

Sextant Sea And Solitude

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Rowing for My Life - Kathleen Saville 2017-01-17

In the tradition of Cheryl Strayed's *Wild*, one's woman's transformational journey rowing across the savage sea—twice. Just out of college, newly wed, and set up with her husband Curt in a small town in New York, Kathleen Saville quickly realized that an ordinary life working for a better used car and a home with a mortgage would never satisfy her thirst for freedom and adventure. The year before, she and Curt had retraced Henry David Thoreau's canoe journey through the Maine Woods, and both were veteran rowers. Inspired, she suggested that they row across the Atlantic Ocean. Returning to her hometown, living on a shoestring, they built their own twenty-five-foot ocean rowboat. They set out from Morocco and, tested by adverse currents, gales, and their own inexperience, accomplished the near impossible. Three years later, while they attempted to row across the Pacific, Curt was washed overboard and lost their sextant—their only means of navigation. Now, besides confronting fatigue, storms, sharks, and deadly reefs, they had to find a way to avoid becoming lost at sea and succumbing to starvation. Their ordeal in completing their crossing exposed the fissures in their marriage, and in this and subsequent adventures, Kathleen was forced to confront the difference between courage and foolhardiness. Cinematic, suspenseful, heartbreaking, and ultimately triumphant, her story of an unraveling marriage is also the account of finding her true self amid the life-and-death challenges at sea. "It is easier to sail many thousand miles through cold and storm and cannibals, in a government ship, with five hundred men and boys to assist one, than it is to explore the private sea, the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean of one's being alone."—Henry David Thoreau

Australian National Bibliography - 1989

Emergency Navigation - David F. Burch 1989-11

"Emergency Navigation is far more generally applicable than the title indicates. It is, first and foremost, a detailed account of how to find your position anywhere in the world's oceans after your electronics fail and you lose your sextant, watch, and almanac, but that's really only the beginning. The book is chock-full of good sound navigational techniques and principles that will serve you well regardless of where and under what conditions you are sailing. Hopefully you will never be confronted by the need for emergency navigation, but even the most pleasurable sailing afternoon can be enlivened by a knowledge of the skills and methods taught in this book. Each chapter presumes a fundamental understanding of navigational principles, then deepens and expands that understanding to embrace little-known techniques and makeshift instruments. Beginning with the assumption that preparing for a navigational emergency is good seamanship, Burch presents detailed discussions on finding time and place at sea; determining direction; steering by wind and swells; steering by the stars; steering by the sun; and steering by other objects in the sky. You will also find chapters on steering under conditions of reduced visibility; piloting in currents; dead reckoning; latitude and longitude; and no-instrument coastal piloting. A final summary tells you what to do in any situation with what you have available at the time. David Burch writes lucidly, and the text is well supported by 127 detailed illustrations. This book offers excellent insights into sound seamanship that will serve you well in all your sailing activities. "A standout in the otherwise faceless navigation texts that passthrough our offices. Anyone venturing offshore should read this book thoroughly."--"Yachting Magazine "Opens the way to pleasurable understanding in a definitive work of instant appeal to seamen of all levels of experience. Full insights into nautical astronomy rarely seen in standard works. . . . Full of sound seamanship for coastal and open water mariners alike."--"The Navigation Foundation "Gives one a deeper understanding of the basic principles of navigation . . . a great store of knowledge which may serve you well in an emergency but will also give much pleasure off watch whilst improving your seamanship in the process."--"British Cruising Association Bulletin "Thorough and authoritative. . . . chapters on steering by the stars, sun, and moon stir the imagination and make one want to be a thousand miles from land . . . Gives us a better understanding of the signposts above the horizon than

we might gain from a lifetime of random gazing."--"Sea Kayaker Magazine "Far more than an essay on the principles and practice of emergency navigation, it is a particularly well-written account of the principles of navigation in general and as such cannot fail to bring fresh insights to all of us. Every section and paragraph is permeated with sound practical seamanship . . . Apart from its other virtues, this alone makes it worthwhile."--from the foreword by David Lewis (author of "We, the Navigators and "Ice Bird) "Clearly written in a readable fashion . . . the work is so well thought out and covers so many possibilities that both a beginner and the most experienced navigator will find something of value in its pages. Worth every penny of its cost."--"The Burgee Magazine *Sailing Into Solitude* - Val Howells 1966

