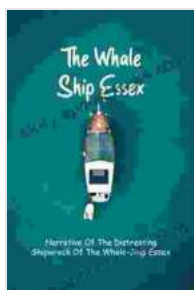


The Whale Ship Essex: A Tragic True Story of Survival and Cannibalism

In the winter of 1820, the whaling ship Essex set sail from Nantucket, Massachusetts. The ship's crew was made up of 20 men, including Captain George Pollard and First Mate Owen Chase. The Essex was bound for the Pacific Ocean, where the crew hoped to find a fortune in whale oil.



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The Essex had a successful first year of whaling. The crew caught several whales and filled their ship with oil. However, in November 1821, the Essex was attacked by a sperm whale. The whale rammed the ship several times, causing it to sink. The crew was forced to abandon ship and take to the small boats.

The crew of the Essex spent the next three months at sea in their small boats. They were constantly threatened by hunger, thirst, and storms. To

survive, the crew resorted to cannibalism. They ate the bodies of their dead shipmates.

In February 1822, the crew of the Essex was finally rescued by the whaling ship Dauphin. Of the 20 men who had set sail on the Essex, only eight survived.

The story of the Essex is a tragic tale of survival and cannibalism. It is a reminder of the dangers that whalers faced in the 19th century.

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The Whale Ship Essex has been adapted into a film, In the Heart of the Sea, which was released in 2015. The film stars Chris Hemsworth as Owen Chase and Benjamin Walker as Captain George Pollard.

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- [History.com: The Whale Ship Essex](#)
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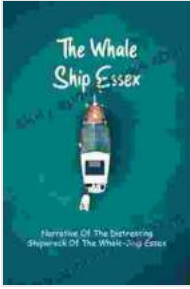
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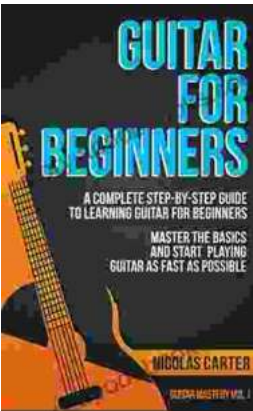
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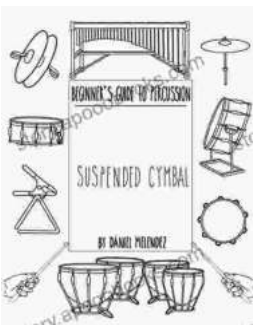


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