

Shipwreck of the Whale-ship Essex

by Owen Chase



THE ESSEX STRUCK BY A WHALE.

"She dashed her head against the ship's side, and so broke it in that the vessel filled rapidly."

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"Narrative of the most extraordinary and distressing shipwreck of the whale-ship Essex of Nantucket which was attacked and finally destroyed by a large spermaceti whale, in the Pacific Ocean: with an account of the unparalleled sufferings of the captain and crew during a space of ninety-three days at sea, in open boats, in the years 1819 & 1820."

Owen Chase (October 7, 1797 – March 7, 1869) was First Mate of the whale ship Essex, that was struck and sunk by a sperm whale on October 28, 1820. Chase wrote about the incident in Narrative of the Most Extraordinary and Distressing Shipwreck of the Whale-Ship Essex. This book, published in 1821, would inspire Herman Melville to write Moby-Dick. (Wikipedia)

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