

# UNSUNG: The Accidental Villains of History

## Synopsis

UNSUNG features catchy tunes and sharp wit that comically reimagines seven different historical events and the famous figures who inadvertently caused some of the world's greatest disasters.

Our first story is that of the **Titanic** tragedy. Lottie McAurthur, a fifteen year old student, is on trial for causing added loss of life by only building half the amount of lifeboats needed. The White Star Line Company hired only her to build all the lifeboats for the largest ship in history. Lottie explains that she, like the public, was told the ship was "Unsinkable" and argues the job was too big to be taken on by one person.

Story two is set during the **Stock Market Crash** of 1929. Here we meet Steven, a ticker boy with big dreams of working the stock market floor. When he shares that he's bought his first share, the floor workers ridicule him, causing him to pull all the paper out of the ticker tape machine. He thinks it will make the market go faster as it will speed up the rate of return. He only breaks the machine, causing the crash and later Great Depression.

Story three tells the myth of the **Trojan Horse**. The Greek soldiers and their wooden horse arrive at the gates of Troy to find Calvin, the Trojan soldier assigned to guard them. Calvin takes one look at the horse and thinks it's real. He LOVES horses! The soldiers take advantage of Calvin's optimism and he lets them enter and ransack Troy. Calvin is banished but he still has not lost hope for a better, more peaceful world for him and his horsey.

The fourth story follows Guy, a watermelon salesman in Revolutionary France who created the **Guillotine** (or should I say Guy-o-tine) to improve production for his melon business. The revolutionary committee takes his creation to perform public executions, killing many innocent people and eventually Guy himself.

Our fifth story is set during the **Chicago Fire**. The leading theory to this day is that the Chicago Fire was started by the O'Leary family cow. Elliot O'Leary has a secret rendezvous with Suzanne and they kick over the lantern. When the Town Officer questions them, they frame their cow and the cow is taken prisoner.

The sixth story is the tale of Johnny and Jamsey Jonsey, twin brothers who are sick and tired of their teacher Ms Annie Edison Taylor. To get rid of her forever they convince her to descend the **Niagara Falls** in a wooden barrel, thinking she surely won't survive. She does and becomes the first person in history to survive a trip down the falls.

Our final story is that of the **Moon Landing**, only there were four astronauts on Apollo 11. Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Mike Collins, and Josie Moore. Only once back on Earth, Josie is

completely removed from any record of having gone to the Moon! Seeking revenge she spreads the conspiracy theories that still haunt the Landing today.