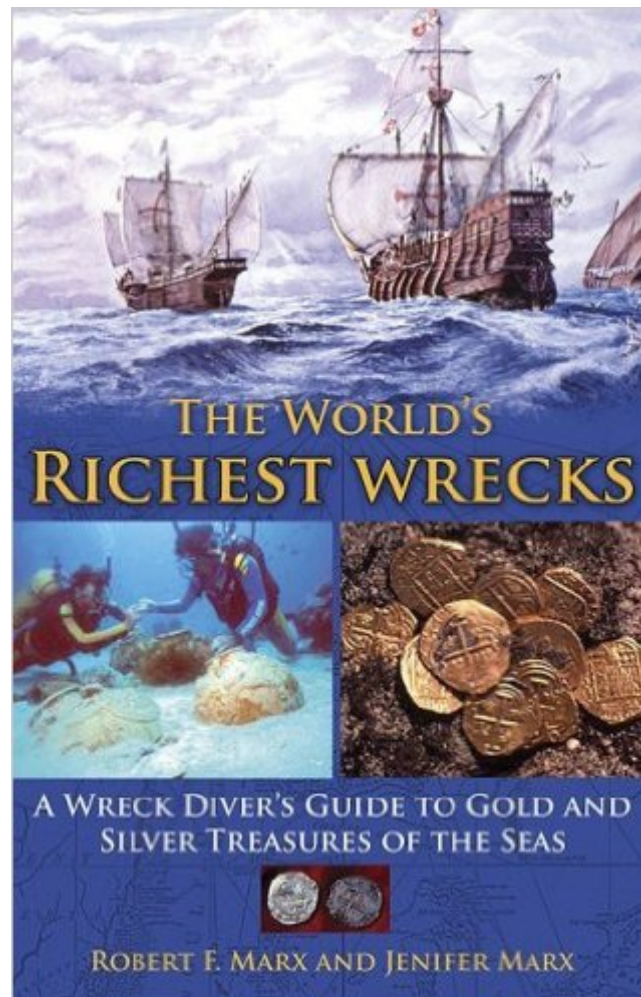


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The World's Richest Wrecks: A Wreck Diver's Guide To Gold And Silver Treasures Of The Seas



Synopsis

This is Bob Marx's most significant book concerning the shipwrecks of the world and is literally a culmination of more than 50 years of experience and research. He covers all known shipwrecks of both the Old World and New World whose cargoes contained at least \$10 million worth of treasures. The World's Richest Wrecks contained many maps collected by Marx and more than 100 photos of shipwrecks treasures and diving salvage operations, many in full color!

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When I first received my copy of The World's Richest Wrecks from Sir Robert Marx personally; I asked Bob how long it took him to write this book and he replied "All of my life Chief." I thought about this and after reading the book it made perfect sense to me. This book is the culmination of his life's work as a researcher, shipwreck explorer, and treasure hunter. For each body of water; broken down into New World and the Old World shipwrecks; Bob and Jenifer have written a summary of the richest shipwrecks that are still waiting to be found and recovered. The World's Richest Wrecks is much more than a reference guide to the valuable lost ships. The book is a primer that gives the reader a historical background on the economic and nautical activities during the days these ships sailed the open seas and the circumstances leading to the lost ships demise. The World's Richest Wrecks provides details on the individual wrecks; including when they went down, how much treasure was carried on board, the previous salvage efforts made on the ships, and what treasure is still waiting to be discovered and salvaged! The World's Richest Wrecks includes many nautical charts, old maps, and photos in B/W and Color of the treasure and historical

artifacts that Bob and others have recovered from some of these wrecks. Sir Robert Marx, knighted three times by three different countries, is a diver, writer, photographer, and historian that has been researching and diving the oceans and seas of the world for all of his adult life and arguably has found more treasure than any other treasure hunter.

I have been scuba diving for almost 40 years with a passion for shipwrecks to equal any. Many years ago I purchased a very expensive underwater metal detector and went in search of the missing treasure from a Spanish Galleon wreck site. I later visited another well-documented site in Wales where gold coins are still being washed ashore - and on both occasions found nothing but heartache and disappointment. These rather primitive efforts, however, are nothing when compared to some of the legendary treasure FINDERS - many of whom had lost all the important things in their lives (wife, family, house, respect!) and were in considerable debt before finally striking pay-dirt. Those who were not successful are, of course, long forgotten even if their debts are not! The reason for such obsession is explained by the first eight words in this book which read; "Treasure fever is an acute and incurable condition." • Of course, there are no quick fixes and virtually no fabulous treasure ships or other hoards exist which are not already well known to, and well researched by, several other people. Such pessimistic thoughts, however, never prevented Robert Marx from seeking his own dreams and, today, both his exploits, successes and occasional controversial methods appear to be legendary in certain quarters. My problems with the book, however, began just as soon as I read the short bio on the back cover where the author refers to himself as "Sir Robert Marx" claiming to have been knighted in three European countries "but surely that would be Sir, Sir, Sir, but I digress!!! That truly exceptional feat is neither explained nor expanded upon anywhere in the book and is one which, to my knowledge, has never been extended to any, for example, US President.

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