A Pearl in the Storm: How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean

By Tori Murden McClure

HarperCollins Publishers Inc, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 206 x 140 mm. Language: English. Brand New Book. When mapmakers of the distant past came to the end of the known world, they would inscribe Here There Be Sea Monsters. When Tori McClure attempted to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean in a 23-foot plywood boat with no motor or sail, she had no comprehension of the size of the monsters she would find. In deep solitude and perilous conditions, McClure was a loner determined to prove what one person with a mission can do. When she is finally brought to her knees by the worst hurricane season in the history of the North Atlantic, she must signal for help and go home in what she thinks is disgrace. Back in Kentucky, her life begins to change in unexpected ways. She falls in love. She is obliged to embrace her own vulnerability. And she meets Muhammad Ali, who tells her that she does not want to be known as the woman who almost rowed across the Atlantic Ocean. So with her friends and her lover, she devises a strategy that will carry her to the opposite shore. With...

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"In the end, I know I rowed across the Atlantic to find my heart, but in the beginning, I wasn't aware that it was missing." In June 1998, Tori McClure began rowing across the Atlantic Ocean solo in a twenty-three-foot plywood boat with no motor or sail. Within days she lost all communication with shore but decided to forge ahead -- not knowing that 1998 would turn out to be the worst hurricane season on record in the North Atlantic. When she was nearly killed by a series of violent storms, Tori was forced to signal for help and head home in what felt like disgrace. But then her life changed in unexpected ways. She was hired by Muhammad Ali, who told her she did not want to be known as the woman who "almost" rowed across the Atlantic. And at thirty-five, Tori fell in love. A Pearl in the Storm is about failure and recovery. It is about storms that twist our lives and shatter our dreams. It is about the pearls: the guides, the guardians, and the mentors who lift us up after we fall. The cover of the book tells us that this is the true story of the first woman to row a boat alone across an ocean. If you looking for a simple adventure story about a simple athlete, this book is not for you. There is nothing simple about Tori Murden McClure. In the introduction, McClure asks her Uncle whether she should write her story as "a comedy, a history, a tragedy, or a romance." Her Uncle answers, "a romance." This answer leaves the author at a loss; at the start of the story, she has no experience with romance. The book begins as a blend of comedy and history. A Pearl in the Storm is the true story of Tori Murden McClure, the first woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. McClure's memoir, subtitled, "How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean," is more than a woman-against-the-elements adventure tale: it is, in the words of actress Candice Bergen, "a story of courage, adventure, and personal discovery that will appeal to women and men of all ages." In the center of the vessel was a rowing deck about the size of the cargo bed in my Ford F-150. The rowing deck was open to the sky, but there was a watertight cabin at the back of the boat. I would enter the cabin through a waterproof Plexiglas hatchway that was nineteen inches square. Summary and reviews of A Pearl in the Storm by Tori Murden McClure, plus links to a book excerpt from A Pearl in the Storm and author biography of Tori Murden McClure. In June 1998, Tori McClure set out to row across the Atlantic Ocean by herself in a twenty-three-foot plywood boat with no motor or sail. It was a journey that affected her life in unexpected ways for years to come. "In the end," writes Tori McClure, "I know I rowed across the Atlantic to find my heart, but in the beginning, I wasn't aware that it was missing." A Pearl in the Storm - you won't be able to put it down! I chose this book for our book club because I had read it when it first was published and I really liked it. Reading it the second time was even more interesting. Packaging should be the same as what is found in a retail store, unless the item is handmade or was packaged by the manufacturer in non-retail packaging, such as an unprinted box or plastic bag. See details for additional description. £11.04. Title: A Pearl In The Storm. Catalogue Number: 9780061718878. Format: BOOK. Missing Information?. Read full description. See details and exclusions - 'McClure, Tori Murden'-A Pearl In The Storm (US IMPORT) BOOK NEW. See all 6 brand new listings. Qty.