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Sprague Theobald, Allan Kreda : The Other Side of the Ice: One Family's Treacherous Journey Negotiating the Northwest Passage before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Other Side of the Ice: One Family's Treacherous Journey Negotiating the Northwest Passage:

34 of 34 people found the following review helpful. If ever I think I have it hard...By Robin GregoryIt's the summer of 2009. Sprague Theobald, a filmmaker and expert sailor, decides it's time to do something interesting with his life. Hmm...What to do? What to do? O, why not take an 8,500-mile danger-filled trek across the Northwest Passage in a 57-foot boat? This happens to be one of the most treacherous trips a sailor can take, one that few have had the audacity to take, much less survive. I think knowing this alone would make the decision for me. Stay home. Watch the Discovery Channel. Not so for Sprague. Why would anyone want to go out on a limb financially to take a trip on frigid, hostile, faraway seas? Were there no warning bells? Does this man have no fear? From the minute I opened *The Other Side of the Ice*, I couldn't put it down. Sometimes it reads like a captain's log, but this captain is awake to many levels of experience. He offers a rich chronicle of life on the edge, physical, emotional and spiritual. It's not enough that he runs out of money before casting off, but he and his crew of estranged family members are dogged by white-knuckle storms, hidden icebergs, broken satellite connections, fog, hungry polar bears, underwater rocks, freezing water, ice floes and faulty equipment. Against the backdrop of profound arctic beauty, interspersed with fond reminiscences of the past, forging through impassable frozen bays, the crew deals with physical ailments, being lost, exhausted, discouraged, sibling tension and self-doubt and exceeds the limits of each other's patience. This is truly a unique, self-effacing, compelling memoir of transcendence through a life lived fully. I've ordered the movie!
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *The Other Side of the Ice* By Jim FrommAs a merchant marine captain, who has sailed Arctic and Antarctic waters I find the accounts of weather and ice completely credible. The impersonal malevolence of the frozen latitudes is something one never forgets; it completely overwhelms the pristine pastel beauty. The message that is often overlooked by those who romanticize the sea are the extreme day to day difficulties of living with different personalities while under unusual stress. In addition, the debilitating effects of sleep deprivation cannot be exaggerated. Through my eyes this was a foolish venture, with a fortunate outcome. However, it is well recorded and a very good read.
2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I really like this book By Suz AndersonI've not written a review before. This time, I'm making an exception. It is impossible to read this book and not have questions. Curiosity can lead the reader on a journey as fascinating as the book itself. Sprague's love for the water and exploration and history is expressed in his chronicles of life aboard a boat through the Northwest Passage. He records the hardships, adventures and heroism his family and crew experienced. I enjoyed his narrative style. It's candid and honest. He thinks like a regular guy you could share a Sunday Seahawks game. And yet, he's been THERE--done THAT. He's been through the Northwest Passage! His professional humility is touching. Extended-family relationships can be intense or heartbreaking. It's the stuff Lifetime Movies are made of. I'm glad Sprague didn't dwell too much on the drama in his book. It was "enough" to know how they healed their differences by the time they docked in Seattle. I get it the scenery was jaw-dropping spectacular. Pictures are worth a million words. I would have liked pictures mixed with text. I grew up in a remote corner of Washington State's San Juan Islands. I know about the isolation, year-around frigid water temperatures, currents, tides, and arctic winter storms that blow the shingles off the roof. A boat surrounded with water is very much like an island... only waaaaaay smaller. There is no escape. You're all there for the duration--in sickness or in health, in your best and at your worst. Personal differences must resolved quickly. Grudges are not tolerated. Physical survival requires skill, timing, quick thinking, creative aptitude, teamwork, and pure luck. After reading the book, I learn Sprague Theobald received a 2013 Best-Director Emmy nomination for his documentary, *The Other Side of the Ice*. Congratulations! His film is receiving mixed reviews. That's to be expected. Landlubbers can't know or truly understand life aboard a boat, unless they try it. It can get on your nerves sometimes. I'd love to see this film on the History Channel and Public Broadcast channels, with closed captioning.

An Emmy-winning filmmaker's epic expedition across the Northwest Passage. Sprague Theobald, an award-winning documentary filmmaker and expert sailor with more than 40,000 offshore miles under his belt, always considered the Northwest Passage the sea route connecting the Atlantic to the Pacific the ultimate uncharted territory. Since Roald Amundsen completed the first successful crossing of the fabled Northwest Passage in 1906, only twenty-four pleasure craft have followed in his wake. Many more people have gone into space than have traversed the Passage, and a staggering number have died trying. From his home port of Newport, Rhode Island, through the Passage and around Alaska to Seattle, it would be an 8,500-mile trek filled with constant danger from ice, polar bears, and severe weather. What Theobald couldn't have known was just how life-changing his journey through the Passage would be. Reuniting his children and stepchildren after a bad divorce more than fifteen years earlier, the family embarks with unanswered questions, untold hurts, and unspoken mistrusts hanging over their heads. Unrelenting cold, hungry polar bears, and a haunting landscape littered with sobering artifacts from the tragic Franklin Expedition of 1845, as well as personality clashes that threaten to tear the crew apart, make *The Other Side of the Ice* a harrowing story of survival, adventure, and, ultimately, redemption. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Sports Publishing imprint, is proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in sportsbooks about baseball, pro football, college football, pro and college basketball, hockey, or soccer, we have a book about your sport or your team. In addition to books on popular team sports, we also publish books for a wide variety of athletes and sports enthusiasts, including books on running, cycling, horseback riding, swimming, tennis, martial arts, golf, camping, hiking, aviation, boating, and so much more. While

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Theobald writes movingly of bringing together his adult children to join him as they sail from RI, to Seattle. The trip takes them into history as they revisit the last known locations of the doomed Franklin Expedition of 1845 ... revealing just how tenuous relationships can be in what is undeniably a thrilling voyage. Booklist