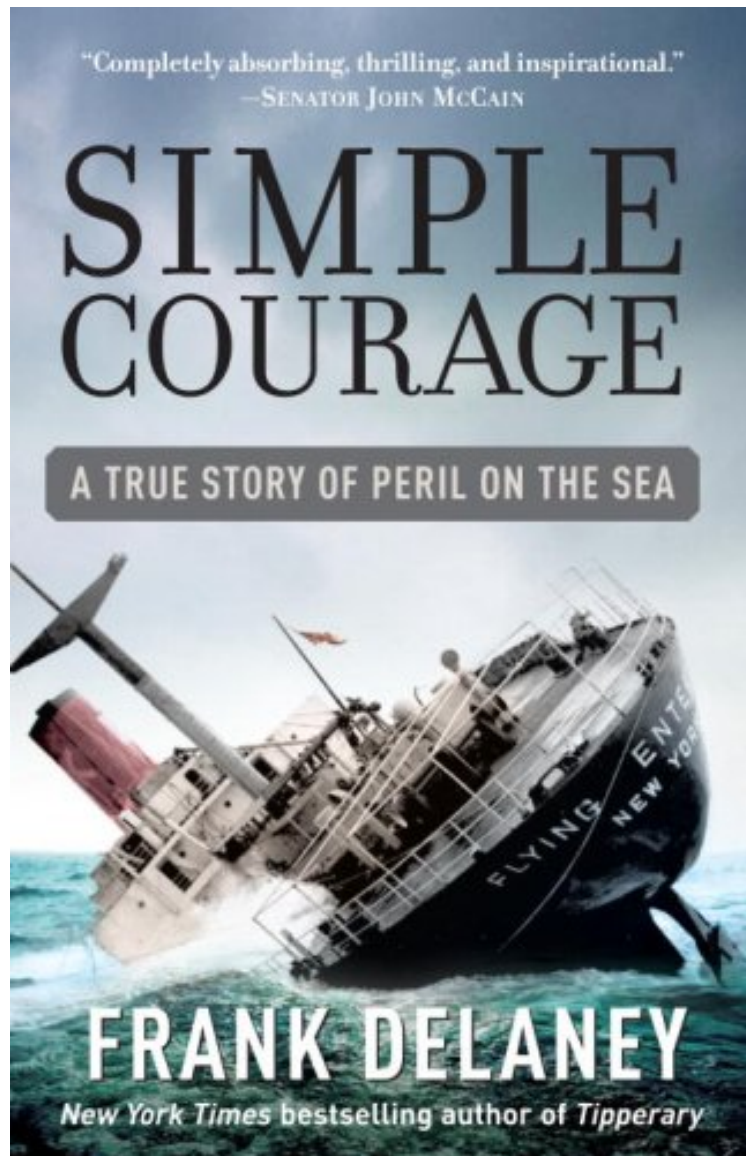


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Frank Delaney : Simple Courage: The True Story of Peril on the Sea before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Simple Courage: The True Story of Peril on the Sea:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. InformativeBy Retired in Thailand Anyone who was aware of the event at the time can recall the various aspects of the events. Like so many things in the press they were in those days a short lived news item and as such no in depth interviews were available at the time and as such not many since. I bought this book after a discussion with friends in my local bar and although I contributed very little to the

discussion I do remember the event and the newspaper pictures of Carlsen on Flying Enterprise even though I was only 7 years old, in fact I was the one who raised the even in the pub. So many issues were raised in the discussion I wanted to investigate further. I came across this book and as I read it found it to be very informative in a documentary style it filled in a lot of the gaps and did not move to quickly through events and Delaney did well to explain events and backgrounds I though he did however tease out events towards the end. While explaining a lot of background and consequences of events he did leave the door open for the conspiracy theorists to continue various avenues of explanation. In all I enjoyed the book both from a learning aspect and second from a tale at sea. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well Worth Your Attention! By Ray B I t's a good, credible read, well structured and lucidly written. Delaney describes complicated rescue scenarios with the skill of someone very close to the subject. His reverence and admiration for the struggling ship's captain, Kurt Carlsen, is both obvious and well founded. It is not, however, one of those books I am likely to read again and again--it's just not that entertaining. Perhaps, the author's dedication to keeping it real, cost the story in the drama department, as we share in the protracted efforts to save the "S.S. Flying Enterprise". Aptly named, the words "Simple Professionalism" also describe the captain and many other key characters in this true story. I'm glad I read this one! Ray B 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you love the sea - and adventure - there is simply nothing better By Biggest Fan Captain Kurt Carlsen became, in 1951, for a few weeks at least - the most famous man in the world. After getting his crew and passengers off his freighter and to safety in the worst storm of the century (or - to be accurate, the convergence of a number of storms), he stayed on board his cracked and crippled ship, believing he could arrange for it to be ferried to a safe harbor. Abandoning his boat was a failure he couldn't make himself accept, though conditions couldn't have been less on his side. His courage and his strength hit a chord with a post-WW2 culture, and became the stuff of daily newsreels- capturing media attention on both sides of the Atlantic. His New York ticker tape parade was the largest since Mac Arthur's. But he wouldn't take credit for doing what he believed was simply a captain's duty. The man and the ship and the storms and the home-story that guided his decisions is the stuff of this book. The description of life on the deck the night the storm hit - is worth the price of admission alone. The American Library Association named it as one of the top books of the year -- and yet very few people know it exists. I urge you - find it - read it - share it and tell your friends. It's a beaut.

