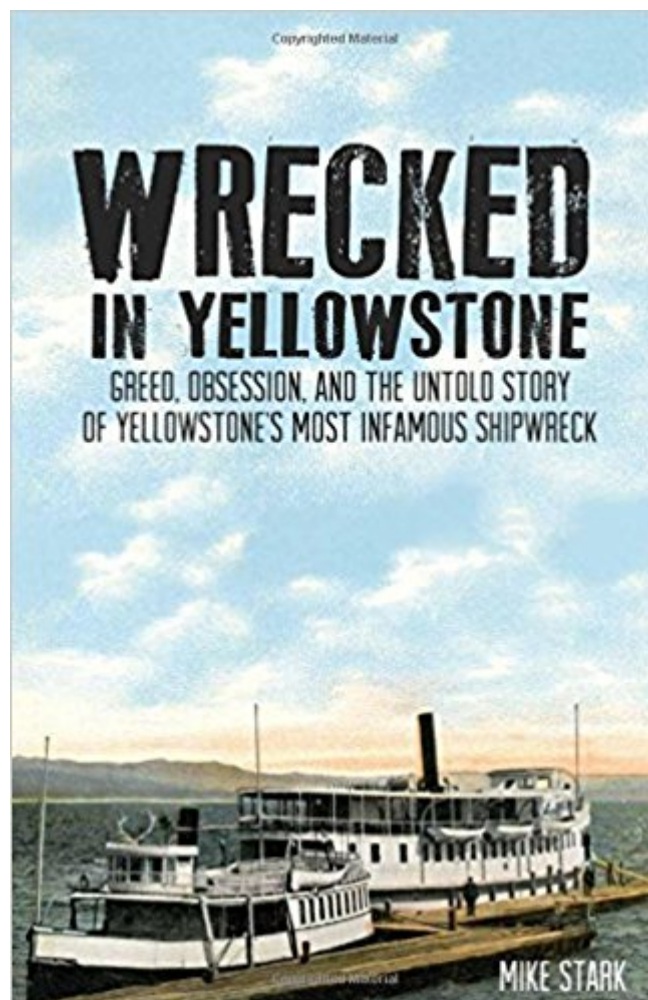




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Wrecked In Yellowstone: Greed, Obsession, And The Untold Story Of Yellowstone's Most Infamous Shipwreck



Synopsis

Yellowstone has had its share of infamous characters, but few have equaled the notoriety of E. C. Waters, whose life's story is now told for the first time in a book. Ambitious, blustery, and paranoid, E. C. Waters arrived in Yellowstone in 1886 and became the most hated businessman in the park, frustrating park superintendents, irritating customers, and restlessly trying to build a small empire that could outlast his enemies. But fate intervened, and both boat and man became Wrecked in Yellowstone. This is the fascinating true story of folly, obsession, ruthless competition, and a man overcome by the storms of his own creation.

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"Stark paints the picture of a man who believed he was due everything he worked for money, prestige, protection, and respect and whatever else you had left over, who was born into a hard life and sought whatever escape possible.... The beauty of Wrecked In Yellowstone is how Stark treats his central subject. Whatever his personal opinion, Stark lets others malign Waters with their own words. And he lets others praise him. In spite of his posthumous reputation, Waters was, for a time, well liked.... Of course, there's more to the story, and if you want to know it, Stark is a very helpful guide, telling the story early Park managers hoped people would forget." --Yellowstone Insider
"It's primarily the story of a man with a vision, E.C. Waters. One of the first entrepreneurs in Yellowstone, he was intent on making his fortune on the waves, from the waves of visitors.... This is an interesting book, well researched, and shows how wild and crazy the first tourist concessions were in our first national park." --National Parks Traveler
"Stark has stepped into the company of some well-known

Yellowstone historians like Aubrey Haines, Lee Whittlesey and Paul Schullery, yet no one had tackled the unusual tale of Waters and his ambitions." --Billings Gazette

Very interesting story about Yellowstone and Mr. Waters. Learned some valuable history and unknown facts about the area, which will make our next visit to Yellowstone more rewarding. Never knew there was an island or a shipwreck!

A fascinating part of Yellowstone's history

Well researched and written story about the early days of Yellowstone and one of its most colorful characters, E. C. Waters. Even though I've already visited Yellowstone, after reading this book I can't wait to go back and see it again in a new light. Mike Stark makes history fun to read!

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