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You Gotta Go To Know



Synopsis

"Every minute you spend wishing you did something is a minute you spend not doing it."~Chris DiCroce
Tired of mortgage payments and unfulfilling jobs, Chris and Melody, along with their dog Jet, sold their house and almost everything they owned to move onto a 35 foot sailboat. This is the story of a leap of faith and their attempt to break away. From making the decision, to the emotions of finding the right boat, selling everything, and finally telling friends, family, and bosses. In the process, they soon discovered that their greatest triumphs often came from their greatest challenges. Champagne wishes and caviar dreams fell prey to their bologna sandwich and Miller High Life budget. Boat breakdowns, tropical storms and over-extended bank accounts brought them face to face with the reality that things don't always go as planned, but sometimes... that's the best plan. Light-hearted, humorous, and sometimes sad, this story will draw you in with its unique look at life on a sailboat and the emotions that come with it. If you've ever wanted to quit your job and move onto a boat, or have dreams of location independence and travel, this is a book you should read.

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Customer Reviews

When it comes to boats and the sea, I've always been of the Groucho Marx persuasion. You know, "it's like being in prison with a chance of drowning" so some of the conversation about boat designers or keel types is lost on me. But fortunately, in my opinion, this isn't so much a book about a sailing life as it is a book about being true to yourself, following your dreams and what creates/inspires/goads you to find the courage it takes to do that. And in that regard it succeeds wonderfully. As talented a songwriter as Chris DiCrocce is, it's no surprise that his first published foray into longer form prose is so well written. He draws you into his and Melody's story by honestly sharing the hopes, dreams, fears and motivations that led him to ditch one dissatisfying life for one that may or may not turn out to be his last one, but is certainly the one he should be living now. And he sure seems to have one hell of a girlfriend. Not everyone lives with a wanderlust pulling them to go. If you have that pull, I guarantee you'll enjoy this. But beyond that, for everyone who's willing to truly examine their life and ask if how it is now is how you wanted it to be, this is a book you should read. It doesn't ask anything of you but it may help inspire you to answer some of those questions you're asking of yourself. Best 99 cents I've spent in a long long time. Highly recommended.

Good read. Can identify with the writer's comment about how fast life goes by and some of us are fortunate enough to wake up to the fact that the dream - whatever it might be for you - never dies. It wanders around in that state between consciousness and sleep and if we are lucky something happens to make us remember the dream in great detail and bring it to life. For me it was lugging around all the bronze hardware from an old derelict sailboat that I wanted to rebuild when I was very young even though I had no experience in boating or building. Almost forty years later I built a boat and used that hardware. I hope the author and his partner get to continue living the dream and experience the joy of accomplishment based on his definition of joy which is great! The journey is the destination.

I expected this book about moving onto a sailboat to be inspiring, and it definitely was, but it was also a surprisingly funny, page-turning read from start to finish. I picked it up one night on a whim, and ended up reading it cover to cover in one sitting. I recommend it to anyone with a crazy dream lingering in the back of their mind that they want to pursue. This story is the perfect kickstarter.

I loved this book. I've definitely got the bug and have been thinking about selling my condo and moving onto a sailboat for quite a while. I find myself in a similar work situation to Mr. DiCrocce and

of course I have the financial worries as well. I picked the (e-)book up late at night when I'm wont to indulge my fantasies, and found that I couldn't put it down until I finished it. What I liked best about the book was the reassurance that the long-term liveaboard lifestyle can be done without millions of dollars in the bank. If you've got the itch, then this book is for you.

The simple beauty of this book is that the writer went... and still doesn't know it all. He did learn to turn problems to adventures and mistakes into experiences. That's cool. As a lifelong sailor, etc., I have an agreement with the underlying statement. You have to go. You'll never know it all though you will know enough. No amount of planning and analysis will replace simply going. The joy is in the going/doing. When you are ready to make a change and accept the risk of change then... vacilando! A good read I will recommend to my sailing students.

I downloaded and read this in one sitting and thoroughly enjoyed it. It's written in a way that's meant to take you along for the ride. It can get a little deep into sailboat lingo, but that only serves to bring you deeper into the story. You sense Chris' commitment to knowing all he can. You also feel the fear and doubt creep in when Chris and Melody are struggling to bring their decision to fruition. A great read for anyone who's ever thought about dropping everything and following their dream. especially because it's honest. One of my favorite quotes: "We may end up rich. We may end up in ruins. But I promise you one thing. It will never be boring."

I wish this book had been available when I was contemplating whether or not to live my own dream. I might have 'lifted anchor' much earlier than I did. Heartfelt and honest, 'You Gotta Go To Know' offers great inspiration and insight for anyone who questions whether they should follow their own dreams. If you are looking for a change, this book may just give you the push you need to 'go for it'. If you are already living your dream and/or love sailing I also recommend that you give this a read. I look forward to seeing additional books from Chris and Melody and more illustrations from Andrew. All good

Settled in to read during my morning coffee before I started preparing Super Bowl food. Three cups of coffee later and I finished this short, heart-warming little take of a man (who probably never fit the corporate mold) who found a way out! If you read the table of contents, you might be confused by the chapter titles. It's actually very uplifting and humorous account of their liquidation and move to a sailboat! Thoroughly enjoyed it and the title is so catchy! I would recommend this book for anyone

that wants a quick glimpse into what happens when Wanderlust sets in and you make some drastic life changes!

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