--and against certain death. And, in an extraordinary testament to human courage and perseverance, all survived.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

There are some editing problems with this book, but otherwise it is a good story that young boys should find engrossing and readable. In the first pages the author suggests the book takes place in 1892, but then we learn it is about a fleet of whaling vessels from 1871 that became trapped in the frigid ice waters of the Arctic. Later the author confuses boat names as he describes a return journey to salvage what they could from the original lost ship. But these are the book publisher's fault for not correcting them right away. Overall this is a good story and there are several sidebars (right in the middle of the text which is confusing, another editing gaffe) that give the reader a clear

account of what happened on this particular voyage and how over 1200 people who could easily have froze to death all somehow survived. As said, this is a book for teenage boys, though some girls may also enjoy it. For the adult reader it is a very easy read but yet remains intriguing enough to make you want to finish the book. Whaling was a dangerous profession. The author is out to explain how whaling worked and the dangers those who worked the whale boats faced. It is not an editorial on the cruelty of whaling. History should relate the events, not pass judgment. This book fulfills that obligation.

I love any and all stories that have something to do with the artic so I naturally picked this book up. The book is perfect! I loved the cover and dust jacket, the color and feel of the paper and most of all I loved the story. I am not a fan of whaling but I understand the drive for adventure and the need of income back then so I am not holding anything against these hearty souls. The book was well written with just the right amount of facts to supplement the story and the illustrations worked well. The book was written so that a young adult could read and enjoy but this "not so young" adult found the book entertaining just as well. Nice work!

My fifth-grade son was so engrossed in this book, he read it twice, then told us almost the whole thing after dinner. The book is a bit broken-up by two-page inserts with historical and technological details that help interpret the action -- I think that makes it more effective, but your mileage may vary. I read it, too -- and the story is interesting for me, as an adult. Great maps and illustrations accompany the text -- this book is great for history-minded kids, as well as adventurers. Also try *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* about the whaleship Essex -- GREAT for older kids. And try *Black Hands, White Sails*, for the perspective of how the whaling industry helped freed blacks become economically competitive.

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