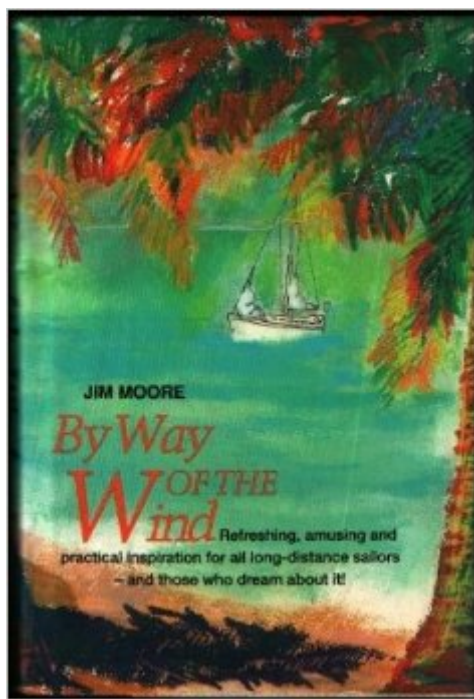


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Customer Reviews

I have read many sailing adventure books and I got this book as a gift. I found it very enjoyable and found myself laughing out loud a number of times while reading it. I enjoyed it enough that I have reread it at least once. I know there are people who think rereading a book is a waste of time. I also know mountain climbers who think it's a waste of time to climb a mountain more than once. My thoughts are that if things are an enjoyable experience why not enjoy them again? There are reviewers who wanted more about the building experience, the sailing terminology, and think the book should have had more detail of the experience in general. Having read many sailing adventure books I will say this: You want a book on building a sailboat, go get one. You want to learn terminology or a book on how to sail, there's lots of those. You want every detail of the voyage, there's those too, and they get pretty dull. Tristan Jones, probably the person who has written the most number and best books of type, said that not everyone can write a good book on this subject. Jim Moore has done that. I have the next book and it's not quite as good as the first. I see it on my

bookshelf and it has reminded me that I need to order another copy of *By Way of the Wind* since someone borrowed my copy and didn't return it. That's why I'm here today. Apparently Jim Moore's doing alright. I'm glad to hear it. Thanks Jim for the book. I've enjoyed it and recommend it.

If you are interested in cruising on a sailing yacht, "*By Way of the Wind*" is an excellent book to read. Jim Moore is certainly no heavyweight as an author, but he is forthright and clear in his description of events and discoveries that he and his wife made aboard their yacht. The book is basically his recounting of experiences as they bought a hull, finished and fitted it out, and then sailed around the world in it. This was done with no prior experience and very little training. They learned a few lessons the hard way and he shares some of those lessons in his book. Any person who is thinking about going cruising could learn a few things from his book that would help with deciding whether or not cruising is for them. Learning from the Moore's mistakes could also make a first voyage a little more pleasant than it might otherwise be. Jim Moore is an opinionated man from an older generation and it shows in his writing. If you are a narrow minded person who childishly expects the whole world to toe your political line, you are not likely to enjoy this book anymore than the first reviewer did. If you can overlook differences in viewpoint to see some humor or learn a few things then you will probably like his book. I enjoyed it and learned a few things.

The book tries to cover too much territory. Over four years of life is crammed into just over 200 pages. That does not allow for much detail. While there are some nice anecdotes hiding in the pages, it is mostly "went here, saw this, did that, went on to the next place". The book is written by a sailor for sailors. If you don't know a jib from a rode, or why broaching is a bad thing, or any number of other nautical terms, you will be lost and confused. I'm interested in sailing, but not a sailor so most of the jargon went right over my head. After a while some of it started to sink in, but the author assumes the audience is familiar with nautical terms and sailing techniques. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but limits the audience the book will appeal to. While the author starts out as an inexperienced sailor, he seems to have forgotten that by the time the book was written. We are not part of this learning curve from sailing neophyte to salty dog.

The author has a comfortable and fluid writing style. He has a pleasant sense of humor. This book could have been longer as it skips too much of their voyage. The sequel is also excellent with the same gripe. Both have a lot of sailing terms, but those without the background can just ignore them.

It gets technical in parts and you feel lost in sailing jargon, but the writing is good and the story is amazing. The seemingly impossible conditions that they had to endure keeps you turning the pages.

very entertaining, wrote about all the things I wanted to hear about, reasonably detailed in expression, overall very good.

I almost didn't buy this book based on the other reviews but that would have been a mistake. The writing ain't that bad. There's certainly worse out there. But then, this is not literature, it's a sailing story. Yes, he refers to his wife as the "mate" but so what? Technically that's correct. He also refers to her as miss "prim and proper" and other "cute" names befitting certain situations. Also, Jim Moore is human and he did some stupid things, like the event with the rifle. But who among us hasn't done something stupid (or several somethings?) All in all, it's a good read.

I had read "Swan, the Second Voyage" before this earlier adventure. Both are outstanding.

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