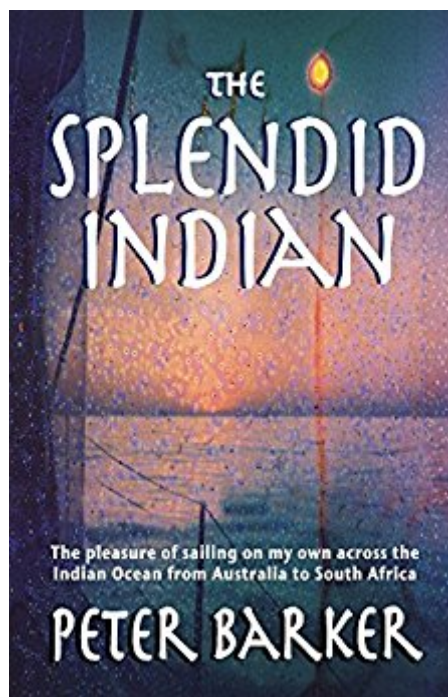




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Peter Barker recounts the story of sailing solo across the Indian Ocean from Australia to South Africa. At the age of 53, put his career into the wardrobe along with his pinstriped suits and did what he always wanted to do - sail around the world on his own. In 2007, he discovered the challenge and vulnerability of solo sailing; knocking himself unconscious; having his boat knocked down twice in a storm; escaping disaster after almost being blown on to a reef and, at all times, testing his nerve to the limit. Peter savoured weeks of being alone in a big, blue sea. He lived a rigorous routine 24 hours a day, day after day. He encountered strong winds and big seas but still found humour in the simple challenges of cooking and eating. He sailed from Sydney to the Torres Strait where he was reunited with the man who taught him to understand the sea. Across the Indian Ocean he discovered new lands and people - Cocos (Keeling) Islands, small pieces of paradise, and Rodrigues Island, Mauritius and Reunion Island. His last challenge was sailing down and around the notorious South African coast. This is a charming and exciting account of a man living his dream. More details: www.barkeraustralia.com

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Customer Reviews

It is OK. Anyone planning to voyage should read it for the information and thoughtful commentary. The Kindle edition is poorly edited. One hopes Barker will continue his voyage and write more. I'd love to learn more about his boat and how he sails it. It is obvious he loves his boat and loves sailing her. My mom, an accomplished sailor and writer, once commented to me that men write their stories in terms of points of departure, marks along the way and details of arrival. Women write in terms of sunsets enjoyed, meals prepared, and close friends made. This is a guy book. That's not bad. It is just a fact. Voyaging stories as a body of knowledge are an amazing resource. Individually, they are OK. As part of the whole, they make way more than one might imagine. This is one of those books you don't want to leave off your reading list. A quick read full of useful facts. In my opinion.

I looked forward to reading about his future adventures on the promised 'around the world' voyage but can't find any other book by the author. This book is interesting as he tells his life story up to the voyage and gives good details about the process of finding and getting a boat ready for voyaging. His trip to South Africa is interesting and shows how he uses the modern technology that was installed on his boat. I was put off by the party atmosphere in each and every port and began to skip those portions, but if drinking, snacking, BBQs and other non sailing activities make your day, then you might want to read every word.

An enjoyable read but seemed to lack a real sense of "adventure". Maybe further development of some of the other sailors he met in his travels could have added to the narrative. Not meant to detract from his accomplishment as credit is clearly deserved...just seemed to lack the zing that would have you looking forward to a sequel.

The adventures of a solo sailer. Not an over-adventures story but a very pleasant read. It gives a good overview of the preparation, shakedown cruise, sailing singlehanded with all it's joys and challenges and the camaraderie between cruisers. If the author has another book I will definitely read it.

Thoroughly enjoyed the book which was well written ,making me rrad it in one go.Could of been longer,but looking forward to follow up.

A great read, I suppose there will be a follow up at some stage in the near future. At least I hope so.

Well done!

This is a nice read for someone that dreams about sailing and living on a boat, but probably will never be able to do it. Reading about it is sometimes better than the real thing.

A short, simple, personal sailing book, interesting but not many details about the Indian Ocean.

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