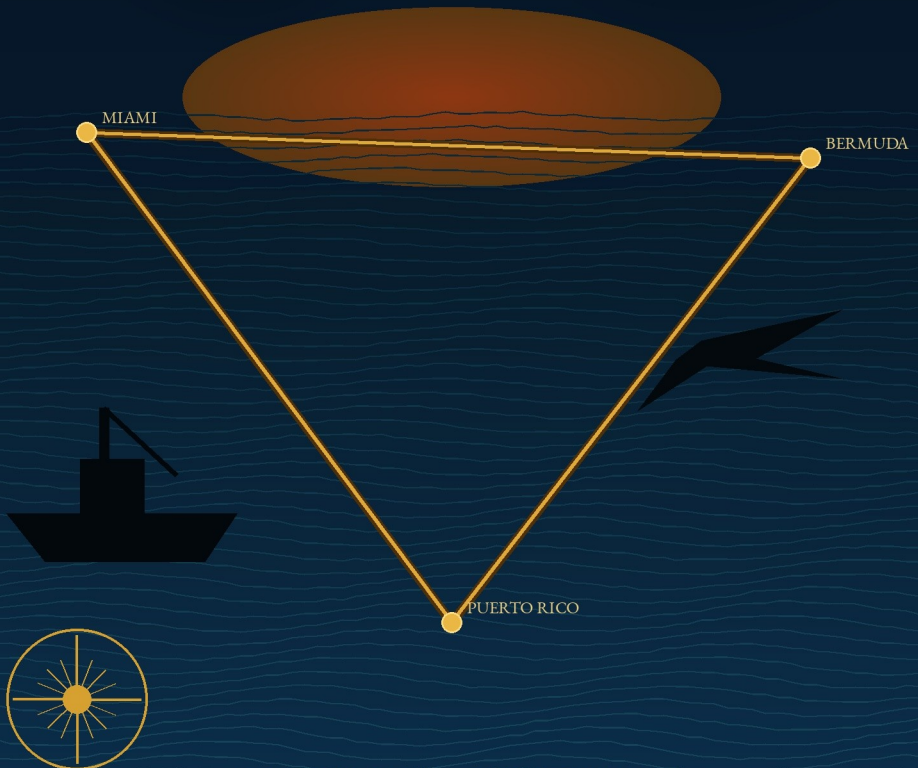


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PREFACE

The Bermuda Triangle is one of the rare modern legends whose name is more famous than its geography. Ask where it begins and ends and different maps give different answers. Ask what makes it dangerous and the explanations range from hurricanes and navigation error to magnetic forces, Atlantis, UFOs and distortions in time. The story has survived because it sits at the boundary between documented tragedy and cultural imagination.

This book begins with a simple rule: every mystery deserves to be separated into three layers - what happened, what the surviving evidence supports, and what later storytelling added. Some cases in the Triangle are genuinely unresolved. USS Cyclops vanished in 1918 with more than three hundred people aboard and no confirmed wreck. Flight 19 disappeared in 1945 after fragmentary radio traffic revealed serious disorientation. Other famous cases become less mysterious when official reports are read in full.

The sea itself also matters. The region contains the Gulf Stream, shallow banks, reefs, deep ocean basins, violent tropical weather and some of the busiest shipping and aviation routes in the Atlantic. A wreck can disappear quickly into water thousands of meters deep. A disabled vessel can drift far from its last known position. Before satellites and modern forecasting, a storm could be both fast-moving and poorly observed.

The goal is not to kill the mystery. It is to find the real one. When exaggerations are removed, what remains is often more compelling: the limits of navigation, the violence of the ocean, the fragility of machines, and a handful of losses whose final moments may never be reconstructed with certainty.

PART I - THE LEGEND TAKES SHAPE

Evidence first. Legend second.