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Webb Chiles : The Ocean Waits before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Ocean Waits:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... Chiles is not only an extraordinary sailor but a great writer. He almost literally puts you in the ...By Randy GardnerWebb Chiles is not only an extraordinary sailor but a great writer. He almost literally puts you in the boat with him when he is riding out a storm or worse yet enduring the horrendous experience of being unjustly arrested and thrown into a rat hole of a prison in Syria just for stepping on shore after running his boat onto a coral head just off shore. I love his writing and the rugged determination to sail the worlds oceans for the sheer love of sailing and the need to push life's experiences to the max. Good book, good writer, good reading! I am now reading another book of his, Open Boat Across the Pacific. Randy Gardner0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What a fantastic story!By AndrewWhoever would even consider setting out across the world's oceans in a small open dinghy and live to tell the tale? Well, Webb Charles did! And not only did he live to tell the tale, he wrote a lucid, and compelling account of it with all its ups and downs (pardon the pun), often tinged with his unique brand of humour. His story is laced with appropriate snippets of history at the various places he makes landfall and he informs us of how his personal life is constantly interwoven and affected by his urge to undertake this strange voyage. Webb is obviously a very capable seaman, a brilliant writer and his story makes very compelling reading!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An interesting story both from a sailor's view point and ...By NZ SailorAn interesting story both from a sailor's view point and a from a personality and relationships study perspective. I thought that the book tended to end rather abruptly although clearly that is also how the voyage ended so

perhaps appropriate.

From the cover of the original 1984 hardcover edition: "This is a sea story, an almost incredible sea story, and yet much more. The author, at the age of forty, has already sailed alone around the world once and is in the process of sailing it again--this time in an eighteen-foot open boat--in what is already the greatest open boat voyage of all time. However, this is also the deeply moving story of a man who lost every human relationship he valued in the midst of his triumph--and has been willing to write about it in this most dramatic account of adventure as he sails from the New Hebrides, where he had been wrecked, to Saudi Arabia, where he was thrown in prison after a voyage of extreme difficulty. It is a sea story, a romance, and a tragedy--a remarkable narrative of what works within a man driven to adventure while coping with inner demons." Also included in this edition is **CHIDIOCK TICHBORNE II**, the story of the continuation of the voyage from the Red Sea to the Canary Islands in 1983.