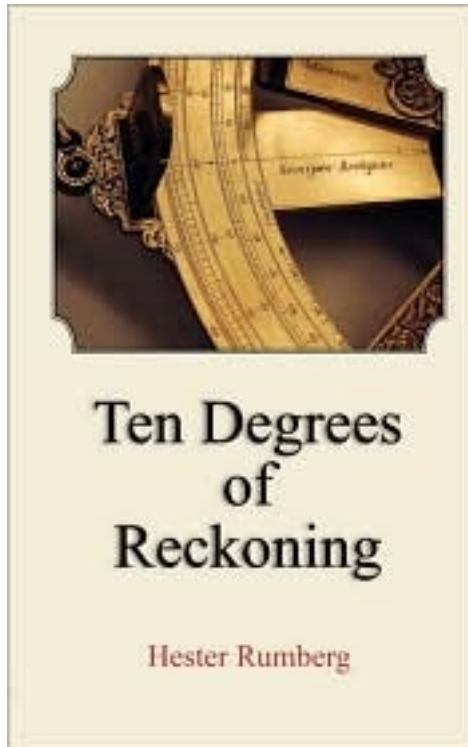

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Description

This is the true story of a family who fulfilled their lifelong dream only to have it evolve into everyone's worst nightmare. It takes courage, commitment, passion, and patience to embrace life fully. The Sleavin family, two adults and their two children, possessed those qualities, and realized their dream to sail around the world in their 47-foot boat, the Melinda Lee. They experienced indescribable beauty, rewarding challenges, deep and meaningful encounters, and a wholly shared understanding of the world and of one another during their meticulously planned and crafted out-of-the-ordinary family adventure. The author, a veteran sailor herself, uses her personal experience to take the reader on an ocean voyage, and shares the Sleavins' travels while she provides a backdrop of intriguing facts and information. Three years into the circumnavigation, not far from the shores of New Zealand, a ship, thousands of tons of steel, loaded with thousands of tons of timber, altered its course by a mere ten degrees, and everything changed. Every, single, thing. Based upon exclusive interviews with the survivor and other significant individuals, the author takes both an investigational and philosophical approach in order to depict the mystery of the tragedy and its aftermath. This is not a book about sailing, although life at sea is re-created with insight and familiarity. This is a universal tale about love and loss, humanity and inhumanity. This is a story that compels the reader to question and examine one's own behavior when circumstances alter the way we live. This is a story about facing our fears and striving to embrace life, every day.

Insightful reviews

Cheryl: A riveting story of courage and survival. While I agree that the writing could have been better, the story carried me over it with little or no trouble. I'm thankful the story was told and that I had a chance to read it.

Jan: This was a fascinating book. I had no idea there were so many families traveling the open seas. Their lifestyle is full of culture, geography, boating, and family closeness.

The story is well told and the lifestyle is explained clearly. The court proceedings get a little boring, but again, it's part of the story to understand how political and dishonest things are in the world.

Ultimately, the ship that caused the accident never said they were sorry. The compassion I have for this woman and her family goes through the roof.

And the fact that she goes on with life mostly healthy, strong, and productive gives us all hope and reason to move forward.

Michelle: Judith Sleavin's story is so harrowing, it's painful, and nearly impossible to read. But you should. Her family is living a dream, sailing around the world, when a cargo ship steers a mere 10 degrees of course and rams into them, killing her husband and children. This isn't a spoiler - you know from the outset this is what happens, and Rumberg's lead-up to the accident is gripping and beautiful. Judith's memories of what happens in the aftermath of the crash are

clear and brutal, but her spirit is strong, and she survives. Rumberg writes efficiently and without flourish, but with a depth and sincerity that make this utterly heartbreaking story ultimately uplifting.

Helen: This can be a strong ebook a few poor tragedy at sea. At midnight hours of the night, a freighter struck a yacht sporting a tender relatives who have been pleasurable their dream to sail round the world. The freighter was once no longer exhibiting navigation lighting and didn't cease to look the world for survivors after the collision. Even supposing this happened no longer faraway from the coast of recent Zealand, there may ultimately be just one survivor from the yacht. This survivor purely clung to existence in order that the tale of what occurred may be told. I take into account listening to approximately this heartbreaking incident again in 1993 through short information broadcasts. On the time, I assumed to myself, "How awful!" I did not cease to think about those humans as real-life people with certain and lovely personalities. The author, Hester Rumberg, has performed an outstanding activity of bringing this glorious family members to life. Michael knitting his mom a woolen vest simply utilizing pencils. Mike declaring to his wife, Judy, that his mom could imagine any present made via one in all her teenagers was once the main attractive found in the world. Judy's determined makes an attempt to stick alive in order that her better half's mother and her personal mom do not have to ask yourself for the remainder of their lives what occurred to them all. Younger Ben, who enjoyed donning a bit captain's hat and being wrapped tightly in his blankets like a mummy. A tender boy who desired to marry his mother. Sweet, cute Annie who sought after a dog after they landed in New Zealand. A loving little sister who excitedly searched and located the suitable birthday present for her older brother. I will say that this tale will hang-out you - and your dreams. It will also make you angry. Hester summed it up well with "What form of ship's staff might forget about its accountability to take advantage of searchlights or installation a small release in the event that they had any inkling that the send had struck something?....Did he ask himself for forgiveness as Captain Ahab (in Moby-Dick) did? or perhaps think the necessity to ask forgiveness?" It is very good to work out how the folks of latest Zealand got here jointly to aid Judy. It really is my effect that the recent Zealanders kept not just her actual life, but in addition her religion and spirit. Judy may say on the finish of this ordeal that she nonetheless believed in God.

Jan: Ten Levels of Reckoning is the genuine tale of 1 kin that discovered their dream of taking their sailboat on a visit all over the world until, one darkish and stormy night, a sequence of undesirable judgements by means of one freighter bring about tragic consequences. This ebook is an absolute tearjerker. The tale itself will depart you speechless; the inability of justice that the tragedy will make you angry. Yet I nonetheless came across myself heartened by way of the family's journey, all the pieces they obtained to determine and studies they acquired to have sooner than the tragedy - I used to be jealous! The tale was once written by means of a chum of the family. It isn't an aim book, however it within reason well-written and extremely speedy to read, in case you are no longer too busy crying.

Everet Seeley: A real and middle breaking tale concerning the Sleavin relations (Michael, Judith and their children) who set out in 1993 to sail round the world. One evening off the coast of latest Zealand a freighter altered its direction through ten levels leading to a collision with the sailboat. After approximately days within the water Judith miraculously survived the ordeal with a damaged again and paralyzed from the waist down. It took her twelve years to eventually ask

her ally Hester Rumberg to write down her story. Very tragic and compelling!

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