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This Is Me



Synopsis

This is not a story about cutting off body parts to survive, or going to brink of existence in an unforeseen twist of fate. This is an adventure born from watching old movies and programs of people living and travelling in the Alaskan/Canadian wilderness. It is a story of a solo quest to get to Alaska by kayak with very little experience, surviving in the wilderness along the way; it's a story of learning to believe in yourself when some others think you're crazy, of putting one foot in front of the other each day, and of trusting your wits to get you out of a situation if it all goes wrong. Some describe it as crazy, some say it's a spirit quest. All I know is that I needed to do it, so I did. There is a youtube video diary of the trip you can check out here

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=8dDAGu96BAw If it's a bit long for you here is the teaser video http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=zLxoZjSd0-g

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Customer Reviews

The author starts the book apologizing for his lack of writing skill and then sets out to prove himself a liar, which he does. In clean, simple, direct prose Danny tells the story of a trip of a lifetime paddling an old sea kayak from Vancouver, BC to Ketchikan, AK a trip that, at least on paper, he

was woefully unprepared for. He only had a little experience in a kayak, he couldn't read tide charts and his only maps were printouts from Google Earth but he did have the good sense to know his limits in the boat, a whole lot of grit, and a little bit of luck. Because he is such a humble, self effacing guy, the story is truly inspiring. You feel like "if he can do something like this, maybe I'm capable of great adventure too". I highly recommend it.

Fun read. Its refreshing to read about someone making an adventure without sponsors, and piles of cash and the latest fancy gear etc. I think our society today gets caught up in the commercialism aspect of things and we miss the most important aspects of an Adventure. That and our society today is too busy doing the 9-5 work slog very few people today know what an Adventure really is. We pay for "Experiences" it led tours etc but when we do that its not an Adventure its just an Experience. Danny's story is back to the essence of what Adventure really is. Meeting people along the way, figuring out how to do it with what you have, and knowing when you have reached your limits and need to hunker down and let things go their course. I'm glad Danny put it into words and shared it with us. These stories are rare today!

This is a wonderful tale of one man's adventure and a good story about how he managed to stay alive in what was obviously a fool's errand. Just the fact that he survived upsets Darwin's theory because the chances of him getting blown out and using valuable resources to try and mount a rescue should serve as a warning to all to get the training necessary and not go on a quest like Danny did. I applaud his will and drive to do it I just hope others less lucky do not follow in his path without a few years of sea kayaking with experienced boaters before attempting a voyage like this. Good read Danny.

This is a fun read, especially for those who enjoy kayaking or canoeing and have dreams of taking a long, self-propelled journey on the water. Danny recounts many acts of kindness extended to him during his low-budget trip which helped him press on during bleak weather conditions. Being a relative novice at kayaking, he took on a difficult, long-distance trek and along the way encountered a number of challenges. His accounts of dealing with them offer inspiration to those who would ponder tackling a task seemingly impossible. His description of encounters with wildlife are particularly enjoyable to read. Although he admittedly was not a scholar of writing when in school, he nonetheless warrants receipt of a grade of B based on his ability to report accurately, entertain, and maintain the reader's interest. Definitely worth a read if you enjoy reading true life adventures.

I am a kayaker and found Danny's youtube video about his trip from Canada to Alaska very interesting. It's not just about being in the kayak but about the landscape and nature. This trip is about having a dream and following it. It's about doing things your own way, good or bad and learning from the experience. I read the book in an afternoon. I didn't want to stop reading because I felt like I was right there with him. It was an enjoyable trip. Danny tells you about the trip just like he was sitting across from you at the dinner table or in your living room. Thanks Danny for coming to visit me and letting me tag along on your trip.

I thoroughly enjoyed this brief account of Danny's great trip up the coast to Alaska. Having paddled a solo 6-week trip of my own I could easily visualize his various encounters. His style is free flowing, as if you're sitting across from him with a cup of tea and some outstanding views out the window. It's apparent the book wasn't edited but who cares, it reads like a personal blog, it's all Danny! He's colorful, insightful, really absorbs his surroundings and would be the most pleasant and fun chap to travel with. I loved this quick read but I have to say I took it slowly...I wanted to savor it. My trip was over much too quickly, it taught me to slow down and really examine the surroundings. His easy cadence brought me that pleasure.

Read in a day.....quick reading.I think if you put your mind to do something, yes you can achieve it. Now wasn't to see your Facebook page, maybe try and find video on you tube. It was good!

Danny recorded much of his journey up the inside passage in both this book and on You Tube. His book is different than some of the other books that I have read by those that have passaged by kayak on this route. The others have been more like guide books telling you where to camp, the tides/currents and details of the towns that you come across. Danny's book is more like what I would write; less of technical details and more of the journey itself. I have no problem with those that have written technical books, but when I am on a journey I care less about that and more about what the journey itself.

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