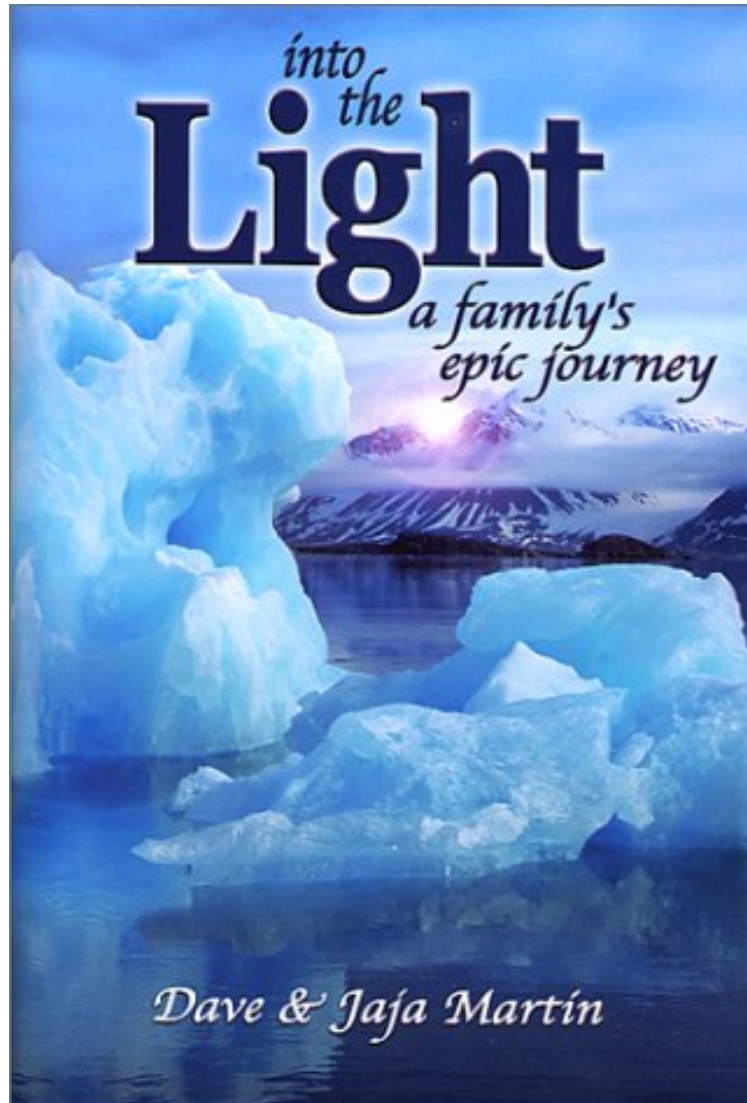


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Dave Martin, Jaja Martin : Into the Light: A Family's Epic Journey before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Into the Light: A Family's Epic Journey:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Family CruisingBy CustomerA family tale of high altitude cruising. Dave and Jaja Martin rock! I loved hearing about their enrolling the kids in the Norwegian schools, and their techniques for living aboard in the winter near the Arctic Circle.6 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A big dose of adventure with a few drops of sanctimony.By CustomerWe all love adventure books: the power and challenge of wild, the beauty of nature, the personal tests of hardship, and the strength of the human spirit. All of this

and more can be found in the Martin's saga. It makes for great reading. But pervading all of this adventure and beauty is a philosophy. For some, it appears, this philosophy is enlightening, uplifting and "enriching", speaking to our desires to be free from the pathos of our modern world. For me, this philosophy of rejection by the Martins comes across a little heavy-handed, with inverted narcissism (hey, look at us, look how simple and humbly we can live), a touch of hypocrisy (ooh, let's keep our children out those American schools in North Carolina, but wow, wouldn't it be culturally uplifting to enroll them in an Icelandic and a Norwegian school), and an air of superiority. OK, OK, I'm being overly critical. We all at times seek a simpler life and I too envy the Martin's freedom, spirit and sense of adventure and this really is an enjoyable book. But hey, let's not take ourselves too seriously here. I give *Into the Light* 4 stars: 4 or 5 for the great adventure, and 2 or 3 for the overdose of "Martinism". 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Ivy Amazing family story!

A remarkable story of a conventional family of five living a very unconventional life afloat. *Into the Light* chronicles the inspiring adventures of Dave and Jaja Martin and their crew of three young children as they refit a 33-foot sailboat on a shoestring budget, then test their limits sailing to the pack ice above the Arctic Circle. With their rugged self-sufficiency, commitment to family, and warm sense of humor, the unique approach to life chronicled in Dave and Jaja's book will resonate for sailors and shore-based families alike. Whether you're looking for an outdoor/adventure page-turner, or for the inspiration to choose an unconventional path of your own, you'll find in *Into the Light* one of those rare books that has the power to touch your heart and soul - while keeping you on the edge of your seat. "Welcome to a radical world of adventure. We realized our dreams by maintaining a spontaneous lifestyle while raising our family. We hope our stories will inspire you to take a chance and live for today." - authors Dave Jaja Martin (This is the book that inspired the PBS documentary *Ice Blink*.)

About the Author Dave and Jaja spent seven years sailing around the world (1988-1995) aboard their 25-foot Cal 25 *DIRECTION*. Dave purchased the boat in 1985, gutted her to a bare hull, and then went to work beefing up the structure. He glassed in stringers, added keel floors and extra bulkheads, and then re-designed and re-built the interior. "I built a new rudder, re-stayed the mast, built a smaller cockpit, and then christened her with a bottle of warm Bud in an effort to get the mood right for the intended circumnavigation" is the way Dave puts it. Dave was 22 when he started this project, and 24 when he finished. He met Jaja shortly after starting his cruise in St. John, USVI, and they finally got together in the UK (after a solo Transatlantic) in the fall of 1988. They were both 25 when they left England on their circumnavigation. From England they headed West to the Caribbean, via the Cape Verde Islands. They were married in Barbados, then transited the Panama Canal, visited the Galapagos; and did the usual trip through the South Pacific, spending several seasons in Australia, New Zealand, and the nearby cruising paradise to the north. A trip through the Torres Straits, Indonesia, and then across the Indian Ocean had them rounding South Africa before arriving back in the Caribbean and then the States in 1995. Along the way they had two children (Chris and Holly). A third (Teiga) was born aboard *DIRECTION* at the end of the voyage. The Martin family set sail again in 1997 on their 33-footer *DRIVER* in the journey that became the inspiration for *Into the Light*. Their three-year, 11,000-mile voyage took them north to the pack ice above the Arctic Circle, visiting the Bahamas, Bermuda, Iceland, the Faroes, Northern Scotland, Norway (including Spitsbergen), Greenland, and Newfoundland along the way. The Martins are currently settled down (for the time being) in Maine. They are featured in the PBS documentary "*Ice Blink*", which begins airing in May 2008.