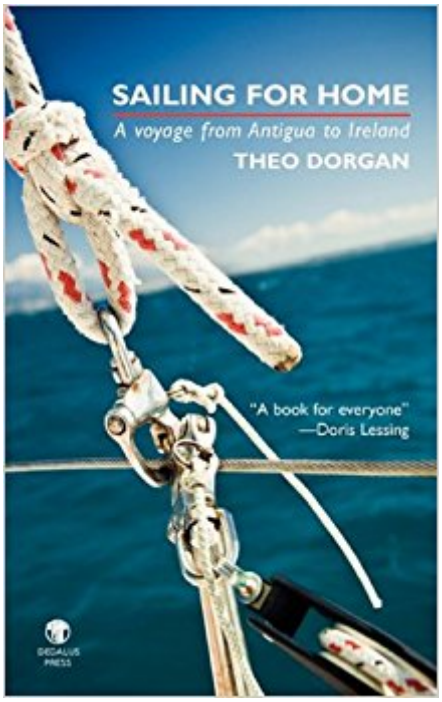
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Synopsis

Theo Dorgan’s gripping account of a transatlantic voyage on the schooner Spirit of Oysterhaven-from the Caribbean to the coast of his native Cork-is both travelogue and meditation, interior journey and outward voyage of exploration. Dorgan’s meticulously exact account of the labour and skills involved could well act as a handbook for anyone prompted to repeat the adventure. His feel for the history of the sea and sailing, drawn from wide reading, is tested against the practical realities of what is involved in such an ambitious undertaking. The qualities of endurance and willingness he must find in himself, the shared experiences that make four individuals into a crew, all these come as a succession of revelations. He brings a poet’s eye to the immensities of the ocean, its lore, its mysteries and its secrets. As so many before him, he will learn that what you find on the journey, not the destination, is what matters. "A book for everyone"-Doris Lessing "This book exerts a form of curious hypnosis which stealthily insinuates its rhythms into your mind. It keeps you alert while somehow lulling you into a drift of easy reading. This enticing travelogue’s curious spell is slow and incremental, yet all the more potent for being stealthy." -THE SCOTSMAN

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Theo Dorgan -- poet, editor, translator, librettist, broadcaster -- was born in Cork in 1953. His Jason and the Argonauts, to music by Howard Goodall, was premiered in the Royal Albert Hall in 2004. He is a member of Aosdana (Irish Academy of Arts) and of the Arts Council of Ireland. He has a weekly programme on RTE Radio. --This text refers to the Kindle Edition edition.

This account of an Atlantic crossing by Irish poet Theo Dorgan is a joy to read. I am an occasional sailor, but this book made me want to drop everything and hit the wide ocean. If you like travel writing - even if you don’t sail - do yourself a favour and treat yourself to this gem of a book.

Good yarn with abundant reflection.

A wonderfully written book of sailing, people, memory, relationships - evocative, moving, in parts so well written you have to stop and re-read the sentences. The kind of book you slow down with as it ends, because you can’t bear it to be finished. The author is a poet, and it shows. I cannot recommend this highly enough.

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