

## CLASS IX ENGLISH COURSE BOOK UNIT II - MYSTERY LESSON A - FICTION THAT CAME TRUE

## NOTES

- > In his book, Futility (1898) Morgan Robertson named his ship Titan.
- > Titan was hailed as a floating palace –the biggest and grandest ship ever built.
- > It sank on its maiden voyage by hitting an iceberg.
- > Many lives were lost when the ship sank because there were not enough lifeboats.
- > The Titanic which sank in 1912 was a near duplicate of the Titan in many ways.
- W.T. Stead's short story published in 1892 proved to be an uncanny preview of the Titan disasters.
- A backward recollection of the appalling tragedy of the Titanic saved another ship in similar circumstances 23 years later.
- The Titanium, a small ship was saved from similar tragic situations when its young seaman, William Reeves shouted out an alarm even though he did not see anything of real danger.
- It took nine days to clear a way for the same ship as it was crowded in around by more deadly icebergs.

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