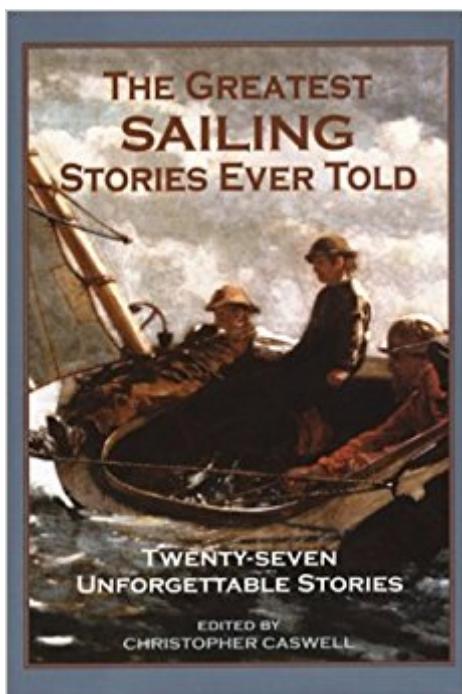


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The Greatest Sailing Stories Ever Told: Twenty-Seven Unforgettable Stories



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The Greatest Sailing Stories Ever Told Twenty-seven Unforgettable Stories Edited by Christopher Caswell For thousands of years, man has sailed into battle, sailed for rumored wealth, and sailed for pure adventure. And for nearly as long, stories about the sea have entertained, intrigued, and inspired readers. The Greatest Sailing Stories Ever Told brings together some of the most compelling writing of the millennium. Here is Peter Goss's wrenching narrative of incredible courage in the world's most desolate ocean; Ernest Shackleton's understated and awesome account of one of the most daring small-boat journeys ever taken, where failure meant certain death for his long-suffering crew. But sailing is much more than headlong dashes into roaring seas. You'll also find William F. Buckley, Jr. on idyllic cruising; James Thurber on the arcane and often impenetrable language of sailors; the legendary Joshua Slocum on sailing along around the world. The Greatest Sailing Stories Ever told is a treasure trove: tears, adrenaline, laughter, and adventure abound. With contributions from: James Thurber William F. Buckley, Jr. Ann Davison Sterling Hayden Ernest Shackleton Tristan Jones Samuel Eliot Morrison Joshua Slocum E.B. White C.S. Forester Cleveland Amory Weston Martyr Peter Goss f0 David Kasanof

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Customer Reviews

A broad selection of sea stories -- you have probably already read some of them -- combined as a collection of short stories. An enjoyable addition to an onboard library.

I do not know if these 27 stories are the greatest, but they are certainly great. Caswell picked a wonderful cross section of sailing stories spanning time and space. These stories will be worth reading and re-reading decades from now. Classics.

As a one-time sailor, I was taken back to the "old days" by many of these stories. Some are humourous, some awe inspiring, but I think most would be enjoyed by mariner and landlubber alike.

The book was a decent book to read on a long trip, but I had great difficulty in understanding how these stories qualify as the "greatest sailing stories ever told". They were sailing stories, and that's about all I could give it. Two or three of the stories were truly great; the rest were real snoozers. I was very disappointed with the book and could barely make myself finish it because I felt deceived by the author/editor's choice of title. A better title would be 'Sailing Stories, the Good and the Boring.'

a nice intro to many different authors. Very enjoyable. The greatest?

Seems like the selection process of stories was more what the publisher could get (probably cheap) than a good selection of really good stories. Sure there are some good ones (Like an excerpt from Pete Goss's book) but the continuity in the book totally lacks - and I haven't even finished the book yet after 4 months - and I love sailing books - normally cannot put them down if they are well written.

As other reviewers have said, this has some good stories and accounts, but mostly it's at best sailing related, not actually stories about sailing as the title implies.

Some real great stories included. Like previously indicated, would be great for an onboard library -- or just any library. A good read nevertheless.

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