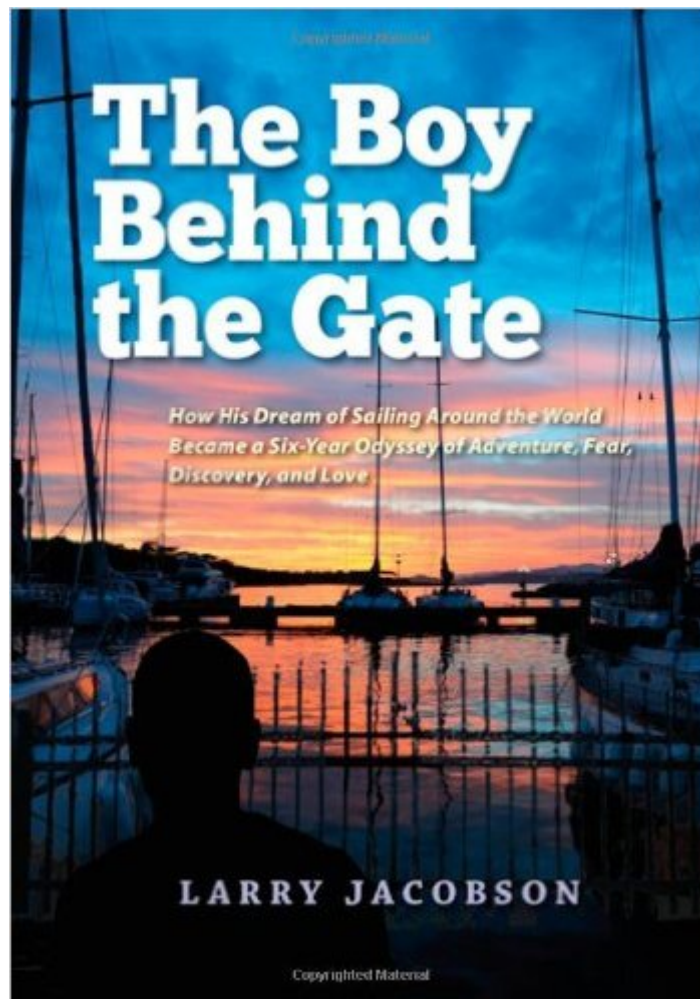


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# The Boy Behind The Gate: How His Dream Of Sailing Around The World Became A Six-Year Odyssey Of Adventure, Fear, Discovery And Love



FOLLOW THE GLOBAL SAILING ADVENTURES OF JULIA AND HER CREW AS THEY  
 DISCOVER THE WORLD AND THEMSELVES With his first mate and crew, amateur sailor Larry  
 Jacobson embarked on a lifelong goal to circumnavigate the globe. The namesake boy behind the  
 gate is a passionate romantic who, since childhood, yearned to discover what's out there.  
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 characteristics that allow them to completely transform their lives from one of stability to one of  
 uncertainty and adventure? Don't we all entertain ideas of reinventing ourselves, of having a  
 chance to do it differently and by our own rules? Willing to risk all, Jacobson  
 spent six years sailing into the unknown where the unrelenting oceans served as a teacher of  
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 author reveals those crucial steps that will motivate you to make your dreams come true. We are  
 each given one great opportunity at life. What are you going to do with yours?

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As a seven-year-old boy, Larry Jacobson often stood outside the gates of the marina near his home in Oakland, California, staring at the sleek sailing yachts nestled in their births, and dreamed of sailing the seven seas. His fantasy, even at that young age, was to circumnavigate the world. That aspiration remained dormant, wrapped in a cocoon for over forty years, waiting, waiting, but always pressing on his heart. *The Boy Behind the Gate* is the nonfiction account of the author fulfilling his life long dream. This is not simply a sailing story of shimmering white-sand beaches, tropical

lagoons, and exotic ports of call. It is the hard and gritty sea tale of overcoming fears and insecurities, of dealing with the harsh and glorious displays of nature, of facing loneliness. This is a story of a gay man who risked everything for uncertainty and adventure, and in the process, reinvented himself. It is an account of personal strength and perseverance. On December 7th, 2001, Larry Jacobson walked away from a successful career and a long-time lover. He, his first mate, Ken, and a skeleton crew boarded a fifty-foot sailing yacht, Julia, stowed their provisions, made last minute preparations, waved good bye to friends and family, sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge, and pointed the bow south. They would not see that beautiful orange span again for another six years. Jacobson had never captained an ocean going vessel before leaving the safety of the west coast of Mexico to cross the Pacific. He was not prepared for what lay ahead, but the unrelenting ocean served as teacher and guide, humbling his ego one minute, inspiring him the next.

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