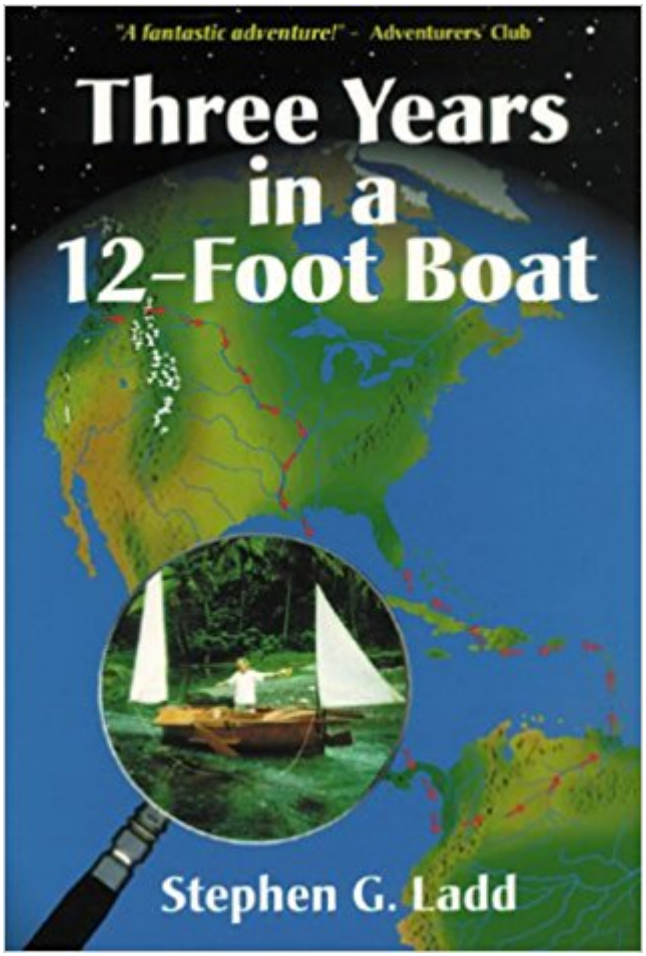
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Synopsis

This is the true narrative of a middle-aged poet who rows and sails a featherweight wooden boat through nineteen countries - 15,000 miles - to relive his youth and savor adventure. While courting disaster in some of the Western Hemisphere’s remotest corners, he records nature, cultures, and his own emotional processes.

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Customer Reviews

One of the most fascinating, well-written voyage accounts we’ve ever read, easily on a par with old Josh Slocum himself. --Latitude 38

Bent on discovery, Ladd ranges from Montana to a harrowing sail along the pirate-ridden coast of Panama and Colombia, across the Andes, down a 600-mile river by night to avoid guerrillas, to the Antilles and the Caribbean. Robbed, capsized, arrested and befriended, he sails and rows through a tumult of uncharted adventures. The cast of characters: Dieter, mad ex-Nazi on a desert island; Hans, the smuggler who disappears at sea; castaways, prostitutes, and fortune seekers. Stow away with a poetic storyteller on a stormy, soulful voyage through nineteen countries, on the razor’s edge between freedom and fear, loneliness and love.

Way too long a read. Couldn’t help but feel that this author spent most of his time looking for his next woman. Much of what he did seemed foolhardy and if it wasn’t for a hugh amount of luck he would not have survived to write the book. Do not like stories of people who continually take foolish

chances. Uncomfortable read, especially when he decided to stick some of his " poetry" here and there.

A surprisingly good read... after purchasing the book, and then realizing it was not a whole lot about sailing, I let it gather dust for several months... But once into the book, I was captivated - and I have little interest in rowing, or river travel either... Ladd seems to have the knack for making mosquito invested estuaries sounding inviting, or at least intriguing... But Ladd's journey is as much about meeting and getting to know people (as well as himself, I'll wager...) as anything... Yes, he rows and sails thousands of miles, but this really isn't a nautical book so much as an adventure of life in the genre of a more enlightened period of the 20th Century - few serious rewards will be found by those more at home in the instant-gratification 21st century... Ladd is a gifted writer who knows how to turn a phrase, setting sunsets and storms alike to poetry - he lets us share his voyage - a voyage more of attitude and intellect, than simple, carnal flesh.

Inspired me to build a 12 foot boat of my own. No kidding. While I don't expect to spend three years on it, I'll go a lot further than I thought possible before.

Very interesting account of a young man and his travels through South America in his home built boat. I wanted more about the boat and his sailing but it's a good story.

I really enjoyed the story. If you ever thought of satisfying your dreams of wonder lust. this story can help you with that.

Very well written. Entertaining read.

I highly recommend this book. This is a fascinating story. One that makes you feel you are right there with Stephen Ladd on his journey to experience a part of the world in his personally constructed boat "Squeek." Not only did I take this trip with him while reading this book, I also became envious, knowing that I lack the creativity, stamina, and courage to ever do what he accomplished. A traveler who is individualistic, well-read, and an exceptional writer, his journey is a must read for all. I think many Americans caught up in their current lifestyles today could gain insight from this book. I hope that Stephen Ladd sets out on a journey like this again someday. How about it Steve?

It was nice to read a sailing story where the captain talked about the fear he felt from being in poor conditions in a sub optimum boat. Good story of travel. Guy is a little bit on the creepy uncle/ dirty old man category as a person.

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