



Sea History FOR KIDS



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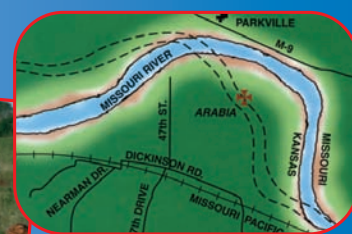
A Cargo of History Buried in a Kansas Field



Illustration by Gary Lucy

Greg Hawley and his family discovered a missing steamboat, still loaded with 19th-century cargo, hidden 45 feet beneath a cornfield in Kansas. The steamboat *Arabia* disappeared from memory soon after it sank in the Missouri River in 1856. The entire vessel was washed over with

sand and silt until the river changed course and left the 171-foot steamboat buried. For more than 130 years farm crops grew over the spot and local folks occasionally spoke of the old stories about the lost ship and her wonderful cargo. When Greg and his family went to search for the ship they started in the local library, which was loaded with clues, including newspaper articles and maps from 1856. They tracked down the *Arabia* and salvaged its full cargo of guns, wine, coins and personal luggage. The Hawley family opened the Steamboat Arabia Museum in Kansas City to give others the opportunity to discover the story of *Arabia* and study her amazing cargo of artifacts reclaimed from America's pioneering days.



STOLEN!

One of the most valuable paintings in history is missing! *Christ in a Storm on the Sea of Galilee* is the only seascape painted by the Dutch master artist Rembrandt van Rijn (Rembrandt). Late on the night of 18 March 1990, a pair of art thieves recklessly slashed this painting and others

from their frames and took them from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. Experts believe the thieves stashed the Rembrandt in a vault or warehouse. The pieces taken that night are worth as much as \$300



Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston

million dollars and a large reward has been offered for information leading to their return. None of the paintings has yet been recovered but investigators believe that, although it may take many years, someday Rembrandt's maritime masterpiece will surface.

X-WING FIGHTING SHIPS?

The US Navy's newest experimental ship looks more like a futuristic space ship than the wooden sailing vessels from which it evolved. *Sea Shadow* was designed to allow the Navy to test their stealth technology and state-of-the-art, satellite-guided weapons. It skims over the waves on an inverted-V-shaped hull. The *Sea Shadow*

can steer itself and even fire its own weapons using its artificial intelligence system. The ship was built in complete secrecy and is operated by Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space Company. No wonder it looks like a spaceship!

