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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 218 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.\*Includes pictures \*Discusses official investigations and amateur expeditions to the wreckage \*Discusses the evidence and theories about the sinking \*Includes a bibliography for further reading They might have split up or they might have capsized; they may have broke deep and took water. And all that remains is the faces and the names of the wives and the sons and the daughters. - Gordon Lightfoot, The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald The Great Lakes have claimed countless thousands of vessels over the course of history, but its biggest and most famous victim was the SS Edmund Fitzgerald, the largest ship of its day to sail the Great Lakes and still the largest to lie below Lake Superior s murky depths. The giant ore freighter was intentionally built within a foot of the maximum length allowed for passage through the soon-to-be completed Saint Lawrence Seaway. but despite its commercial purpose, the Edmund Fitzgerald was also one of the most luxurious ships to ever set sail in the Great Lakes. One person who sailed aboard the ship recounted, Stewards treated the guests to the entire VIP routine. The cuisine was reportedly excellent and snacks were always available in the lounge. A small but well stocked kitchenette provided the drinks. Once each trip, the captain held a candlelight dinner for the guests, complete with mess-jacketed stewards and special clamdigger punch. Indeed, when it was completed in 1957, the Edmund Fitzgerald was nearly 730 feet long and dubbed Queen of the Lakes, and it was so popular that people would wait along the shores to catch a glimpse of the famous boat. The ship had already earned various safety awards and never...

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