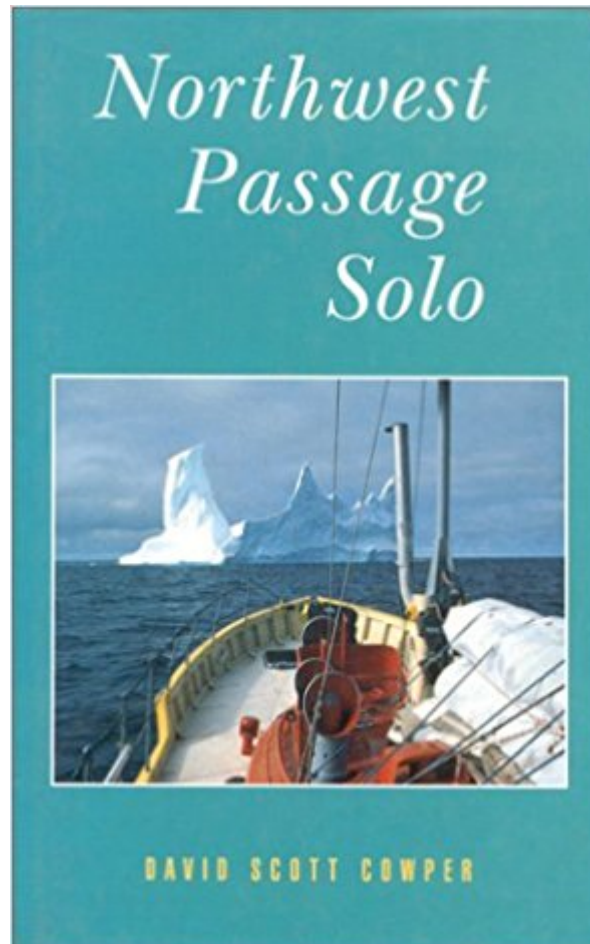




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David Scott Cowper was the first man to successfully sail the Northwest passage single-handed. He faced many dangers and delays including impenetrable pack-ice, leaks and the eventual sinking and salvage of his boat.

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David Scott Cowper was the first man to sail around the world in both directions, which he followed by a solo circumnavigation under power. Both of these challenges pale in comparison to what he faced in his solo circumnavigation via the Northwest Passage. Elected Yachtsman of the year in 1990 in recognition of his achievements, he spends his time on land as a chartered surveyor in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Very little of this book deals with the actual voyage. Most of it is about other voyages or his endless boring work on his boat.

With the world seemingly becoming smaller each day, with less room for new adventures and discoveries, David Cowper's journey will invigorate those who have a yearning for the olden days of the explorers. The Northwest Passage still has a romantic mystic attached to it, and the difficulties of crossing it are well described in this book. Enough detail and description is included to give the reader a genuine feel for the Passage and the scope of the trip. Even if a reader has no interest in the North, the book offers a glimpse into the human spirit's desire for adventure and challenge. Yet, and perhaps the nicest thing about it, Mr. Cowper retains humility and never self-aggrandizes.

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