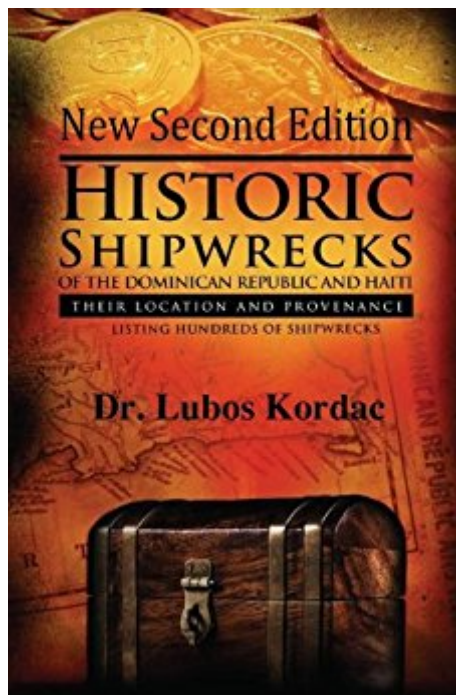




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Synopsis

This Second Edition of this very popular book is a compendium of historic shipwrecks surrounding Hispaniola, with a summary of locations and current/previous notable salvage operations including maps, photos and drawings. This edition contains substantial new material regarding numerous wrecks throughout Hispaniola. Several hundred wrecks are listed and the index contains approximately 1100 page citations. Bibliography included. 200 pages of content in 22 chapters. Compiled by Dr. Lubos Kordac, an able diver who resides in the Dominican Republic and consults as a marine archaeologist. Local history for each focus area provides valuable information regarding the circumstances for the listed wrecks. 28 maps and more than 50 photos. The Second Edition adds approximately 100 new vessel/fleet disasters to the areas of Samana, Santo Domingo, Azua, Tortuga and Cap-Haitien. New information includes the mystery of the "Opale" and the disappearing island, an expanded overview of the Bobadilla fleet, and more information regarding the "Imperial" and "Diomedes".

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Customer Reviews

I was gladly surprise to find this investigation work, mainly because though I live in the Dominican Republic never thought we had so much history related to shipwrecks, and secondly because I travel yearly world wide with my 2 sons looking for historic adventures and of course never thought we had them right here, which is about to change of course thanks to this great work. Dr Kordac does a wonderful job organizing his work from a geographical and from a chronological perspective. This adventure starts in the northest west side of DR going into the description of hundreds of shipwrecks and the surrounding events that caused them, then going all around the Hispaniola Island, including all shipwreck accounts in it's minor islands. Another great thing about the way the book is written is the redundancy of information of different storms, battles, coral reefs and historic events for each shipwreck, which makes the book a quick and accurate reference on locations, history and shipwrecks, without the need to go back or forward to find a crossed reference. Piracy: The detailed account of events related to piracy, ship battles, hidden treasures, treasure hunters and on going investigations, is fascinating and very well written. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in treasure hunting, recreational diving, traveling and most of all, History. Dr Kordac obviously is a very detailed investigator both under the water and through history. The accounts on pirates such as Cofresi, Morgan and others makes this book a must read. My sons were also fascinated by the reading. One thing that could be improved is the quality of pictures, they are all black and white, which some how disappoints the reader (at least I was), in particular because one would expect to see the beautiful sea bottom, the shores, the treasures in their full splendor, as one reads. Other than that, I consider this a fantastic investigative book.

The book barely has references, but is essential for understanding and evaluating other wrecks that lie in hazardous regions of Hispaniola.

Well organized with interesting histories.

Excellent material, well presented. A welcome addition to the library of any serious researcher of shipwrecks. Well done, Dr Kordac.

Excellent

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