“HEAVEN HELP THE SAILOR ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS.”—old folk prayer In late December 1951, laden with passengers and nearly forty metric tons of cargo, the freighter S.S. Flying Enterprise steamed westward from Europe toward America. A few days into the voyage, she hit the eye of a ferocious storm. Force 12 winds tossed men about like playthings and turned drops of freezing Atlantic foam into icy missiles. When, in the space of twenty-eight hours, the ship was slammed by two rogue waves—solid walls of water more than sixty feet high—the impacts cracked the decks and hull almost down to the waterline, threw the vessel over on her side, and thrust all on board into terror. Flying Enterprise's captain, Kurt Carlsen, a seaman of rare ability and valor, mustered all hands to patch the cracks and then try to right the ship. When these efforts came to naught, he helped transfer, across waves forty feet high, the passengers and the entire crew to lifeboats sent from nearby ships. Then, for reasons both professional and intensely personal, and to the amazement of the world, Carlsen defied all requests and entreaties to abandon ship. Instead, for the next two weeks, he fought to bring Flying Enterprise and her cargo to port. His heroic endeavor became the world's biggest news. In a narrative as dramatic as the ocean's fury, acclaimed bestselling author Frank Delaney tells, for the first time, the full story of this unmatched bravery and endurance at sea. We meet the devoted family whose well-being and safety impelled Carlsen to stay with his ship. And we read of Flying Enterprise's buccaneering owner, the fearless and unorthodox Hans Isbrandtsen, who played a crucial role in Kurt Carlsen's fate. Drawing on historical documents and contemporary accounts and on exclusive interviews with Carlsen's family, Delaney opens a window into the world of the merchant marine. With deep affection—and respect—for the weather and all that goes with it, he places us in the heart of the storm, a “biblical tempest” of unimaginable power. He illuminates the bravery and ingenuity of Carlsen and the extraordinary courage that the thirty-seven-year-old captain inspired in his stalwart crew. This is a gripping, absorbing narrative that highlights one man's outstanding fortitude and heroic sense of duty. “One of the great sea stories of the twentieth century... [a] surefire nautical crowd-pleaser.”—Booklist 6 (starred review) “Frank Delaney has written a completely absorbing, thrilling and inspirational account of a disaster at sea that occasioned heroism of the first order. In the hands of a gifted storyteller, the ‘simple courage’ of the ship's captain and the young radio man who risked their lives to bring a mortally wounded ship to port reveals the essence and power of all true courage—a stubborn devotion to the things we love.”—Senator John McCain From the Hardcover edition.

From Publishers Weekly Crippled by two monstrous waves during a 1951 North Atlantic hurricane, the freighter Flying Enterprise was left wallowing on its side and looking as if it would sink at any minute. The subsequent rescue, in mountainous seas, of 10 passengers and 40 crew by lifeboats from responding ships was indeed harrowing—and it's over by page 92 of this overblown maritime-distress yarn. The rest of the book is about the Enterprise's captain, Kurt

Carlsen, who insisted on staying aboard to await a tugboat to tow the floundering ship to harbor. Carlsen certainly went beyond the call of duty, but heroism is measured by the stakes involved, which in this case were neither lives nor justice but merely the ship owner's investment. Delaney embellishes the tale with glances at Carlsen's family's anxiety, soggy reminiscences of his own family following the story on the radio and fulsome tributes to the Danish skipper's flinty Nordic resolve (which are rather undercut by the knowledge that Carlsen could have transferred at any time to one of the ships babysitting the hulk). Carlsen's story generated a lot of breathless press hoopla at the time, and it still has the feel of a trumped-up media sensation. Photos not seen by PW. (July 12) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist*Starred * Best-selling popular historian Delaney (Ireland, 2005) turns his attention to one of the great sea stories of the twentieth century, that of Captain Kurt Carlsen and the Flying Enterprise. On Christmas Day 1951, the World War II Liberty ship Flying Enterprise began splitting apart in a North Atlantic gale, and her cargo of pig iron shifted. Captain Carlsen saw to the safe abandonment of passengers and crew, then remained aboard to help with salvage efforts. He remained aboard, accompanied only by a young radioman who leaped aboard from a rescue ship, until the Flying Enterprise was about to sink under him. Although he may not have displayed the most flawless seamanship in the loading of the pig iron, a worldwide media blitz made him an international hero. It is possible that he was guarding some secret, valuable cargo, and recent dives have revealed that some portion of the wreck had been removed in the interim. Any secret remains unproven, and Delaney's digression to compare Carlsen with his father seems rather unnecessary; yet this remains a tale certain to enthrall anyone interested in those who go down to the sea in ships. Indeed, it may be the most surefire nautical crowd-pleaser since Gary Kinder's *Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea* (1998). Roland Green Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved.

About the Author Frank Delaney is the author of the New York Times bestselling novel *Ireland*, as well as *The Last Storyteller*, *The Matchmaker of Kenmare*, *Venetia Kelly's Traveling Show*, *Tipperary*, *Shannon*, and *Simple Courage: A True Story of Peril on the Sea*. A former judge for the Man Booker Prize, Delaney enjoyed a prominent career in BBC broadcasting before becoming a full-time writer. Delaney died in 2017.