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Gerda Nielsen is on her way from Brooklyn to Liverpool aboard the ill-fated Lusitania in 1915.

Jack Walsh is returning to England, ready to take up a post developing new types of portable field telephones to help the war effort. Unmarried, he's keen to settle and as he and Gerda spend more and more time onboard together they realise that each has found someone very special.

But it's the afternoon before they dock in Liverpool, and tragedy strikes. As the torpedoed ship lists to one side Jack and Gerda must make frightening decisions that become a matter of life or death ...

A beautiful, romantic and moving tale based on a true story.

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Erin says

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I don't want to toot my own horn or anything, but my Cover Cliché series at Flashlight Commentary is one of my favorites. The posts are fun to compose, they are surprisingly popular, and they inspire some great discussions, but they've also caused me to consider the various titles I feature which is how I found myself purchasing a copy of Gill Paul's *We Sink or Swim Together*

I featured the book in *Unspoken Attraction* last April, but it was the jacket description that captured my imagination. I was familiar with the sinking, but short of the made-for-tv movie starring John Hannah, had never seen it adapted and was curious to see if an author could pull off a shipboard romance on a doomed ocean liner that didn't read like a cheap imitation of James Cameron's epic.

Did Paul succeed? Yes and no. At only thirty pages in length – the final third of the book is actually an excerpt from Paul's *No Place for a Lady* - the story is hardly comprehensive. That said, I felt the author made creative use of the material despite the limitations created by format. The characters are fairly simple and can't be considered memorable by any means, but the love story provides a sweet sort of distraction for those who appreciate lighter lit with a historic twist.

Jeanette montgomery says

A quick and easy read.

A great story and liked the characters.

Lisa Bentley says

What is it about sunken ships that seem so romantic? I mean they are essentially stories of death, heartbreak, panic, loss, destruction and traumatic experiences yet it is easy for people to find the love story within. James Cameron did it with *Titanic* and now Gill Paul (an author with a reputation of writing historical shipboard romances) has found the love story among the *Lusitania*.

The story focuses on the real life romance of Jack Welsh and Gerda Neilson who fell in love aboard the *Lusitania* only to face the tragedy of the ship being hit by a wartime torpedo that nearly tore the couple apart. In this short story, Gill Paul manages to convey the desperation and terror that passengers must have felt as they tried to get away from the *Lusitania* as it rapidly sank to the depths of the Irish Sea. She makes you believe that the power of love saved this tragic couple who had met and fell in love only days before. She pulls at the old heartstrings.

We Sink or Swim Together is a harrowing little short that will have you gasping for breath until the last

page.

We Sink or Swim Together by Gill Paul is available now.

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Graceann says

I like Gill Paul a lot - probably because the first book I read by her, *Women and Children First*, was about the Titanic, so I was predisposed to be interested. The setting for this little story is the Lusitania, in May of 1915. I started it expecting a love story, and *We Sink or Swim Together* delivered beautifully.

Gerda Nielson was returning to her family after working in the States for five years. On the ship, she meets Jack Welsh, who is also heading back to England. An instant rapport occurs....

I would hope that most people would know why the Lusitania is an important backdrop. Gill Paul seems to be drawn to writing about shipboard drama, and she does it well. She's got a lot to delve into for future books, too, so she's given herself a great launching pad. I enjoyed this little "keep the fans entertained" story that helped me bide my time until I start the next novel.

Jules (Never enough time to read) says

This was a great wee short that kept me hooked to the very last page.

I am quite excited to have discovered a new author to add to my ever growing TBR pile.
