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Sailing The Big Flush



Synopsis

It's a Crack Up! This is the story of a pampered tea-sipper from sunny California who ends up as a plucky, menopausal first mate on a tiny wooden sailboat captained by her ever-capable, ever-competent, guitar-pounding husband, sailing ... THE LARGEST TIDES IN THE WORLD! THE BAY OF FUNDY! This is a very personal and uproarious account of Eileen and Doug's 30-day journey to the Minas Basin. You'll likely find this fascinating, soul-searching and heartwarming adventure, with its crazy cast of characters, unlike any cruising story or travel memoir you'll ever read. It's a bit like Erma Bombeck meets Herman Melville. "Each day's riotous occurrences are entered in Beaver's thought-provoking log, now preserved for posterity, via her book. Sailor or not, adventurer or armchair dreamer, Sailing the Big Flush is one entertaining read." -Ruth Leubecker, Editor and columnist, Machias Valley News Observer, former editor of the Daily Record in Baltimore, and Executive Editor of the Annapolis Post, Annapolis, Maryland "One of the great small boat adventures of our time, an epic voyage in exotic and rarely-traveled waters that happen to be in the very back yard of some of the northeast's most well-known cruising grounds . . . the powerful and rhythmic tides of the Bay of Fundy are the background music over which Eileen Beaver tells her story." -Daniel Mac Naughton, co-author of The Encyclopedia of Yacht Designers, now editor and publisher of Fore and Aft Publications

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Customer Reviews

Living in the Bakken boom has taught me much and the joy of meeting people is the best part of these times of peace and prosperity here. Our grandson's outing to park across street enabled me

to meet my new neighbor Brooke & her son Benjamin. She promised to let me read her Mom's new book but she moved away and her brother Kyle moved there. His beautiful SO walks past here daily so I knew much about this couple before I began reading it. Most people from Maine and sailors will understand more than I did but love this book. It is so funny but has truths that are worth learning about sailing the sea of life. Still don't know what LEGS on sailboat are but do know that moon and tide rule our lives.

What a terrific read! Eileen takes you with her as she experiences this sailing experience with her new husband--a whole new lifestyle in more ways than one. They sail from Eastport, Maine, in a 25' sailboat with few amenities (i.e., no bathroom or shower) headed for the Bay of Fundy, more specifically the Minas Basin--a site with swirling, rushing tides. In fact, the tides are among the greatest in the world. When the water rushes out, there is nothing but mud left behind! The sailors must deploy legs so the boat does not tip over--and calculate correctly when to deploy them. Few have ever attempted this trip. Laugh aloud riot! Eileen will also gently nudge you to ponder decisions made at those junctures of your life when your course was set--whether purposefully or not.

The Beavers sound like wonderful people to be around. This was a delightful story, but not a tale of sailing adventure. I got quite tired of hearing about the trip from the author's perspective. How many times must we read about her 4 1/2 inch mirror, menopause, mood swings, and her former lifestyle? Spelling errors and missing words make it somewhat difficult to read. If you're a middle aged woman wondering what voyaging in a small sailboat might be like, you'll probably enjoy this book. I don't think most men will.

This book was a gift to my husband and I and we both have enjoyed reading it. Eileen is truly a gifted writer and if we could rate this more than 5 stars we certainly would. A must have book for the sailors in your life. Patti and Dana Graffam

this is a wonderful book about adventure . eileen beaver is a gifted writer. her pages come alive. it is so fun to go with her on her adventure, to live and survive each moment. wow! can't wait to read the next book!! barb

This is a very wonderful and funny book. We looked forward to every page! Eileen wrote this book so well, we felt we had actually made the trip ourselves!

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