Sea Change - Peter Nichols 2018-08-02

Sea Change is Peter Nichols' first book, a biographical account of his own dramatic adventure. When his marriage ended, Nichols had to sell the only thing he and his wife owned - their boat. With only his sextant, his instincts as a seasoned sailor and his memories of a floundering marriage, he sets out from England to sail to America to sell his beloved boat, Toad. Halfway across the Atlantic, Toad springs a leak. As the sea floods in faster, Nichols tries everything to stay afloat, desperately pumping the water out by hand. He loses the battle after three days and is forced to abandon Toad. This is more than a sea-tale. It is the painful story of his marriage, his boat and himself.

Sanders - Hugh Schmitt 1988

From Australia with Love - Juliet Flesch 2004

Challenges the view that this fiction is conservative, uniform and unchanging. It examines the 'Australianness' of Australian romance writing and considers the attitudes of several authors in relation to gender and race issues. Juliet Flesch is with the University of Melbourne. To the Sea - Tony Meisel 2000

This huge book captures on the page the fascination and allure of the deep oceans, the incredible challenge they pose and the unrelenting demands they make of man's endurance and resolve, in exciting stories illustrated by more than 360 dramatic full colour photographs, paintings, charts and drawings. DISCOVERING THE SEAS - Exploration, Adventure & Commerce - The Great Sailors - The Age of Discovery - Means of Passage - SAILORS AND BOATS - Evolution of Ship Design - Legendary Shipwrights - Anatomy of a Sailing Boat - Wooden Boat Construction - Ropes & Rigging - Deck Gear and Safety Equipment - NAVIGATING THE OCEAN - Early Instinct - Dead Reckoning - Celestial Navigation - Sextant, Compass & Chronometer - Feats of Navigation - Global Positioning Electronics - SEA AND LAND - Wind, Tide & Breakers - Breakwaters and Harbours - Cape Horn - Beacons and Lighthouses - Lightships - VOYAGES - The Origins of Voyaging - Singlehandling - Epic Challenges - Circumnavigation - Small Craft - Whalers - Rescue at Sea - RACING AGAINST THE ELEMENTS - Great Races - Extraordinary Tragedies - Crew and Equipment - Racing into the 21st Century - Raising a Spinnaker - STORMS AND DISASTERS - Hurricanes - Typhoons - Monsoons - Tsunami - Shipwrecks - Sirens & Serpents - *A Clear Calling* - David Austin 2011-07-31

SHORTLISTED FOR THE COMMONWEALTH WRITERS' PRIZE From when he was twelve years old Robert Radnor had been in love with the idea of being a sailor. And a sailor he became, at home on the sea as other men were on land. Until the year of 1948, on board the steamship Golden Delta, serving as first officer under Captain Peeke, when Radnor's uncanny intuition about the sea and its ways suddenly deserts him and he finds himself alone with the sea, with his fear and with his terrifying foreknowledge.

On Scattered Shores - Yaja 2019-03-14

The sea is a harsh mistress, forever testing the worthiness of those she holds close to her breast lest they become complacent and fall in her estimation. The men who hear that calling and respond to it seldom sway from it, for soon it is in their blood; but for the unfortunate few that err in their choice, she is quick to condemn them to the backwaters of seafaring history. On Scattered Shores is a collection of six sea stories. Each story is different, and together, they sketch the many moods and colours of a life at sea. From the perils of the unpredictable elements

that test one's courage and character, to the battles within, of loneliness and despair. From fleeting love and its lasting memories, to love betrayed and its terrible consequences. Of mystical bonds that can only happen when man is one with the universe, far removed from the clutter of life ashore, these stories tell of the men who sail these ships, and the unique world they inhabit. Sail away on a voyage of romance and adventure, and feel the taste of salt and the whip of the wind in each of these tales.

[Alone on a Wide Wide Sea; In Three Volumes](#) - William Clark Russell 2023-09-28

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Alone on a Wide Wide Sea - William Clark Russell 2023-09-05

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The Solitude of the Open Sea - Gregory Newell Smith 2023

This is not a How-To Book. Rather, Smith draws on his 50,000 miles of blue water sailing, and a lifetime of world travels, to describe what it's really like to be out there--on your own, far away from family, friends, and the societal safety nets we have come to depend on. From a terrifying storm in the Tasman Sea, to the befuddlement of a Fijian kava ceremony, to the intimate relationship with the stars for sextant navigation, Smith tells would-be-adventurers how it feels to experience the pleasures and trials of extended travel. These days, with the internet, sailing blogs, and GPS, cruising may seem less daunting, but the ocean--the Open Sea--still remains the greatest challenge of all.

Australia - Ludovic marquis de Beauvoir 1870

A Voyage for Madmen - Peter Nichols 2001-05-22

On April 22, 1969 -- three months before Neil Armstrong's walk on the Moon -- the world watched as a small sailboat came ashore at Falmouth, England, completing a voyage of astonishing courage and endurance that would forever alter our ongoing adventure with the sea. Ten months earlier, nine very different men had set off in small and ill-equipped boats, determined to do the impossible: sail around the world alone and without stopping, to win the race dubbed the Golden Globe. Only one of the nine would cross the finish line -- to fame, wealth, and glory. For the others, the rewards would be despair, madness, and death. The men were inspired by Sir Francis Chichester, who had become a national hero in Britain for stopping only once (in Australia) while sailing alone around the world. Suddenly what had seemed impossible-to circumnavigate the world alone and nonstop -- now appeared within reach. For nine driven men -- among them Robin Knox-Johnston, a young Merchant Marine captain; Bernard Moitessier, a French mystic; Donald Crowhurst, a brilliant, troubled electrical engineer; and Chay Blyth, an Army sergeant who had rowed across the Atlantic in 1966 but did not know how to sail a gauntlet had been thrown down, a challenge they found themselves overwhelmingly and inexplicably compelled to accept. Though the Golden Globe race was the progenitor of (and inspiration for) the Vendee

Globe and the Race of the Millennium, its participants had more in common with Captain Cook and Ferdinand Magellan than with today's high-tech sailor. There was no satellite navigational system, no onboard computer, no cell phone or fax line connecting them to the world beyond -- or to possible rescuers. They survived on their wits and ingenuity, navigating by sextant, sun, and stars. Their most sophisticated technology -- when it worked -- was a radio. A Voyage for Madmen is a remarkable story of individuals against the sea, of men driven by their dreams and demons to live for months on end in a cabin roughly the size of a Volkswagen. To succeed they must endure the harshest of weather; stave off unimaginable loneliness in the forbidding Southern Ocean; navigate unassisted through the world's most treacherous waters off the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn; and, time and again, face -- alone -- those fateful moments when a single decision could mean the difference between life and death. With a novelist's eye for detail and a seaman's knowledge of the joys and perils of blue water, Peter Nichols has crafted a classic tale of endurance and adventure -- a fitting chronicle of how these obsessed sailors, "in their puny and inadequate boats, undertook the last great maritime feat...and how, one by one, the sea cut them down."

Adrift - Steven Callahan 1987

A NEW YORK TIMES bestseller, this true story tells the riveting, first-hand account of the only man in history to have survived more than a month alone at sea, fighting for his life in an inflatable raft after his small sloop capsized only six days out. Racked by hunger, buffeted by storms, and broiled by the tropical sun, Steven Callahan drifted over eighteen hundred miles of ocean, fighting off sharks with a makeshift spear, and watching nine ships pass by without turning back. Here is a story of anguish and horror, of undying heroism, hope--and survival.

Longitude - Dava Sobel 2011-04-28

The dramatic human story of an epic scientific quest: the search for the solution of how to calculate longitude and the unlikely triumph of an English genius. With a Foreword by Neil Armstrong.

Alone Over the Tasman Sea - Francis Chichester 2016-06-16

I had no money, could get no floats, my navigation was uncertain, plane inadequate. A true story filled with danger, adventure and achievement, *Alone Over The Tasman Sea* is Sir Francis Chichester's telling of his 1931 seaplane solo-flight over the Tasman Sea from New Zealand to Australia - the first of its kind. Told with dry wit and humour, Chichester recounts his perilous journey across uncharted sea and between remote islands, and how he overcame the many obstacles along the way. During an era when flight was still in its dangerous infancy, Chichester's pure reliance on his friends Instinct and Reason make this a fascinating tale of risk-taking, perseverance and courage.

[Australian Books in Print 1994](#) - Thorpe, D. W., Staff 1994-04

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