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Is Titanic Rising? is a novel that revolves around the resurfacing of the ship Titanic and the attempts to understand and explain why some worry that it is a danger and others plot how to most profitably exploit it.

After 83 years in pieces on the ocean floor the RMS Titanic surfaces on her own, seemingly restored and intact. No one can explain how that is possible so as U.S., Canadian, and British authorities rush to take charge, the focus is on why it has happened and if the ship is a danger to anyone. One theory that becomes popular is that the spirit of strong-willed and determined Marie Fleming, who was lost with the ship, brought it back up to be reunited with her 99 year old fiancé Oliver Nessler before he dies. The story of their romance, told in a book published days before the event, includes her claims in 1912 to have a special amulet that assured the couple could not be permanently separated. Reluctant seer Adrian Barakat predicts the ship's rise and warns of great destruction if she reaches New York. He can sense the state of things, warn the Navy which of their actions increases the danger, and try to calm all those involved. He says any damage will be unintended effects of the frustration of the feminine entity he senses but does not fully understand and cannot communicate with that made the ship rise. Ruthless entrepreneur Evelyn Higham buys the rights to the ship if she ever rises on her own. Once the ship does rise she threatens, interferes, agitates, and provokes Barakat, the Navy, and the force, whatever it is, that controls the ship and is actively repelling attempts to board.

Higham manages to get aboard. There she attempts an exorcism to rid it of any ghost or spirit. She doesn't get to finish that but her attempt riles up the force which causes great local agitation and fits with what Barakat predicts if the ship reaches port. Higham pays a heavy price for her attack.

Telling his girlfriend that he thought he knew the power of love but the Fleming-Nessler romance has made him revise his estimates, he proposes. Barakat's puts his fears aside and risks his life to try to calm the force that he now believes is Marie Fleming enough to let them bring her fiancée to meet the ship and achieve what Barakat has finally recognized as Fleming's great yearning and goal.

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