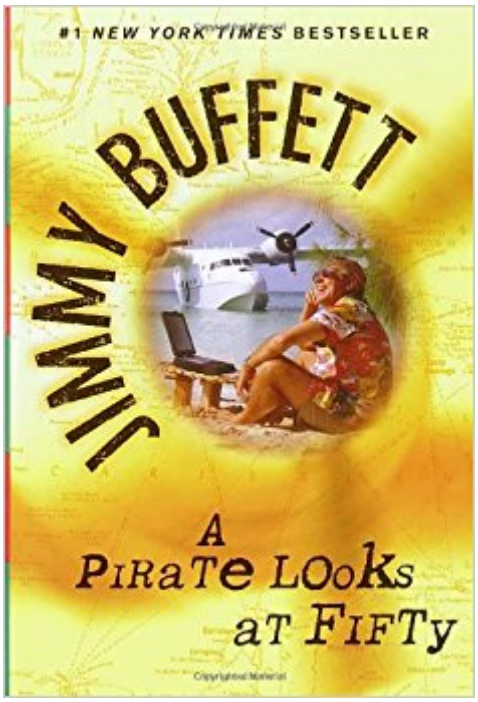
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A Pirate Looks At Fifty



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Synopsis

For the millions of fans of Jimmy Buffett’s music as well as his bestselling books, Tales From Margaritaville and Where Is Joe Merchant?, here is the ultimate Jimmy Buffett philosophy on life and how to live it.Ã Â Ã Â As hard as it is to believe, the irrepressible Jimmy Buffett has hit the half-century mark and, in A PIRATE LOOKS AT 50, he brings us along on the remarkable journey which he took through the Southern hemisphere to celebrate this landmark birthday.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Jimmy takes us from the legendary pirate coves of the Florida Keys to the ruins of ancient Cartegena.Ã Â Ã Â Along the way, we hear a tale or two of how he got his start in New Orleans, how he discovered his passion for flying planes, and how he almost died in a watery crash in Nantucket harbor.Ã Â Ã Â We follow Jimmy to jungle outposts in Costa Rica and on a meandering trip down the , through hair-raising negotiations with gun-toting customsÃ Â Ã Â officials and a 3-year-old aspiring co-pilot.Ã Â Ã Â And he is the inimitable Jimmy Buffett through it all.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â For Parrotheads, for armchair adventurers, and for anyone who appreciates a good yarn and a hearty laugh, here is the ultimate backstage pass -- you’ll read the kind of stories Jimmy usually reserves for his closest friends and you’ll see a wonderful, wacky life through eyes of the man who’s lived it.Ã Â Ã Â A PIRATE LOOKS AT 50 is a breath of fresh air and a ingenious manual for getting to 50 . . . and beyond.From the Hardcover edition.

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Tales from Margaritaville (stories) and Where Is Joe Merchant? (a mystery) secured songwriter

Jimmy Buffett’s niche reputation as an affable, poetic beach bum. A Pirate Looks at Fifty, a travel-diary-cum-autobiography, features Buffett behind the wheel of his Grumman Albatross seaplane, safely piloting family and friends through a three-week trip around South and Central America and the Caribbean. He blends gentle scenic narration with rambling, unplugged life stories meant to convey that he’s made peace with the whole aging process. For Buffett, turning 50 "can be a ball of snakes that conjures up immediate thoughts of mortality and accountability. (`What have I done with my life?’) Or, it can be a great excuse to reward yourself for just getting there. (`He who dies with the most toys wins.’) I instinctively chose door number two." On this tack, Buffett plans an opulent, laid-back trip for his brood and goes into so many details about his favorite possessions (three pages on knapsacks!) that the cheerful vagabond in flip-flops is nearly eclipsed by the rich, domesticated businessman/dad he’s become. In addition, stinging losses and limitations--his dad’s Alzheimer’s disease, his own terrifying solo plane crash in 1996--creep into his cozy yarns. Yet Buffett’s infectious, grinning attitude towards life eventually finds resurrection in extended riffs on fly-fishing, solo piloting over water, and surfing. In such passages, he earns his claim to a "saline psyche," a legacy inherited from his grandfather, skipper of a five-masted barkentine that ferried lumber from New Orleans to the Caribbean. Sailing and soaring over Atlantic, Caribbean, and Pacific seas, Buffett looks at 50 and sees a very good life. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The breezy pop craftsman of "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise" famously spends most of his time sailing, trotting out 1970s chestnuts on the summer tour circuit?and writing. Buffett’s bestselling Tales from Margaritaville (1989) and Where Is Joe Merchant? (1992), among other books, created a world of sun-baked characters whose doings bore some resemblance to those of their author. This memoir draws back the curtain between fact and fiction, and genially takes stock in a manner likely to appeal to the Me generation. Though he rambles, repeats himself and may even raise hackles ("I have been too warped by Catholicism not to be cynical"), Buffett is earnest and unapologetic in his hedonism, seeing his mock pirate’s life as the antithesis of the conformity foisted on him as a child in Alabama. In a series of loosely chronological vignettes, Buffett quickly takes us from his bar-band beginnings to a brush with death when he crashes one of his fleet of seaplanes. A lower-latitude voyage with his family (in a newer, bigger plane) to celebrate his 50th birthday makes up the bulk of the book, and takes them from Florida to the Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Colombia and the . The diaristic logbook that Buffett keeps along the way provides endless opportunities to muse on the music business; his older, wilder ways; navigation

