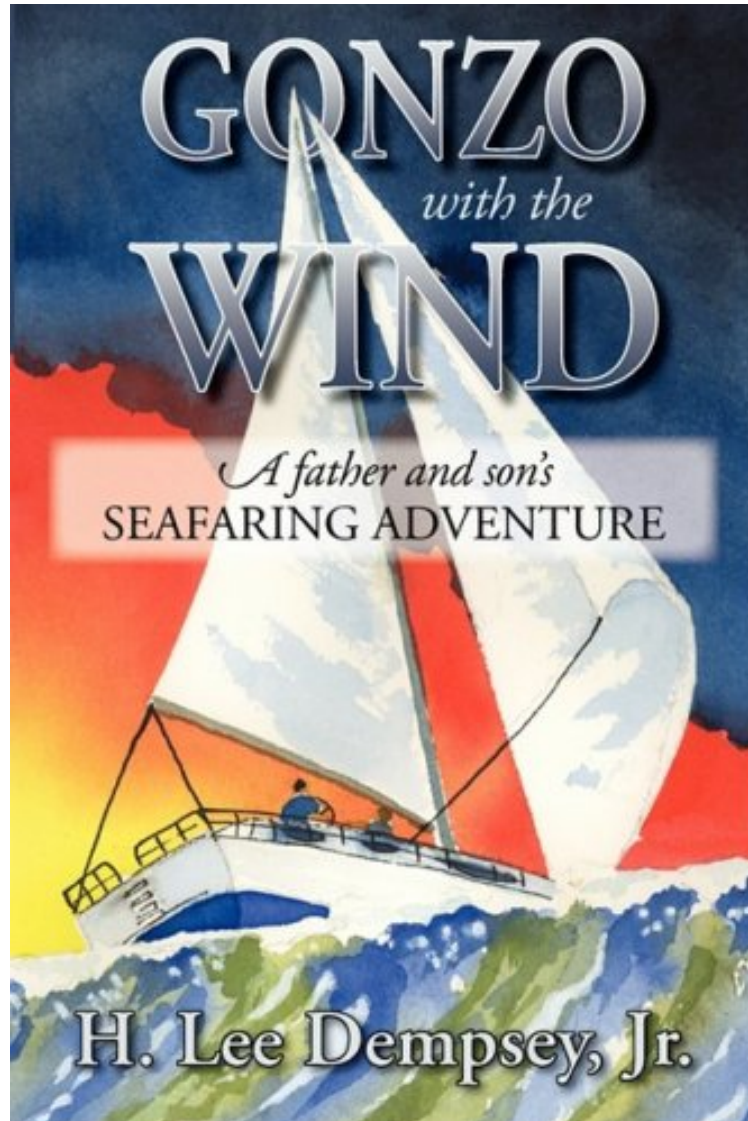


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gonzo with the Wind: A Father and Son's Seafaring Adventure:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. MehBy Al SwansonIt's a good story - it is. The writing needs some polishing but he isn't a writer. He gets times mixed up on occasion and you're not sure where in the story you are. That's OK, too.What bothers me is he boasts a lot but then, you know, says he's not boasting. Too do what he and his

sons did, even that is forgivable. But he's not a sailor. Those boasts bother me. The "I'm standing there thinking of all I've done" stuff, then complaining. I wish it wasn't over when it is, but I wish it was when it's still happening. He gets bothered by someone at the helm making decisions that lengthen the cruise, then says he's sad it's over. He says how tough it is but doesn't plan on doing it for long. Lots of FWP all through. I liked the story but I don't think I'd like the man.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Of men who go down to the sea in ships

By Lanny Winberry

Lee Dempsey delivers a first rate account of his preparations for, and his execution of, a plan. The plan was to buy a sailboat, learn to sail it, and to sail it across the Mediterranean and the Atlantic in, essentially, one fell swoop. The book paints a vivid picture of the ports, the people, the sea lanes and the storms which sometimes helped and sometimes hindered the completion of his journey from southwestern Turkey to the islands of the West Indies. The journey repeatedly demonstrated the rule known to all successful planners that, "what can go wrong will go wrong" -- often with perilous consequences. No one with less strength, fortitude or courage or a lesser understanding of swimming and working in heavy waves could have saved his ship from the unrelenting sea. It is said that a man's reach should exceed his grasp. Only by grabbing something wild and holding on for dear life, can one truly test his "grasp." The author of *Gonzo With the Wind* tested his limits -- perhaps more fully than he intended -- and lived to tell the tale.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Modern sailing

By Cecil Rogers

As a sailor of the old school, I found this book rather disappointing. The author's accounts of storms and sailing in the trade winds was particularly disturbing. The use of nautical terms is stilted and unnatural. Nevertheless, I give props to the nerve and resolve of such novices to undertake and complete such a project. The presence of a professional captain for the trans-Atlantic leg is not lost on one who has not had that luxury.

A TIMELY, UPLIFTING STORY ABOUT FOLLOWING ONE'S DREAM: The journey required positive thinking, humor, willpower and stubborn determination. Friends questioned: Have you lost your mind? Why on earth would you buy a sailboat in Turkey, of all places, when you live near the San Francisco Bay? Especially a boat you know nothing about? Do you even know how to sail? With no prior sailing experience, and less than four weeks training on their sight-unseen sailboat, a father and son cast off from Turkey and head west into the Mediterranean and across the Atlantic. Their implausible story is packed with short episodes that draw the reader into the action. Stress as rookie sailors. Never-ending funny situations that surrounded their travels, especially by way of mishaps. Encounters with interesting and strange people-not to mention pirates. Countless ports and countries they sailed into and passed. The coming together of a father and son with full support of the oldest son, wife and mother. All this while the father discovers life after retirement.

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