

CRICKET Magazine for Children Features *Andrea Doria* Shipwreck Survivor and Author in October Issue

Literary children's magazine, CRICKET, features the article "The Andrea Doria Is Sinking" in its October 2009 issue. The story highlights moments of terror experienced by Novi, Michigan shipwreck survivor/author as she immigrated to America in 1956.

Novi, Michigan October 20, 2009—"The Andrea Doria Is Sinking" is a true account of 9 ½ year old Piera as she experiences the most calamitous collision in history between two ocean liners. The article was written by children's author, Charlotte Adelsperger, who interviewed her friend/survivor Pierette Domenica Simpson (her present name). According to Simpson, the article is true to her experience:

"Suddenly she heard a loud noise—like an explosion. People stopped singing and dancing and froze in fright. The beautiful liner began to lean toward the starboard side... Screams of the darkened filled Piera's years, and she began to cry. Piera and *Nonna*, her grandmother, clung to each other. "Where's *Nonno*? Piera cried.

To depict intimate details of Piera's struggle to survive, Adelsperger read and sometimes paraphrased Simpson's autobiography in Chapter 1 of **Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History**, authored by Simpson.

"Charlotte recounted my family's story with integrity. CRICKET illustrated it with true to life art which captures actions and feelings beautifully. Both the author and illustrator of the article should be complimented for seizing my experience with historical accuracy."

Adelsperger drew from another inspiration involving the *Andrea Doria* tragedy. She had another surviving friend on the liner, Ann McKenzie Emerson, who has since passed on.

CRICKET, a literary publication for 9-12 year olds is chosen by librarians, teachers, and students who seek out high-quality fiction and nonfiction. The magazine features poetry, story, art, and photography contests. "The New Yorker for children", as it wishes to be regarded, is published nationally by Carus Publishing.

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