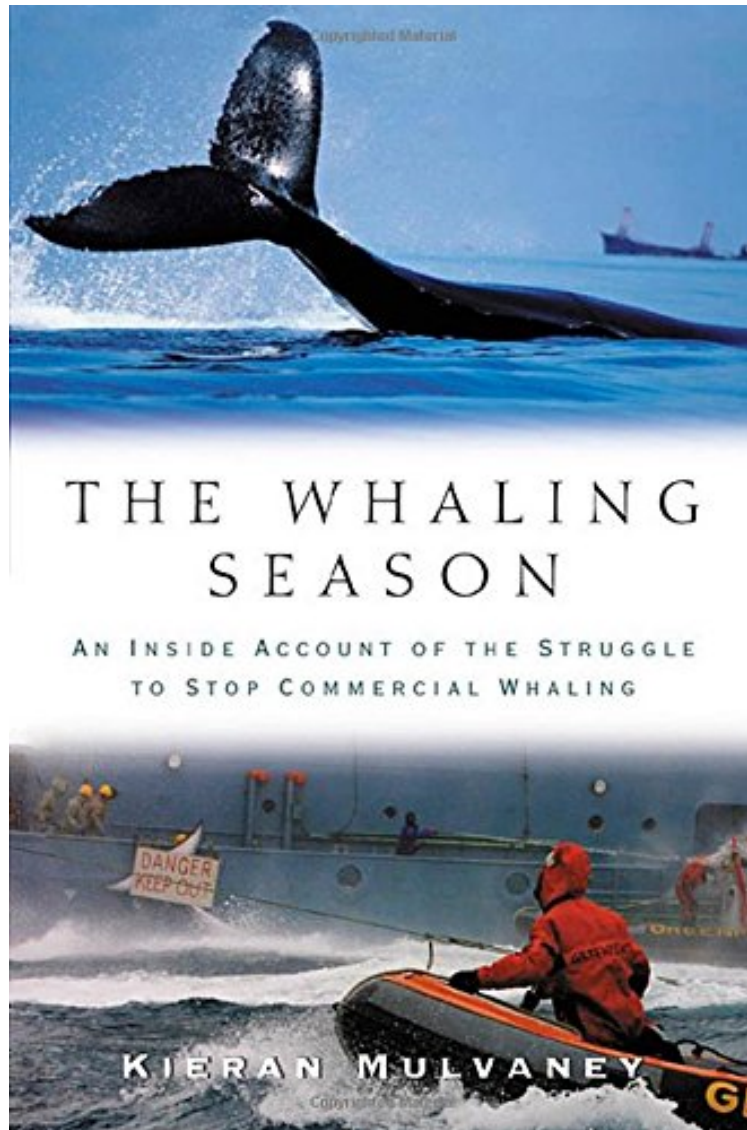


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Whaling Season:  
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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Beautifully worded. By Melanie Kieran Mulvaney, an author who has published an extensive list of articles on matters of science and the environment, recounts his adventures and

experiences while on expedition to protect whales in this book. After co-founding The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, (originally called The Whale Conservation Society), along with Sean Whyte, Mulvaney embarked upon a life of activism that takes him from his boyhood home typewriter to the frigid seas off Antarctica. As a member of four different whale protection exhibitions, Mulvaney has worked for and alongside members of Greenpeace, encountering some degree of success charting frozen waters, as well as political minefields. Through it all, his mission has remained the same - to protect the whales. An early history of the whaling industry, as well as that of Greenpeace, (originally known as the Don't Make A Wave Committee), is covered extensively. Modern day whaling practices are explained - including ways in which some countries continue to thwart the worldwide ban on whaling practices by claiming they are hunting the mammals for the purpose of science. Written in easy to understand terms (in other words, you don't have to be a biologist to get it), this book is an entertaining and interesting read, although some readers might be offended by the frequent use of colorful language. Especially enjoyable is the passage describing the majesty of icebergs, "I pictured them building up slowly over millions and millions of years and then one day, with a violent, ear-shattering crack, breaking away from the ice shelf and setting off on their own. From that moment they were doomed, destined to erode under the steady assault from wind and waves until nothing was left. . . ancient witnesses of eons past, . . ." Beautifully worded. --Michelle Smith0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Whaling SeasonBy KPDR87I somehow enjoyed this book. As the little title under the title says, it's about Greenpeace's efforts to stop scientific (or commercial, or whatever you want to call it) whaling in the Antarctic. It includes black-and-white photographic plates, a neat little timeline of whaling history (well, mainly Greenpeace's history with whaling), a further reading section, and an index. Some other person already gave a super detailed review so go read that one.

Despite a decades-long international moratorium on commercial whaling, one fleet has continued to hunt and kill whales in the waters surrounding Antarctica. Refusing to let this defiance go unchallenged, the environmental organization Greenpeace began dispatching expeditions to the region in an effort to intercept the whalers and use nonviolent means to stop their lethal practice. Over the past decade, Kieran Mulvaney led four such expeditions as a campaigner and coordinator. In *The Whaling Season*, he recounts those voyages in all their drama, disappointments, strain, and elation, giving readers a behind-the-scenes look at the hazards and triumphs of life as an environmental activist on the high seas. The author also explores the larger struggles underlying the expeditions, drawing on the history of commercial whaling and Antarctic exploration, the development of Greenpeace, and broader scientific and political efforts to conserve marine life. He presents a rich portrait of the current struggles and makes an impassioned plea for protection of some of the world's most spectacular creatures. For armchair adventurers, polar enthusiasts, and anyone concerned about marine conservation and continued hunting of the world's whales, *The Whaling Season* is an engrossing and informative tale of adventure set in one of the Earth's last great wilderness areas."

From Publishers Weekly Science and environmental writer Mulvaney offers a passionate, stirring account of his involvement in Greenpeace's campaign to end commercial whaling, taking readers through the history of whaling and of the environmental organization itself (which was founded in 1971), and offering an explanation of what's being done to nonviolently stop whalers' lethal practices. Mulvaney has participated in numerous Greenpeace-led expeditions to the waters surrounding Antarctica in an effort to intercept whalers and stop them from killing endangered whales. It's an inspiring story, told honestly and in a non-preachy style. After many frustrations, Mulvaney finally comes to realize that "at the heart of the conflict there is, I suspect, a fundamental cultural dichotomy... a profound contrast in beliefs over how humanity should relate to the natural environment." His important book deserves attention from anyone who cares about the fate of the ocean's greatest creatures. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Kieran Mulvaney has written more than 200 articles on science and the environment for publications including *The (London) Sunday Times Magazine*, *New Scientist*, and *E magazine* and is a contributor to the Discovery Channel Online. The founding director of the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, Mulvaney is author of *At the Ends of the Earth* (Island Press/Shearwater Books, 2001) and currently editor of *Ocean Update*. He lives in Anchorage, Alaska.