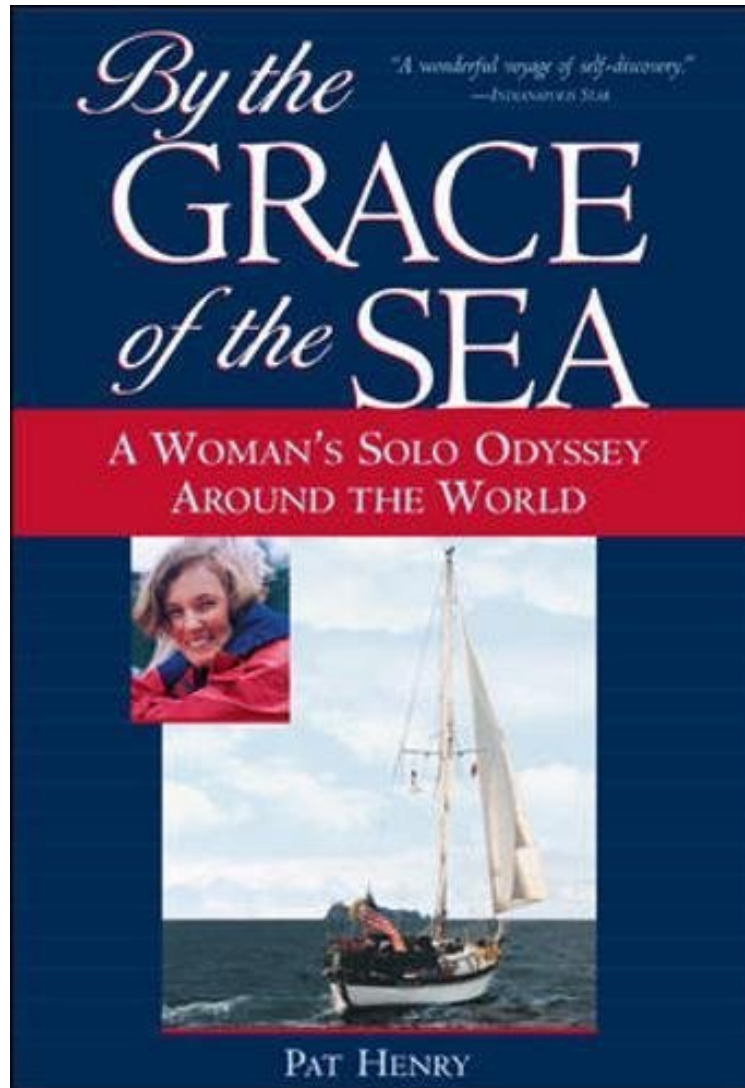


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'adventure' continues. She operates a women's sailing school. Last I heard her new passions are the Tango and Yoga.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting Sea StoryBy DiKI know one of the couples mentioned in the book which is the main reason I bought it. I am having difficulty getting through the story because I find it drags. My mind frequently drifts off to other things while I'm reading. I have put the book away for awhile will try it again in the future.6 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great adventure by a courageous woman.By Jim ConantThis is a marvelous book, very well written, about an amazing adventure. Her story of sailing around the world in a 31-foot boat is interesting enough. To do it all alone, without enough money to start with, having to figure out ways of making money in strange ports as she went - that is amazing. I sailed around the world in a 42 foot boat with my wife to share the duties and with enough money. I thought I had an adventure. To do it the way Pat did is truly remarkable. Her writing accurately reflects the joys and challenges of world cruising. Seen from a woman's eyes, she saw things I never saw (I'm male) She was exposed to dangers I never was, and she reacted to situations in ways that help me understand women a little better. On top of all this, she deals intimately with the healing of troubled relationships she left at home, and the rethinking of what she wants her life to be. I enjoyed every page of this book.

"Henry's captivating account fills readers with admiration for her courage and stamina." --Booklist "A wonderful voyage of self-discovery." --Indianapolis Star "A powerful and compelling personal account of [Henry's] battle with the elements--plus inner and outer demons--while struggling to complete her solo journey around the world. What a book and what a woman!" --Willard Manus, author, *This Way to Paradise*

From Publishers WeeklyWith a bankrupt business, pending lawsuits and an audit by the IRS, Henry had plenty of reasons to hit the deck. In 1989 she set sail aboard the 31-foot Southern Cross and traveled the world. Eight years later Henry returned to Acapulco, Mexico; at 56, she became the oldest American woman (not the first, as the book jacket erroneously reports) to complete a solo circumnavigation. Over the course of this memoirish travelogue, Henry emerges as an artist, creating original watercolors of the coastal villages she calls home, mounting exhibitions in galleries across the globe and earning enough money to support her sailing. She also develops a deeper understanding of herself. Indeed, Henry may well be construed as a shining example of midlife reinvention, an inspiration to woman wishing to put aside the past in pursuit of a dream. Unfortunately, Henry's narrative lacks the requisite arc and flow of a compelling story. Full of mundane details (including what she ate for breakfast, the contents of her pantry and her latest book selections), the writing feels slow and weighted. Endless laments about her failed business, unlucky love life and strained relationship with her daughter fine fodder for a private diary feel cliched and tiresome when issued for public consumption. Occasionally, Henry peppers the text with anecdotes about the political history of each region, serving to right the sinking ship. Watercolors and bw photos not seen by PW. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Henry, the first American woman to sail 27,000 miles solo around the world, left Acapulco in her 31' sailboat, Southern Cross, on May 4, 1989, and returned eight years later on May 5, 1997. Except for approximately two years intermittently exploring some of the 40 islands and countries en route, Henry spent her time navigating treacherous waters and endured gale-force winds, high seas, equipment and navigation failures, and the constant, frightful prospect of nighttime collision with behemoth cargo ships. In log-book diary form, she recounts the encounters and events of her long journey-first to Polynesia and the Coral Sea, then through the Malacca Straits to the Arabian Sea and onward to the Red Sea, the Mediterranean, and the North Atlantic, until finally she threads the Caribbean homeward. The narrative is garrulous yet informative and evocative, but the editorial decision to substitute original letters for creations that "reflect closely the nature and content of real letters" compromises its authenticity. Still, this tactic neither diminishes Henry's accomplishment nor detracts from the interest this memoir will generate. For most public and large academic libraries. Lonnie Weatherby, McGill Univ. Lib., Montreal Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Pat Henry was 48 years old at the beginning of her eight-year single-handed circumnavigation of the globe in a 31-foot sailboat. Prior to this adventure, fraudulent dealings of her banker ex-husband brought her business to bankruptcy and brought her feelings of depression and failure. This trip, therefore, may have begun as an antidote to deflated self-esteem, but it ended as much more. Outfitting the boat took virtually all of Henry's remaining assets, so expenses incurred during the journey had to be paid for by what she earned along the way. Selling her artwork provided funds for berthing fees, food, fuel, and equipment, although she never made enough to feel secure. But her sailing skills improved, as did her artistic technique, and, more importantly, her self-knowledge and confidence blossomed. Maps allow readers to chart her course, and social and historical commentary brings each port of call to life as Henry's captivating account fills readers with admiration for her courage and stamina. Danise Hoover Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved