In the story it states that they brought the Mary Celeste back to sell goods from it. The only thing was that they needed a court order. The historic fact from the story is true. The facts that prove that the information in the story is true are:

* According to the last entry in the ships log book the Mary Celeste was within sight of the Azones island of Santa Maria, some 500 miles from where the Dia Gratia would find it nine days later.
* An Island in the Azones is nearly 400 miles from where the Mary Celeste was found.
  + History.com
  + Unsolved History from History Enigmatic Events

In the story it states that they lied in the newspaper. The historic fact from the story is true. The facts that prove the information is true are:

* In 1884 J.Habakuk Jephson’s sensationalistic account, printed in Cornhill magazine set off waves of theorizing about the ships fate.
* Smithsonian.com

In the authors note it states that bad weather whirlpools-even icebergs were said to have damaged the Mary Celeste or frightened the crew to abandon the ship. The historic fact from the story is false. The facts to prove the information in the story is false are:

* A waterspout blew off the hatch covers and dumped so much water into the hold that men thought the ship was sinking. The barrels of alcohol gave off a flammable fumes and fearing explosion, they abandoned the ship.
* Rough seas and clogged on board pump could have led Briggs to order the ship abandoned shortly after sighting land on November 25, 1872.
* Unsolved History Enigmatic Events
* History.com/Maryceleste

In the authors note it states that the Mary Celeste set sail from the New York Harbor on November 1872. One month later, she was discovered completely undamaged off the coast of Portugal by the Dei Gratia. The historic fact from the story is true. The facts to prove the information is true are:

* On November 7, 1872, Benjamin Briggs sailed the Mary Celeste out of New York Harbor.
* December 5, the crew of the Dei Gratia sighted the Mary Celeste.
* Unsolved History Enigmatic Events

Three additional facts about the Mary Celeste are:

* There was no sign of the captain, his family, or crew. There was nobody at the wheel or anywhere above decks.
* Onboard were the ship’s captain, Benjamin S. Briggs, his wife, Sarah and their 2 year old daughter, Sofia, along with eight crew members. The Mary Celeste had a shadowy past.
* The ship seemed ill-fated almost from the day it was launched in 1861. The Mary Celeste should have been sailing southeast, but when the crew of the Dei Gratia spotted her, she was heading the opposite direction.
* Unsolved History Enigmatic Events
* History.com/MaryCeleste

To learn more about the Mary Celeste:

[www.history.com/ask-history-what-happened-to-the-Mary-Celste](http://www.history.com/ask-history-what-happened-to-the-Mary-Celste)

The artifact that represents the story and the time period is a boat because it represents the Mary Celeste. The artifact represents the story because it is about an abandoned ship where the crew was never found.