and, on the horizon, approaching mortality. Buffett’s prose won’t itself win him more "parrotheads" (as his fans are called), but those with enough patience or reverence to wade through long descriptions of beloved gear, favorite books or "fucking tikki pukki drinks" will find beneath these amblings a disarmingly direct character. Simultaneous audio, CD and large-print edition; author tour. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have only read a little, I decided to save it for my vacation at the beach. Jimmy Buffet I’d a very good writer. Book was in great condition and priced Right.

We really enjoy books written by Jimmy Buffett. They are well written, humorous and easy reads. A Pirate Looks at Fifty has moments of poignancy, humor and interesting tidbits about Jimmy’s life. Since we are Jimmy Buffet fans, we both really enjoy this book. We have had A Pirate Looks at Fifty for a few years and find ourselves reaching for it from the bookshelf when we want a light, entertaining read for travel or for lazy days at the beach or on boat trips. I recommend this book and also suggest looking into purchasing other books written by Jimmy Buffett.

This book was 420 pages and about 150 too many. The parts that dealt with his experiences trying to break into the music business were quite interesting. However the stories about his journeys in the Carribean, South America, and elsewhere all seem to be a blur. After a while, it all sounds the same. If you travel alot and/or have similar interests as Jimmy Buffett you might like this book very much. However, not being one who flies my own plane or visits the Carribean every winter, I could not make a full connection. At times, Jimmy’s life sounds like a nice fantasy. But as he provides more detail, his audience seems to narrow. I wish Jimmy focused more on how his experiences influenced some of his songs. He does do it a little but I would have liked to know the history behind some more of his songs. I prefer Jimmy as a song-writer who writes four to five minute songs as opposed to his memoir writing which extends to 420 pages. Look for Tales From Margaritaville instead where the little stories are more focused.

great book

A genuine wonderful read. This book is filled with his personal anecdotes that keep you on the edge of your seat (no joke), as well as fatherly wisdom that truly makes you think deeply.Jimmy Buffett is

a fantastic author/story teller that knows how keep you entranced with eyes wide open while reading his book (and hopefully sipping a margarita beach-side)

Jimmy Buffet talks about the ordeal of his life's journey to age 50. He takes you places you wish to visit to relive his adventures- flying in his planes he makes you wish you had fulfilled your dream to be a pilot and fly to exotic destinations.

"A Pirate Turns Fifty" may be one of those idioms of that time and place where a generation of North Americans found some sense of becoming, and then, of being, the first generation of people born beyond the confines of an adversarial view of the human condition.If you enjoy the humor intrinsic in the human experience, Jimmy Buffet serves up a feast of anedotes, yarns, and healthy fictional illusions that repeatedly hit on the folly of taking things too seriously. This little volume exposes Buffet as a truly gifted humorist in a time when humor was verging on the obscene and purely pessimistic side of life. Interleafed with autobiographical sketches, Buffet does a wonderful job at entertaining in the style that Mark Twain so lavishly conjured into American Literature.If you're a Boomer, this is Jimmy's BOOMER ON THE HALF-SHELL, --you'll love it; --and you'll be looking for the sequel. =======> '"Bop til you drop", ...he whispered.'

I like reading about true adventures better than fiction. Jimmy takes his seaplane to the tropics all the way to the River. I would have loved to have been with him. No way could the average person could afford to do this. It is an easy read with no blood and guts, just fun times and a chance to travel along with Jimmy Buffett. I have not seen any "Pirate Look at Sixty"...Yet.

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