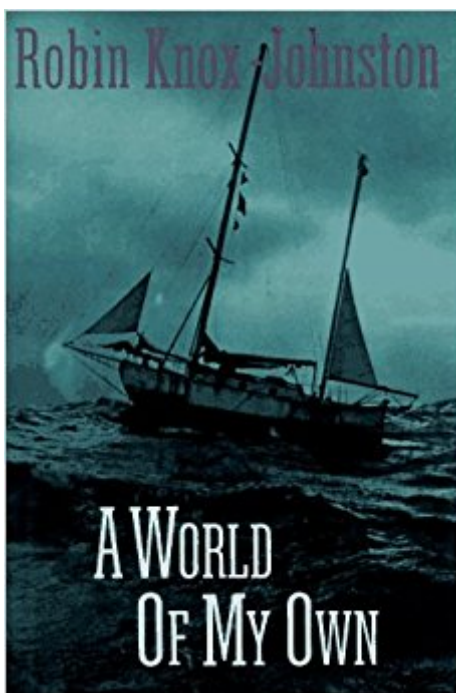


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# A World Of My Own (The Mariner's Library)



## Synopsis

Originally published in 1970, Robin Knox-Johnston's *A World of My Own* has become a treasured classic - the dramatic account of the first nonstop, single-handed voyage around the world, for which Knox-Johnston won the Sunday Times Golden Globe trophy. On June 14, 1968, *Suhaili*, a tiny ketch, slipped almost unnoticed out of Falmouth harbor while Knox-Johnston's family and a few friends waved goodbye to the solitary twenty-nine-year-old figure at the helm. His was an incredible adventure, a feat of endeavor and seamanship which will be unsurpassed and unforgotten. Sheer determination helped him survive every imaginable difficulty: Several knockdowns in the Southern Ocean, the disintegration of the self-steering system, polluted water tanks and acid burns were among the numerous setbacks he encountered even before reaching Cape Horn, the fearsome test of any seaman's nerve. Written from diaries and logbooks kept throughout the voyage, *A World of My Own* is a gripping, startling, and moving account of one of the greatest sea adventures of our time.

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“A gripping tale of human achievement, 'A World of My Own' also provides an honest, personal insight...  
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“A very readable story of adventure.  
The Little Ship --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Robin Knox-Johnston entered the Merchant Navy at the age of 17, obtaining his Master's Certificate 8 years later. Of the 9 competitors she was the only one to complete the Sunday Times Golden Globe Race in 1968 after 312 days alone at sea and win the trophy for the first solo non-stop circumnavigation. Since then Robin has participated in many ocean races including the Whitbread, and in 1994 co-skipped Enza with Sir Peter Blake to set a new world record for a circumnavigation. He has been UK Yachtsman of the Year twice, International Yachtsman of the Year in 1995, and was knighted in 1995. He still owns and sails Suhaili. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Winner of first round the world, a wonderful book by the victor with lots of good information. I have read most of the books surrounding this race from both participants and other authors and they are all wonderful and together you realize that this was a fantastic event full of everything. 9 participants at sea, All very different men facing both themselves and the elements. I recommend all the books as a collection.

The Golden Globe race is a slice of history that's too important to overlook. This astounding man pulled it off in a boat too small, tight budget plus astonishing seamanship skills & tenacity. A must read for not just the sailing groupies, but also for those who enjoy studying the mind and soul.

Taken from his logs as well as remembering events on his voyage. This was a different time in the 60's before GPS and push button rescue satellite beacons. He won the race with amazing seamanship on probably the smallest boat that set out. Self steering broke for most of the voyage so had to come up with a way to get rest and keep boat on course.

This is a great adventure story, especially for anyone who has an interest in the sea or things nautical. The courage, seamanship and plain luck of Sir Robin Knox-Johnston is at times simply awesome. With equipment and a boat which even by standards of the time were not the greatest, this voyage is a tribute to Sir Robin's skill and perseverance. It is written in an understated style which leaves things like Force 10 winds and Southern Ocean seas largely to the imagination of the reader. This accomplishment will remain for all time one of the greatest examples of individual achievement.

I usually love sailing adventure books, and I know a fair amount about sailing, but this book went into far more detail than I was interested in. If you like lots of technical info and sailing jargon, this is

for you. It is an interesting book, I just felt it moved slowly due to the level of detail included.

Great read, finished in three days, what a story of strength, perseverance, skill and courage

A dreamer who dreamed his dream.

A straight-forward account of a famous voyage. Sir Robin did not write a thriller. He's a seaman and writes in seaman's terms and style. The book is his account of an historic, dangerous and exciting first time event. If you are not a sailor I would not recommend it...BUT, if you are a sailor it is one, fine, very interesting book. Bernard Moitessier's "The Long Way" truly complements it - Same race, different men, different philosophies.

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