

Storm Passage: Alone Around Cape Horn

By Bruce Kessler

In 1992, Bruce Kessler set out to become the first American to single-handedly sail around the world via the treacherous Cape Horn. His journey took him through some of the most challenging waters on the planet, including the infamous Southern Ocean, where he encountered towering waves, howling winds, and relentless cold. But it was his passage around Cape Horn that would prove to be the most harrowing of all.



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Kessler had been warned about Cape Horn by other sailors. They told him that it was a place where dreams went to die, where even the most experienced sailors could be humbled by the unforgiving sea. But Kessler was determined to succeed. He had spent years preparing for this voyage, and he was confident in his abilities and the strength of his boat, a 32-foot steel-hulled cutter named Morning Light.

Kessler rounded Cape Horn on December 11, 1992. The weather was clear and calm, and he was making good progress. But as he sailed further south, the wind began to pick up and the waves grew larger. By nightfall, he was in the midst of a full-blown storm.

The winds howled with such ferocity that Kessler could barely hear himself think. The waves crashed over the deck of Morning Light, threatening to overwhelm her. Kessler fought valiantly to keep his boat afloat, but he knew that he was in serious danger.

As the storm raged on, Kessler began to lose hope. He was exhausted and cold, and he had no way of knowing how much longer he could hold out. But then, in the darkest hour of his ordeal, he saw a light in the distance. It was the lighthouse at the southernmost tip of South America.

Kessler summoned his last reserves of strength and steered Morning Light towards the lighthouse. As he approached the shore, the waves subsided and the wind died down. Kessler had survived the storm, and he had proven to himself that he was one of the world's most accomplished sailors.

Kessler's story is a testament to the human spirit's ability to overcome adversity. It is a story of courage, determination, and resilience. It is a story that will inspire anyone who dreams of achieving something great.

Epilogue

After rounding Cape Horn, Kessler continued on his journey around the world. He completed his circumnavigation in 1994, becoming the first American to single-handedly sail around the globe via the treacherous Cape Horn.

Kessler's story has been told in his book, Storm Passage: Alone Around Cape Horn. The book has been praised by critics and sailors alike for its gripping narrative and its insights into the human experience.

Kessler is now a retired sailor and lives in Maine. He continues to write and speak about his experiences, and he is an inspiration to sailors and adventurers around the world.

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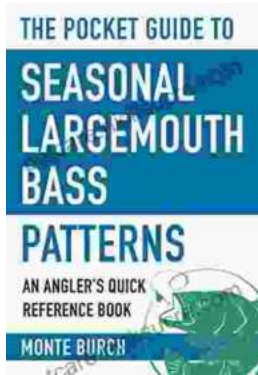


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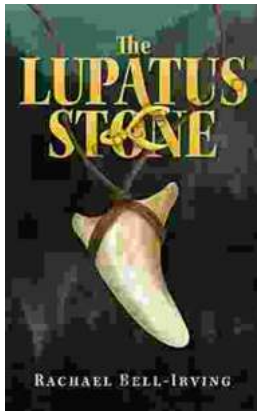
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