

PIERETTE SIMPSON believes she survived the *Andrea Doria* disaster to tell what really happened on that foggy night on the Atlantic in 1956. Her first book, *Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History*, is the only all-inclusive shipwreck account written by a survivor. It was published in Italy as *L'ultima notte dell'Andrea Doria*.

Ms. Simpson's books inspired two documentaries: "PBS: Secrets of the Dead—*Andrea Doria*" and "La Lunga Notte dell'*Andrea Doria*" in Italy.

Her new novel, *I Was Shipwrecked Andrea Doria! The Titanic of the 1950s*, is intended to inspire a new generation of marine scientists who will provide enhanced safety of life on our seas.

The author is member of the national marine forensics committee of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. Her goal is to continue working with marine scientists and shipwreck divers to improve safety on our seas. Ms. Simpson also realizes her goal by telling her personal survival story to varied audiences.

Her former career included teaching foreign languages for thirty-seven years. The author now resides in Michigan, (U.S.) where she enjoys the company of her special companion, friends, family, and her two Siamese cats—when she's not traveling abroad.

Current Involvement:

>> Promoting her young adult novel, *I Was Shipwrecked on the Andrea Doria! The Titanic of the 'Fifties*, of historical fiction to inspire awareness of marine sciences, especially marine forensics

>> Serving on the steering committee for the First International Marine Forensics Symposium in D.C., April 2012. Also, serving as co-organizer of the Student Program

Publications:

☐ *Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History*

☐ *L'ultima notte dell'Andrea Doria*

☐ *I Was Shipwrecked on the Andrea Doria! The Titanic of the 1950s*

☐ Short stories and articles in periodicals

Recognition/Awards

- ☒ *Alive on the Andrea Doria* received Honorable Mention from the New England Book Festival and the Hollywood Book Festivals for the print and audio versions respectively.
- ☒ Amazon.com has rated Pierette as a best-selling author in three categories: maritime science, ships and shipwrecks, and admiralty law.
- ☒ Michigan Foreign Language Teacher of the Year (1994-95) by the Michigan Foreign Language Association
- ☒ Induction in the Farmington Public Schools Teachers' Hall of Fame.
- ☒ "The Collegian Award" from her alma mater, Wayne State University.
- ☒ "Piemontese Protagonista", from Pierette's native Italian region for her leadership and patriotism via publication

Platform:

- Recently interviewed by 13 media as a shipwreck survival expert relating to the Costa Concordia tragedy— major local TV and radio stations, including Fox News, ABC, WGN and WLW, and the New York Times:
<http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/01/17/italian-ship-accident-stirs-memories-of-the-andrea-doria/>
- Book launch (new novel) with national publicity at the First International Marine Forensics Symposium in D.C., April 2012. James Cameron is featured presenter.
- Presenting with the national chairman of marine forensics at the above symposium: "The Loss of the Andrea Doria", a technical paper
- Member of the national marine forensics committee for the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME)
- Collaborating with maritime societies in planning the symposium: Marine Technology Society, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Marine Association for Technical Education, and Sea Perch Technologies (20,000+ members)
- Appearances on national and international media, including "CBS Sunday Morning" with Charles Osgood, NPR, WGN
- Name recognition for several hundred speaking events in five years, including the American Library Association Annual Conference, the prestigious Explorers Club of Manhattan, Ameriprise Financial Services, maritime organizations, libraries, schools, and universities
- Monthly newsletter, SOS: Survival On Our Seas
- Website and blog: www.pierettesimpson.com
- Facebook and LinkedIn connections, circa 500

