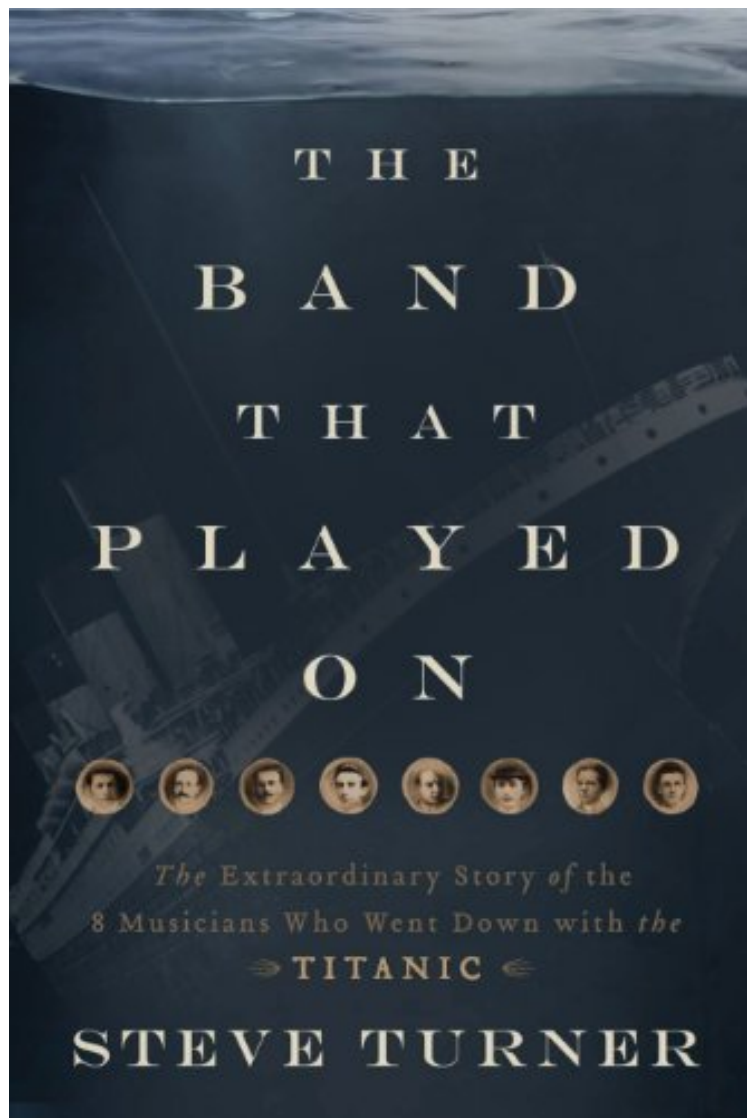


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Comprehensive biography, though a bit on the dry side  
Who hasn't heard of the Titanic's tragic fate? Most of us will have seen one of the many movies or even read one of the various books about this event. While there is plenty of literature available, only little is known about the band that played on board until the bitter end. With *The Band That Played On* Steve Turner presents a fascinating look at the lives of these eight men, starting with their early careers, how they became musicians and were then ultimately hired to play on the maiden voyage of the Titanic. The reader will also learn about what survivors remember about those last hours on the Titanic and, ultimately, a lot of questions will forever remain unanswered - whether or not "Nearer My God to Thee" was played in the final moments or whether these men played voluntarily or under orders. As far as biographies go this is certainly one of the best researched books I've ever read, with a good balance of facts and speculations on the events. Yet at the same time it is so highly detailed that it ends up being a little, pardon my expression, dry. For everyone interested in history and fans of the Titanic surely a must-read, the book did drag a bit during some chapters, but was nonetheless a worthwhile read. In short: A highly comprehensive biography of the lives of the eight musicians that went down with the Titanic.  
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