



A SPECK ON THE SEA: Epic Voyages in the Most Improbable Vessels (Paperback)

By William H. Longyard

McGraw-Hill Education - Europe, United States, 2004. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. This book contains more than seventy accounts of big adventures in small boats. In A Speck on the Sea , William Longyard reaches back through five centuries to gather a collection of sea adventures in which the smallest, unlikeliest craft - and the daring individuals aboard them - completed extraordinary voyages against great odds. From canoes and small sailboats to a pair of strap-to-your-feet pontoons, the watercraft in these true stories make nearly as varied a collection as the mariners who piloted them. The intrepid seafarers and their feats of seamanship include: Ed Gillet s kite-powered transpacific kayak voyage Gladys Gradely s 1902 quest to become the first woman to solo the Atlantic; Ben Lecomte s swim across an ocean for love; Hugo Vihlen s 1968 ocean crossing in the 6-foot sailboat, April Fool; Peter Bird s tragic attempt to row across the Pacific; and, scores more. Whether driven by desperation, adventure, or a desire for fame and fortune, the risktakers in these stories show what vast oceans can be crossed in tiny contrivances by those who dare. Great fun to read - Cruising...



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