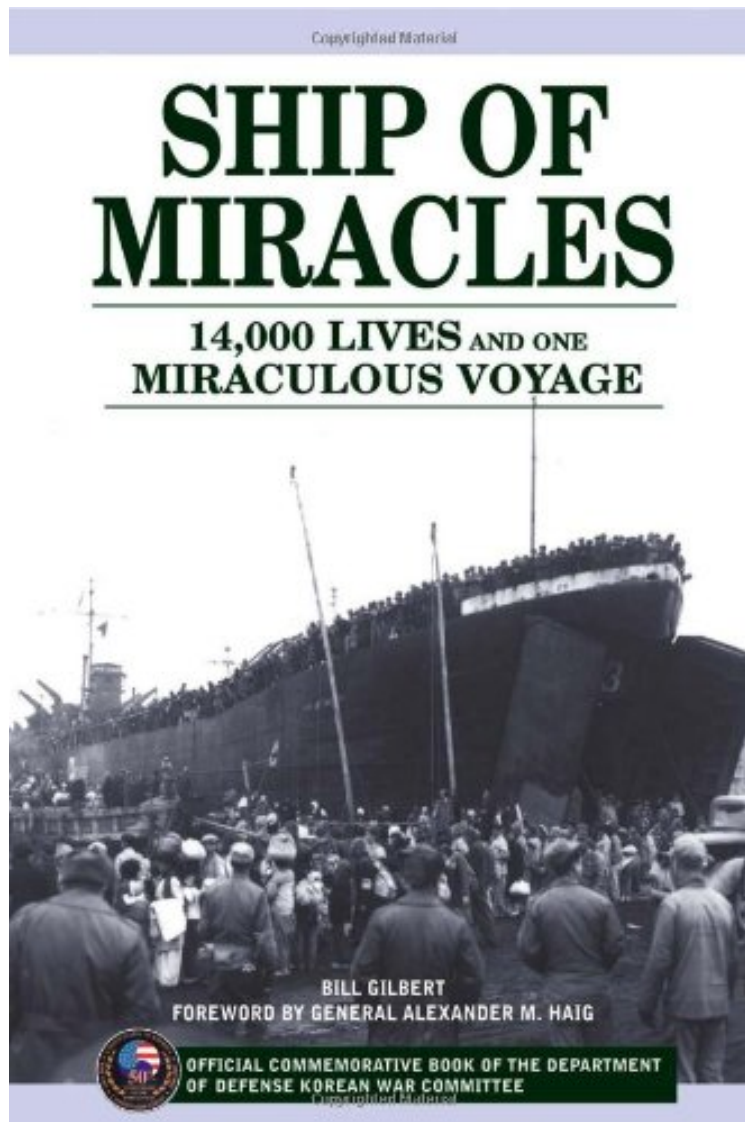


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Bill Gilbert : Ship of Miracles before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ship of Miracles:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of the Great Heroes of the 20th Century By Robert S. Mortenson, Jr. This book traces one of the greatest events of the 20th Century in my opinion: the rescue of 14,000 fleeing Korean civilians by a merchant marine vessel during the Korean War. Tragically more has not been written, no great film has been made to document this great event. The Captain of the ship who was the proximate cause of the rescue, Leonard Larue, went on to become and to live the rest of his life a Benedictine monk of St. Paul's Abbey,

Newton, NJ. Surely this man should be one of the great heroes of the 20th century. But I wonder if there are 100 people in all of NJ who know anything about him. St. Paul's Abbey, once the home of 70 or so monks, closed its doors as monks passed away and new men did not come to replace them. About a decade ago a Benedictine Abbot in Korea decided to honor Leonard Larue (who had become Benedictine Brother Marinus) by sending some of his Korean monks to reopen the Abbey. St Paul's Benedictines special calling is to missions. So today the Abbey is supported by Korean Benedictines who work as missionaries in Africa. Isn't God good!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Well worth reading
By bee reads
In the foreword to this book, Alexander Haig wrote "(t)his book did not just deserve to be written - it needed to be written." I agree. It is a thorough and gripping account of a miraculous rescue which could have ended in disaster any number of times. The account is largely written through quotes from those who were involved in some way - crew members, the captain, Koreans who were rescued, and others. Once in a while the style of writing distracts from the content, but I give the book 5 stars anyway because the story is so engrossing and the reader is easily involved. I used this book in a presentation and the audience was fully engaged. It is an inspiring account of a truly miraculous rescue.

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By Connie Madott
My husband was in the Army in Korea during this period and this book, while mostly about the Marines, was good reading and had been recommended by a fellow Army vet.

In December 1950, the skeleton crew of the merchant ship, The Meredith Victory rescued 14,000 Korean refugees from the hands of the rapidly approaching Chinese army in the city of Hungnam. Here is the incredible story of how the little vessel pulled off what's been called the greatest rescue operation in history by a single ship. Archival photos.