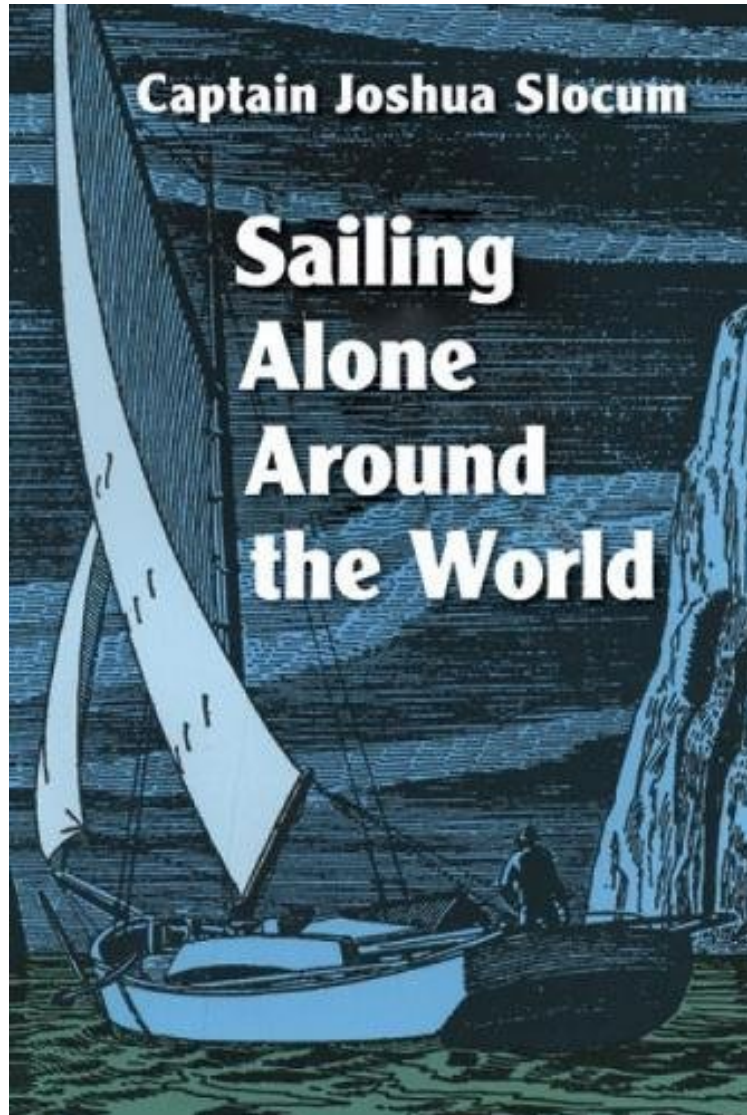


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repairs. Perhaps what I love most about this adventure is how it starts, and I'll mention that since it won't give much away: The captain of the book starts out by being given an old wreck of a ship, and he spends several months repairing it, rebuilding it, and reinventing the vessel. It's a great story overall about a guy who can literally do it all. Of all the sailing books I've read, I like this one the most. Reading it, you truly feel like (with the proper experience and know-how), you could sail the globe and have a good time doing it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Wonderful read By jdown Even though I've never lived within 400 miles of an ocean, I once entertained the notion of setting off in a sailboat, my own man, as free as the wind. The first man to do it all alone and around the world was Joshua Slocum, in the 1890s. He was not only a skilled sailor with 30 years experience on the sea, but an excellent writer, as this book attests. On his first leg, from Cape Sable to the Azores, he manages to convey the sense of what it was like Out There: a world apart, a world of endless sky and wind, of heaving waves, sea and sky and nothing more. Equally impressive was Slocum's knowledge of the world's oceans. He knew the ocean currents and the winds as well as a man might know the hills and valleys where he lives. He is not above "tooting his own horn" with regard to his seamanship. But as they say in sports, if you can do it, it ain't bragging. The reader unfamiliar with sailing might want to keep a dictionary handy. When sentences like "I shook out a reef, and set the whole jib, for, having sea-room, I could square away two points" are encountered, one can make out what he's saying if necessary. But even if you don't know a halyard from a bowsprit, you can still enjoy a rollicking good tale. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Enlightening journey of the human experience, thank you Joshua By Mike Stanway It's no wonder this excellent piece of literature is public domain, what Joshua Slocum set to accomplish later in life is awe inspiring, as is the actual journey, made both personal and entertaining by his perspective, humor, and self effacing eloquence. Enlightened world view not without it's occasional prejudices, but impressive nonetheless given that it is over 100 years back in time. Joshua Slocum did something no human had ever done before, sail alone around the world, but throughout the journey his focus and detail in his storytelling is rich with experiences and encounters, particularly when it came to other humans. He was far from alone. Please read this book.

"The classic of its kind." *Travel World* "One of the most readable books in the whole library of adventure." *Sports Illustrated* "The finest single-handed adventure story yet written." *Seafarer* Challenged by an expert who said it couldn't be done, Joshua Slocum, an indomitable New England sea captain, set out in April of 1895 to prove that a man could sail alone around the world. 46,000 miles and a little over 3 years later, the proof was complete: Captain Slocum had performed the epic "first" single-handedly in a trusty 34-foot sloop called the "Spray." This is Slocum's own account of his remarkable adventures during the historic voyage. Slocum writes in a fast-paced, exhilarating style. His almost matter-of-fact descriptions of hazardous episodes and his colorful, often witty observations make this book perhaps the most delightful and absorbing adventure tale in history. Across the Atlantic he sailed, but chased by Moorish pirates off Gibraltar, he decided to circle Cape Horn instead and go around the world the other way! He tells of perils on stormy seas and of numerous harrowing events: his escape from a fleet of hostile canoes; an encounter with Black Pedro, "the worst murderer in Tierra del Fuego"; foiling a nocturnal attack by savages by strewing carpet tacks on the "Spray's" deck; submerged by a great wave off the Patagonian coast; the "rain of blood" in Australia; dodging coral reefs in the South Seas. In Samoa, he was visited by Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson; in South Africa, he talked congenially with Stanley of "Stanley and Livingstone" fame, and met "Oom Paul" Kruger, President of the Transvaal republic. Kruger was incensed when one of his officials described Slocum's voyage as "around the world," since his religious beliefs convinced him that the world was flat! This robust classic of the sea has been widely read ever since its first publication in 1900. It has been reprinted several times and has even been required reading in many schools. This edition (complete with all of the original Thomas Fogarty illustrations) of Captain Slocum's story will prove as enjoyable and thrilling to the present generation of Americans as it was to our fathers and grandfathers.

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