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The true account of a sea adventure that took place in 1932. Photos from the author's own film of the voyage illustrate this tale.

From Publishers WeeklyWhen the four-masted schooner Lottie Bennett set sail from San Francisco in May 1932, the entire ship's company was drunk; it was not an auspicious start to a cooperative salmon-fishing expedition to Alaska. The schooner carried 24 men and followed the standard sea lanes to Alaska (west, then north). A second ship to act as tug and tender in the Bering Sea, the purse-seiner Ohio with a crew of six, hugged the coastline north. The ships would meet at Univak Pass in the Aleutians, 20 days behind schedule. Anderson, then a young reporter, joined the company

for adventure and, perhaps, a story. He arranged to journey north on the Ohio and return on the Lottie Bennett. There were adventures aplenty and hardships galore the expedition was short of provisions, lacked basic equipment for commercial fishing and the raggle-taggle crew boasted few experienced sailors. On board, it was every man for himself. Anderson attempts to re-create that four-month voyage, right down to the salty language. Unfortunately, the dialogue is superfluous and tedious, encumbering the narrative, which would have been sufficient without it. The photographs are poorly reproduced, with little detail. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.