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**Maiden Voyage**



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## Description

Tania Aebi was an eighteen-year-old dropout, a bicycle messenger in New York city by day, a Lower East Side barfly at night. In short, she was going nowhere--until her father offered her a challenge: Tania could choose either a college education or a twenty-six-foot sloop. The only catch was that if she chose the sailboat, she'd have to sail around the world--alone. She chose the boat, and for the next two and a half years and 27,000 miles, it was her home. With only her cat as companion, she discovered the wondrous beauties of the Great Barrier Reef and the death-dealing horrors of the Red Sea. She suffered through a terrifying collision with a tanker in the Mediterranean and a lightning storm off the coast of Gibraltar. And, ultimately, what began with the sheer desire for adventure turned into a spiritual quest as Tania came to terms with her troubled family life, fell in love for the first time, and ---most of all---confronted her own needs, desires, dreams, and goals...

## Insightful reviews

Macy: Maiden Voyage is an inspiring book about a young girl that sets out to accomplish what seems to be an unattainable task. I found the book very interesting. At times the plot wasn't always as captivating as I had wished, and I considered putting the book down. However I am grateful that I didn't. The author does an amazing job of describing the hardships of being at sea alone, some scenes are so well described you feel as though you truly are there with the main character, patching up the sails, reading maps, or hunkering down through a storm. The story covers a two years in Tania's life. It was very interesting to see how she matured and came into her own as the story progressed, not many other books have this level of depth. My only problem with the story is I had a hard time identifying with the main character. I found it ludicrous that someone would send an immature eighteen year old off to sail around the world, with little to no training. However you could argue that this is what makes the book exciting. Furthermore there were times in the book that I as a reader became stressed simply by reading so I found Tania's laid-back demeanor somewhat disconcerting. Overall I was impressed with this book and I would recommend it to anybody with a mind for adventure.

Michelle Gaines: I very much enjoyed this book. I was not that excited at first, because it's nonfiction, but I was pleasantly surprised. Tania did manage to sail all around the world by herself in only 2 years, which was her goal. At one point, though, she gave her friend a short ride, so she was not completely alone the whole time, meaning she did not technically break the record. Tania didn't care too much about this, the trip was not about getting in the World Record book, but it was still a little disappointing. I had fun reading about all the awesome islands she visited, and the different cultures she learned about. The story really made me want to visit tropical islands, but stay away from all the storms and dangerous places. The only boring parts were the ones that described navigation, so I skimmed those. Besides that, I had a good time reading this book.

Richard: As a present for her high school graduation, Tania Aebi receives a 26 sailboat from her father with the admonition that she needs to sail around the world to increase her awareness of

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the world. This is the account of this voyage. I have read this book 2-3 times because I like sailing books. I've sailed around the world with 4-5 people over the years (from my easy chair.) I will read this again,.

Nancy Kilgore: Maiden Voyage is a real tale of a tender woman's experience cruising solo worldwide on the age of eighteen. no longer the type of publication i'd ordinarily decide up, i could not position it down. greater than a story of experience and braveness at the excessive seas, Maiden Voyage delves into the dynamics of Tania's interesting family, the struggles in her heart, and the drama of falling in love, all portrayed with poetic sensibility and literary integrity.

Andrew Pham: Warning: This publication bought me onto a 32ft Roughwater sailboat with goals of circumnavigation. Lived and sailed my sailboat for two yrs, yet I needed to promote her while existence replaced all at once on me. The cruising itch remains to be below my skin.

Kent: the magazine of a tender lady (too young) and green to sail the area alone...but she did. She grew up on my own the way. reliable story.

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