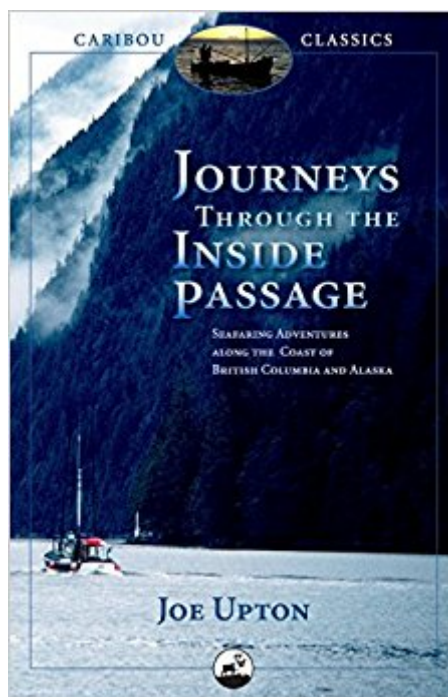




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Journeys Through The Inside Passage: Seafaring Adventures Along The Coast Of British Columbia And Alaska (Caribou Classics)



Synopsis

Writer and fisherman Joe Upton recounts the riveting stories of explorers of the past and seafarers of the present in *JOURNEYS THROUGH THE INSIDE PASSAGE*. His chronicle offers events vivid in their telling: the journey of widow Muriel Blanchet, who solo navigated a small vessel in the 1930s with her five children; the failed meeting of explorers Alexander Mackenzie and George Vancouver in 1793; countless sinkings; and tales from the author's own experiences plying this legendary waterway.

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"Alternately exhilarating and contemplative....Upton's approach underscores the powerful effect of the sea and land on those who choose to wrestle with them." --- Booklist

Upton has written about and navigated the fishing grounds of New England, British Columbia, and Alaska.

Here's a book that should be required reading, not only for those interested in the Inside Passage, but for all aficionados of good writing. At first, I was confused by the format of the book: Little vignettes of Joe's personal experiences, then history lessons surrounding the same location along with legends passed down by old timers. Often, this format does not work very well. It can be jarring and disconnected. That's what I expected....DANG, was I ever wrong. The entire length of the Inside

Passage, from Seattle to Skagway, is Joe Upton's poem. Like you might imagine the ancestral stories of a native people passed down for generations. Journeys Through the Inside Passage cannot be captured with a clever word or phrase. Joe Upton paints a picture with his words. He shows a sea with without eyes and conscience, only rhythm. Ebb and flow, storm and calm. A piece of music. He illustrates the lives that sway to this rhythm: A melody. Each chapter is a movement in a symphony. Totally marvelous - highest praise.

This is a real good read if you are thinking about cruising the Inside passage. The author has edited works of others and combined them with his thoughts of the area moving from south to north. You get a historical perspective and a current look into the area. Its a good read that won't put you to sleep. I bought a second copy to send to a friend.

I loved the book. My husband and I went on a cruise and I read the book ahead of time and brought it with us so we knew where we were and the history of the towns we were in at port. Enjoyed it very much

Being a friend of cruising the Pacific Northwest, I love these type of books...

Good read & useful info.

I purchased this book in a used bookstore in preparation for an Alaska cruise. This book is a collection of stories. Some are historical, but most are real life experiences of the author or of people he has met. You meet gillnetters, skippers, loggers, bartenders, crabbers and many more, each living their unique lives in a part of the world Upton has intimate knowledge of. As Upton tells his stories, you can hear the whales feeding in the rips and feel the fear as a seiner searches for safe passage in the night, it's radar out, a storm threatening. This is one of the most delightful books I have read in years. It is masterfully paced and compelling from beginning to end. I am re-reading it right now.

Joe takes his experience, local knowledge, some lore, as well as the technical "Sailing Directions" to put together an excellent feeling for what life along the Inside Passage is like. Transient, wet, varied, moving. Joe spent his young adulthood transitting this area from Seattle to the fishing grounds in Southeast and beyond. The book gives a good account on the differences in life between Alaska

(fishing, logging, etc) and Seattle. This book is a good introduction to the Inside Passage, life on a fishboat, being away from loved ones, and the risks encountered at sea. Enjoy cruising mostly inland waters that present more dangers than one imagines. This is a view from the cabin of a working boat, but translates very well to cruisers and sightseers who are planning a trip up the Inside.

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