

*Titanic Sisters*, Patricia Falvey

The year is 1911. Delia and Nora are sisters, living on a small farm near Donegal, Ireland with their parents. Both young women know the limitations of the lives they are living, in spite of their very different way of looking at themselves. An amazing opportunity for change comes when a letter arrives from America, with money for passage on the Titanic. A cousin has passed away, and as a dying wish she had asked her husband send for one of her cousins to come and serve as the governess for her young daughter. But which sister will have the opportunity?

Delia is the scholar, but Nora is her mother's favorite. It quickly becomes Nora's golden opportunity. As the day for leaving approaches however, Delia's father steps in and finds a way to provide passage for Delia as well, in part by changing Nora's first class ticket to steerage. A housekeeping job is also arranged for her in New York. The discord between the two sister has never been stronger than when they settle into the same small cabin on the Titanic.

In the confusion of the sinking of the Titanic the women are separated in two different lifeboats. Delia holds all of their paperwork. Hours later, upon being rescued, Delia searches for her sister without results. When she arrives in New York she is told Nora is not listed among the survivors. As she leaves the dock, two different people are waiting...one with a sign "Delia", one with a sign "Nora". Who will she be?