Pig on the Titanic: A True Story
(HarperCollins Publishers)
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Research Background

Pig on the Titanic is based on extensive non-fiction research into the extraordinary life of Edith Rosenbaum (Encyclopaedia Titanica) who escaped from the sinking Titanic (1912) clutching a mechanical music box shaped like a pig, thereby entertaining a life boat full of children until rescued by the Carpathia.

Research Contribution

The major innovation relevant to Pig on the Titanic is best expressed in the words of The American Library Association BookList review which states 'By turning a mechanical pig toy into a narrator-hero, Crew provides kids with an intriguing first hand encounter with the famous ship.' It was the author’s intention to do just that: Take an historical event to children in a way that was meaningful to them.

Research Significance

Published internationally by Harper Collins, New York, 2005

Dr Gary Crew is four times winner of the Children’s Book Council of Australia Children's Book of the Year Award - twice for his novels and twice for his illustrated books. Crew has also won the New South Wales Premier’s Award for Children's Literature (the Patricia Wrightson Award), the Victorian Premier's Award for Children's Literature (The Alan Marshall Award) and been short listed for both the Queensland Premier’s Award and the Western Australian Premier’s Awards. Crew has been twice Short listed for the Crime Writers of America Edgar Alan Poe Mystery Fiction Award.