



On Jeems Bayou: Almost Meet Mittie

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Large Print. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.On February 12, 1869, a palatial sidewheeler, the Mittie Stephens, burned and sank near a landing on Caddo Lake. Sixty-one passengers of the one-hundred and seven aboard perished not realizing that they were within wading distance of land. The Mittie Stephens left New Orleans for Jefferson, Texas on February 5, 1869, with passengers and crew members, and assorted cargo, including 274 bales of hay. A spark from the torches that provided light to run by at night ignited the hay. The bow and forward part of the boat were engulfed in flames; the only way off the boat was off the stern. The boat had run aground in three feet of water, but the stern was still in deep water. The captain of the ship, kept the side wheels running in an attempt to force the boat to shore. That decision was disastrous-people struggling in the water were pulled into the wheels and sixty-one people were killed. The ship burned to the water line. The ship was also carrying \$100,000.00 in gold coins to pay the...



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