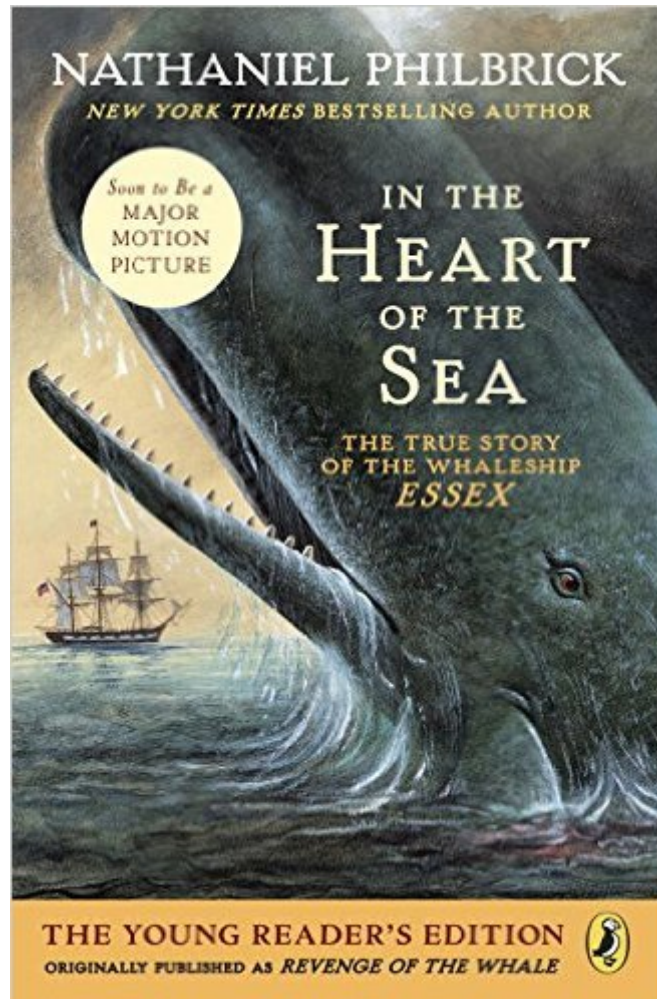


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# In The Heart Of The Sea (Young Readers Edition)



## Synopsis

The *New York Times* bestselling and National Book Award winning *In the Heart of the Sea*, soon to be a major motion picture directed by Ron Howard, adapted by the author for young readers. On November 20, 1820, the whaleship *Essex* was rammed and sunk by an angry whale. Within minutes, the twenty-one-man crew, including the fourteen-year-old cabin boy Thomas Nickerson, found themselves stranded in three leaky boats in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with barely any supplies and little hope. Three months later, two of the boats were rescued 4,500 miles away, off the coast of South America. Of the twenty-one castaways, only eight survived, including young Thomas. Based on his *New York Times* best-seller *In the Heart of the Sea*, Nathaniel Philbrick recreates the amazing events of the ill-fated *Essex* through the sailors own first-hand accounts, photos, maps, and artwork, and tells the tale of one of the great true-life adventure stories. "Horribly engrossing." —*Kirkus Reviews* "A compelling saga of desperation and survival." —*School Library Journal*

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## Customer Reviews

Knowing that most books I read, I put down before finishing, this book was the best FREE book I ever came across. It was the product of a trade in of a well known BUY, SELL, TRADE Entertainment store. It was a catalyst for me to read more Philbrick. I'm already a history buff (usually via documentaries or internet-browsing), but I find Philbrick's writing very good... "Like

you're there," which is the hope of most writers, yes? Unlike text-book dabbling I've done as well, Philbrick does a good job, especially in this book, of getting you into 1820s New England whaling, in Philbrick's hometown Nantucket. What I also like about Philbrick's writing, is that he usually answered my questions when something he said would spark curiosity for the reader. In other words, when you're following the action, Philbrick might mention the Azores, and the reader might wonder, "Is the Essex the only boat that stopped there? Was the Azores used a lot in the whaling industry?" And Philbrick at this point would usually deviate from the chronological action and fill the reader in on the Azores and its history in whaling industry. Philbrick did this often with different anecdotes. A quick look through his ending notes section, lets you know that Philbrick did thorough research, and a read through his book lets you know that it paid off! I'm glad to say that this is going to be one of the books I've read BEFORE the movie! Pros

+Exciting Informative Thriller Thorough Cons +I couldn't read it all at one sitting - THAT'S OKAY THOUGH. I like the feeling of "We're going to be here for awhile."

The true version of what really happened in Moby Dick. The young readers version is close enough to the original version of In the Heart of the Sea, but with out all the pages. Perfect for a teacher read aloud. I plan on omitting chapter 11 due to the "bad parts" that are not quite fourth grade appropriate. Other than that its one of the great all time adventures. Grit, determination all under the harshest of conditions. How much can man endure?

Very easy to read description of what happened to that ship and to the people in the shipwreck I like the way towards the end they connected it to Moby Dick

Great read and very informative. Well written from the accounts of many involved in the Essex tragedy. I read it in a day. It's one of those books that you can't put down once you start.

Excellent read about an unbelievable adventure. Hard to think that this is a true story and that people survived this ordeal. Highly recommended read.

The story catches your attention and you just can't stop reading the whole. It took me just two days to dispatch it . Powerful yet sad story

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Interesting and exciting - one of my favorite books in the past few years

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