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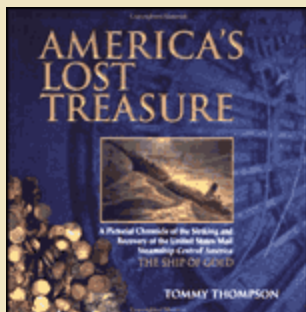
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TOMMY THOMPSON'S — AMERICA'S LOST TREASURE

By Tommy Thompson. [Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea](#) nudged more than one evening's reading into the dark morning hours. Tommy Thompson's [America's Lost Treasure](#) takes things one giant leap even further down the road to what could be considered **THE** Treasure Tale of the 20th Century. This book is a fantastic history lesson, two exciting and intertwined adventure stories, and a picture text on how to do new and wonderful things. It is a coffee-table companion to Gary Kinder's [Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea](#), and neither book is really complete without the other.

The awesome pictures in [America's Lost Treasure](#) are exactly what the numismatic world has been clamoring for since the discovery and beginning of the salvage of the SS Central America first hit the news in

1988. The lavish use of 19th century pictures, drawings, and accounts of the sailing and sinking of the SS *Central America* add to the careful archaeological records of the search and salvage of her wreck. But far the most impressive thing in this book are the stunning pictures of the tons of gold coins and bars both scattered on the deep ocean floor and arranged for display after recovery. For an entertaining and educational read and two great adventure stories — one in 1857 and one in the 1980s — I highly recommend both **America's Lost Treasure** by Tommy Thompson and **Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea** by Gary Kinder.

- **Hardcover:** 192 pages
- **Publisher:** Atlantic Monthly Press (December 1998)
- **ISBN:** 0871137321



America's Lost Treasure

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Reviews

★★★★★ For the Scientist, Historian and Preservationist

Bravo! This is an excellent book. It showcases the ability of science, history and preservation to complement each other. Combined with "Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea," one appreciates the manner in which lives were touched by the tragedy and the recovery. The entrepreneurial drive that resulted in a skillful, scientific recovery of the ship is motivational. The pictures may make it real, but one's imagination and holistic understanding make it compelling.

★★★★★ The Picture Companion to Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea

Tommy Thompson is one methodical scientist. He found a ship that sank in the Atlantic Ocean in 1857 that had eluded searchers for 130 years. He has taken the same methodical approach in creating this book "America's Lost Treasure."

Gary Kinder wrote a 1998 bestseller on Thompson's search entitled "Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea." It is one of the best pageturners I have ever read! More amazing is that it actually happened! The ship was the United States Mail Steamship "*Central America*" which was making rounds between the Atlantic coast of Panama and New York City during the California Gold Rush era. She was a side paddlewheeler steamship and was hauling a huge cargo of gold ingots, freshly minted gold coins, gold nuggets, and gold dust along with 38,000 pieces of mail and 578 passengers.

Much of the gold was being brought to New York to shore up the bullion holdings of banks that had been putting out too much paper money without the available gold reserves to back it. Most of the passengers were returning from the Gold Rush; many were women and children. The ship sank after a heroic battle with a hurricane in 1857 off the Carolinas taking about 425 lives with her and all the gold.

Both books chronicle Thompson's epic adventure finding the ship and recovering the gold down 8000 feet underwater where even the US Navy couldn't effectively recover items. Kinder's book clocks in at over 500 riveting pages but, is largely without pictures of all the incredible finds. "America's Lost Treasure" fills in that photographic void quite admirably in its 186 pages.

"America's Lost Treasure" is broken down into a background history of America at the time leading up to the *Central America's* sinking, a detailed account of the *CA's* fateful last voyage, a background of the equipment and people involved in the search and rediscovery of the *CA*, the discovery of the ship and the 'Garden of Gold,' a review of the personal items found at the bottom other than the gold, and a section on the other scientific discoveries made at the site such as decay processes and new species of life found.

There are hordes of very appropriate photographs that perfectly illustrate the topic discussed in

