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not visiting the harbor Islands just because it was fun to read. I am looking forward to reading some other books written by Schorow. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. and got a better idea of the changes that have occurred since then. By Doug M. This is a very interesting book. Back in the 1970s I used to spend time on the harbor islands but haven't lately. I learned way more than I ever knew about the islands from this book, and got a better idea of the changes that have occurred since then. Very engagingly written and very readable. Now I'm inspired to get out to the islands again this summer. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. We need more books like this! By Richard P. East of Boston - Notes from the Harbor Islands The author has done a great service, allowing the reader to see that many of the Boston harbor islands are near, and very accessible. Not very often! does a story come along which you wish would never end. I found it at the Harvard Book Store and less than 48 hours later finished reading it. It is great to read a book where the author is directly involved and expresses her (or his) passion for the subject. I envy her chances to visit the islands with a sleeping bag and a tent, and hope that I will have the nerve to do the same someday. The reader has presumably known that the harbor islands were now open for exploration, but how many of us will ever go there? The illustrations and photos - some in color - are well placed, put where they enable the reader to better visualize the idea. At 160 pages, it is a good look at big subject. The in-depth research is admirable; it is nicely written; it has a sense of humor. It is a nice blend of history and current affairs, nature and man-made things, politics and poetry. Schorow helps us know Edward Rowe Snow, and Mr. Sweetser, who wrote an early guide to the island, King's Handbook of Boston Harbor. I am curious who is on the pretty cover, the one with the hood rowing the boat and looking off into the distance? Richard Pennington Belmont, Massachusetts

For the traveler who might not have a yacht--just a sense of humor and a spirit of adventure--Stephanie Schorow proves you can still embark on a voyage through the Boston Harbor Islands. A practical guide, complete with camping tips and driving directions, East of Boston's droll travelogue takes the measure of these gloriously wild Edens all within sight of the city's skyline. Join Schorow around a campfire for some friendly conversation about pirate treasure, elusive foxes, cross-dressing ghosts, flying Santas and a strange era of spontaneously combusting garbage dumps. And if you are truly brave, perhaps take a sip of the park ranger's "Sumac-ade."

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