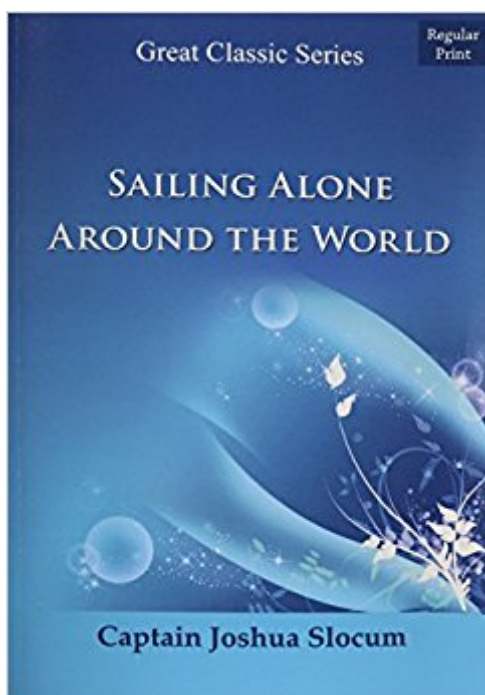


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Loved the description of captain Slocum's arrival when entering savage territory. Who would have ever thought of carpenter tags to fend off intruders. Would have loved to see more detailed maps of harbors. Recommend this book to anyone wanting to take on a journey around the world. Unbelievable to think one man can actually manage all the sails during a storm. It should be mentioned in Ripley's "Believe it or not".

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This is a book for sailors or wannabe sailors. If you have read about others sailing around the world alone, you must read this. This is the first guy that did it. Before GPS, or navigational aides other than lighthouses, sextants, and compasses. You will feel like you are there.

This book is an absolute must read. It was written by Joshua Slocum, the first man to circumnavigate the globe solo. He details some of the nautical aspects of the boat, sailing, weather, etc but spends an equal amount of time talking about the people and cultures he meets along the way, the troubles he faces and solutions to them. If you like sailing, or just adventure books in general this is one book you'll read more than once.

One of the best books on adventure and courage I have ever read. I frequently give this as a gift to clients in leadership positions. An excellent book that encourages introspection while being a ripping good story.

To fully enjoy this book you need maps of the voyage and the current "reprint" doesn't have them. The book itself is very readable and interesting but make sure you get a copy with maps of the voyage in it.

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