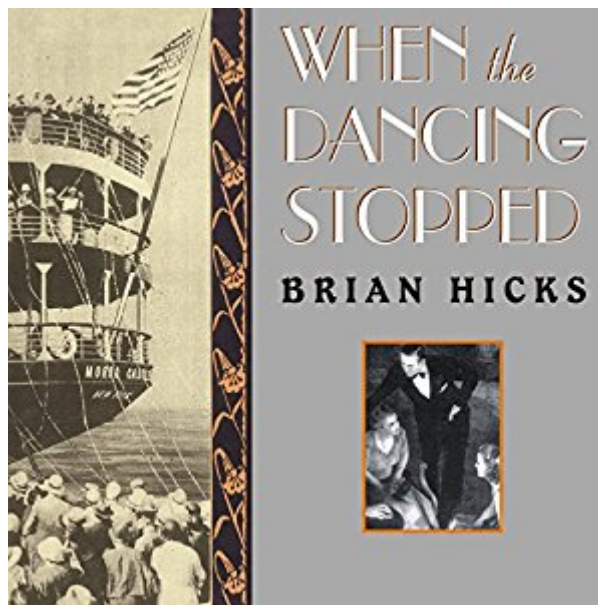




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# When The Dancing Stopped: The Real Story Of The Morro Castle Disaster And Its Deadly Wake



## Synopsis

In the bestselling tradition of *The Devil in the White City*, award-winning author Brian Hicks tells the explosive story of the *Morro Castle*—the elegant luxury liner that burned off the coast of New Jersey in 1934. On September 7, 1934, the captain of the luxurious Ward Line flagship *Morro Castle* died under mysterious circumstances seven hours before his ship caught fire off the New Jersey coast. Much of the crew abandoned ship, leaving passengers to burn or jump into the sea as a hurricane approached and literally fanned the flames. The ship was incinerated, and 134 people perished. Using hundreds of previously classified FBI reports, first-person survivor interviews, and countless documents, Brian Hicks has written—and solved—a murder mystery that mesmerized the nation more than seventy years ago. Told with authentic period detail and true-crime excitement, Hicks determines that the ominous weather was not the cause for the ship's burning. After reading Hicks's deeply researched epic, we can only conclude that the disaster was the work of a madman among the crew. Hicks creates a finely drawn portrait of Depression-era America. Perfect for history buffs and adventure enthusiasts, *When the Dancing Stopped* is nonfiction narrative at its best. "A suspenseful, highly satisfying read."—*Kirkus Starred Review* "...the book is a riveting account of this tragedy..."—*Booklist* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Had never heard of the Moro Castle incident but this was a very interesting story. Would recommend reading it.

I own (as of 2013) all the books written on the Morro Castle and this is by far the best written account I've read. I would regard it as the definitive book on the subject except for one detail, already mentioned by the reviewer "A Slight Delay" in his excellent and most insightful review. There are other possible and credible (if less sensational) reasons for the Morro Castle disaster besides arson by Radio man George Rogers and there is no exploration or investigation of them in this book. Still, after all the books published, this one remains the best written account , so add your own addendum to it and check out (you can Google it) the article by William McFee on the Morro Castle Tragedy for a likely alternative theory. Also, may I suggest Brian Hicks "Ghost Ship" for clearing up the mystery of the Mary Celeste, The Hole by Drew Wilson for demolishing the "official" report on the sinking of the MS Estonia and Hugh E Bishop's The Night The Fitz Went Down for suggesting an intriguing and plausible, if somewhat unpopular, theory on the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

After hearing Gordon Lightfoot's song written and sung about the sinking of the Morro Castle I had to read a book concerning the circumstances and the sinking. I have read four books on the Morro Castle now-and this is the best.

A great read. As a kid my father took me to Asbury Park and we were shocked to see the Morro Castle helpless near the beach. It was blackened from the fire and some smoke still rose. The book does a great job in telling all.

Good

This is a well researched book, and an enjoyable read. I have read other books on this disaster, and this one seems to present a more documented analysis of the events.

I could not put this book down. I am still wondering if he did it or not. All the signs point to him. The book was well written and easy to understand and read. Truly a fascinating story behind a horrible disaster.

This as an excellent, well researched account of one of the most famous American nautical disasters! I recommend it in any format!

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