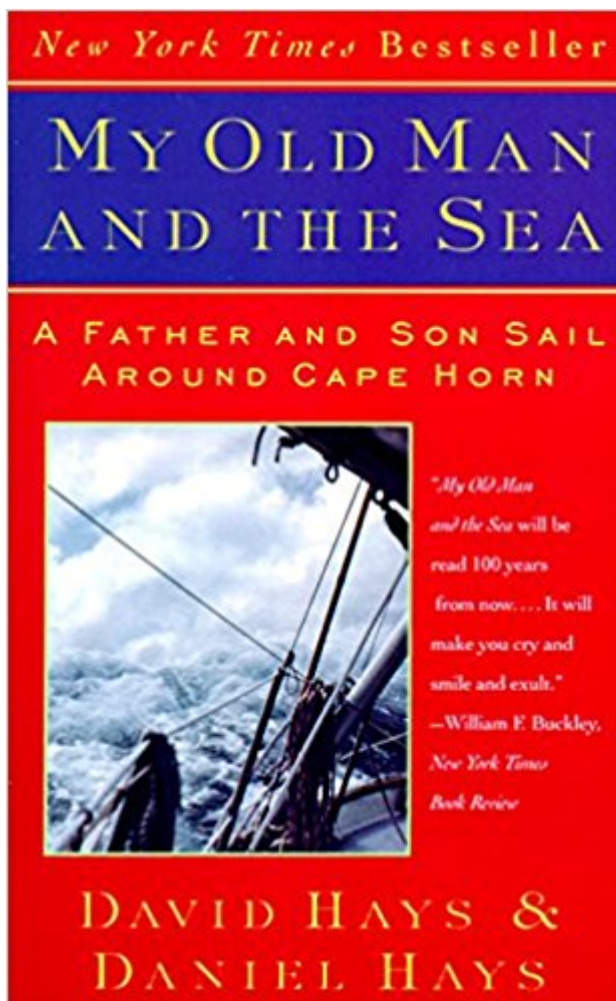


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My Old Man And The Sea: A Father And Son Sail Around Cape Horn



Synopsis

Some fathers and sons go fishing together. Some play ball. David Hays and Daniel Hays sailed 17,000 miles through the world's most feared and fabled waters in a little boat they built together. This is their story. Alone with nothing but the mammoth waves of the Southern Ocean, the unceasing wind, a compass, a sextant and a pet cat, they voyage down the Caribbean, through the Panama Canal, past the Galapagos Islands, beyond Easter Island and around their destination--Cape Horn. Father and son narrate in alternating fashion, their voices weaving together an engrossing story of travel, exploration and difficult, dangerous sailing. But more than a tale of adventure, this is a touching account of a father and son's rite of passage as they assess their complex and evolving relationship. Daniel, out of college and unsure of what he wants in his life, sees his father getting older, more forgetful. David deals with unresolved issues he had with his own father, fearful that he'll make the same mistakes with his son, yet frustrated that Daniel treats him like an old man. Moving, often hilarious, often poignant, *My Old Man and the Sea* is a rich and profound chronicle of their voyage of discovery. Every reader will identify with this uplifting story of a father and son who go down to the sea and find each other.

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Customer Reviews

David and Daniel Hays, father and son, designed and built a small boat together, then set out to sail it around the tip of South America, a journey that David had dreamed of ever since childhood. Along the way they fought and swore and sweated and shared triumphs large and small.

As a child, David Hays regarded sailing around Cape Horn as the ultimate adventure. Now, in middle age, he makes the voyage with his 24-year-old son, hoping to regain a youthful perspective on life. Daniel, just out of college, wanted time to think about commitment to a career. Together, they built a 25-foot sloop, Sparrow, and set out across the Caribbean, navigating by compass and sextant. Sparrow carried neither motor nor radar, only a two-way, short-range radio. Father and son take turns giving their accounts of the 17,000-mile voyage. Their course was through the Panama Canal, then south by way of the Galapagos and Easter Islands. On day 179, they passed the Horn, having made 230 miles in 36 hours without being able to search the sky for sights because of the weather; in return for that feat of navigation, Dan became the captain. It is an engaging adventure, and a remarkable story of a father-son relationship. First serial to Sailing magazine; author tour. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Wonderfully written chronology of an incredible voyage by a father and his son who both wrote sections from their perspective. During this journey the father transitioned from his son's former mentor and teacher to a secondary role as his son rose from student to leader. All fathers should read this account of how difficult, yet rewarding it is to pass the torch to one's son. I have given many copies of this to fathers along the way. .

Great story, and sea adventure. I highly recommend this book to both sailors and landlubbers! It is also a family love story, about the tense but intelligent relationship between a father and son.

A great read if you like adventure books that also illuminates the father/son relationship. Written by both father and son in diary style that overlaps which makes an interesting read. I put aside other books as this one was captivating.

Wonderful story. I had read the book years ago and bought this copy for a friend. They enjoyed it too.

great read!

Excellent story of sailing almost around the world

The more I read of My Old Man and the Sea the more I appreciated not only the experience of sailing but also the writing style. Truly both father and son are gifted writers. Humorous, exciting, educational, this book has it all. I am going to google their names to see what they are up to today. These are people I would really like to know personally. An exceptional book!

This father and son collaboration reminds me more of "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" than the many other voyaging books I've read. It's not as high on drama as you'd expect, instead the emphasis is on the relationship between the two. Clearly there was plenty of drama during the voyage, but it's understated here. Overall an absorbing book, and quite often funny. It's a pity it doesn't have more pictures (the only photos are on the cover), especially to emphasise the size of this tiny yacht.

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