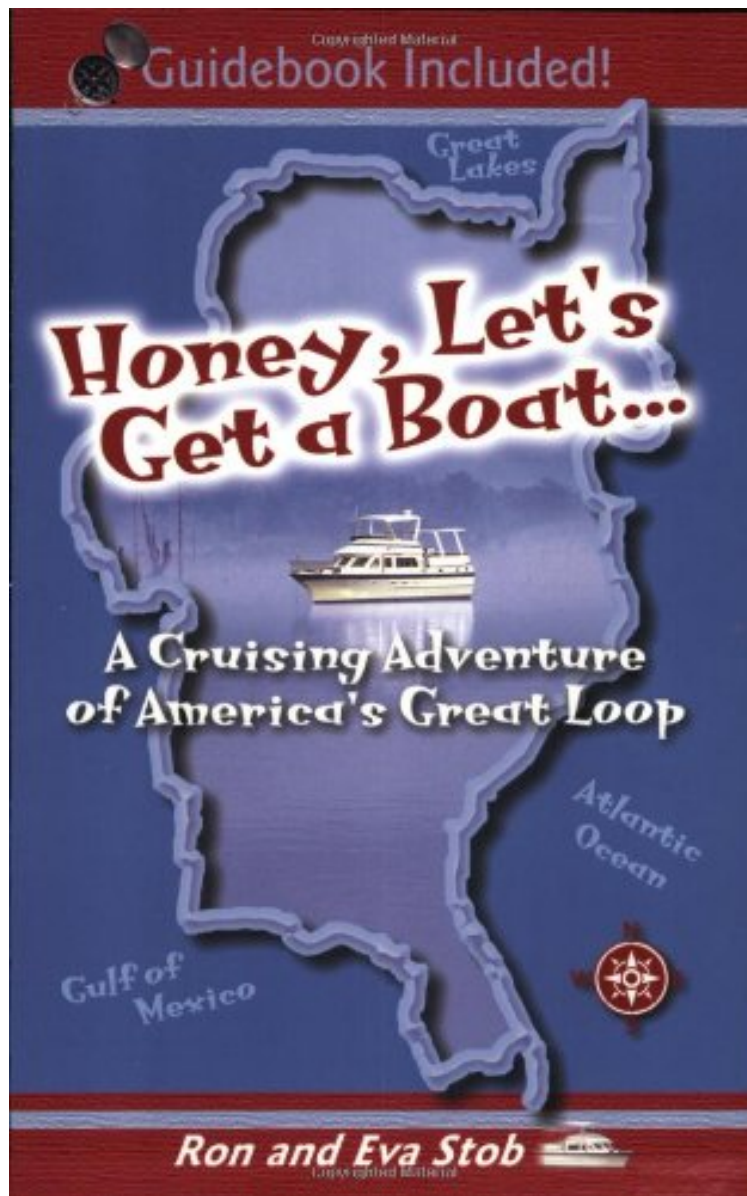


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Not at all encouraging for aspiring loopers!By cactuspcjackI bought this book hoping for it to be a good read for my wife. My idea was to get a good non-technical view of the Great Loop experience and how wonderful it might be to do ourselves in several years. I wanted to read it first, and I'm sure glad I did. I can't see how anyone would find this book anything other than depressing. It starts with some pretty major, and unexpected, repairs being required shortly after purchasing the boat. I was fine with that, a little reality check regarding possible unplanned and expensive maintenance for any boat. Unfortunately, it really doesn't get better as it goes on. There is good information to be found, but every chapter is somewhat gloomy. The author doesn't seem to have even enjoyed the trip. The closing paragraphs of the book aren't even upbeat. A couple times through the book he breaks the gloom suddenly and declares that he wants to live in whatever location they are in, but that is right after describing the travel legs as pretty much miserable. I could go on agreeing with other reviews about the religious overtones and condescending racial attitudes, but you can read that yourselves. Amazingly, this book actually diminished my supernova like fire of a desire to do this trip. I think I'll recover, but I'd be glad to have never picked this up in the first place. Even more amazingly, I've discovered that this book was actually written by the same people who created the AGLCA. So somehow they did this trip, immediately sold their boat, wrote a book that made it sound pretty mediocre or even unpleasant, and then went on to found an association that celebrates that very same trip.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great First Book to Read on Cruising The Great LoopBy Arlington Book BabeMy husband is very interested in cruising The Great Loop so we both read this iconic book to see what to expect. The book is interesting and recounts the Stob's year long odyssey describing ports and towns visited, problems encountered along the way, scary moments and fun times. The appendix is filled with tons of pertinent information such as planning your itinerary, recommended guidebooks, where to take boater education classes, budgets, choosing and outfitting a boat, etc. We are still researching whether we will attempt the loop, but this is the perfect first book to read on the subject of looping.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy David HarrisI liked the book so much that I purchased the same boat!

This is the story of a couple's travels on a forty-foot trawler cruising 6300 miles and 145 locks around the eastern part of North America known as America's Great Loop or the Great Circle Cruise. Their nautical ineptitude is evident from the beginning, but pulling from their personal and collective strengths, the authors overcome doubt, a lack of experience, and real and imagined horrors. The odyssey is told the way life hands out its adventures -- sometimes humorously, sometimes tragically, but always memorably. The writing is light and appealing, but there is a serious strain running through the book for those who relish history and descriptions of the landscape. Astute and attentive to detail, they chronicled events and kept an account of expenses, equipment and charting. As a result, the appendix/guidebook is worth the price of the book for anyone interested in planning their cruise. Topics include necessary charts and guidebooks, information on locks, setting an itinerary, resource addresses and websites, details on equipment and the best place to be educated about boating. The book has full-color inserts with black and white photographs interspersed throughout.

Heres the perfect gift book...filled with vital travel information, touching and often funny anecdotes... a masterfully written tale. -- Power Motoryacht, October 2002Its the pulling-no-punches sentiments that make (this book) such a good read and a wealth of information. --BoatU.S. Magazine, September 2001From the Publisher"Honey, Let's Get a Boat..." won first place in the Travel Book category in the 1999 North American Travel Journalists Association Awards Competition. It is hard to find a group of cruising skippers today that doesn't include someone who has just completed, is planning to make, or knows a person who has just made the Great Loop trip. (From Waterway Guide-Great Lakes 1994 Edition article featuring Walter Cronkite) And there's hardly an issue of a magazine that doesn't include travel adventures of someone cruising America along the water's edge. Every year hundreds of boaters complete the Great Loop Cruise while thousands more dream of doing it in their lifetime. Many wait until retirement, while others bail out at an earlier age to embark on a lifestyle where lawnmowers don't exist and the sun always sets over sparkling water. Honey, Let's Get a Boat... is for the hopeless romantic as well as the serious boater eager to learn about America's Great Loop (or Great Circle) trip. Honey.... also appeals to the suburban banker and the corporate executive eager to leave their jobs for adventure aboard boats.

From the Back CoverEager for a change and deaf to the admonitions of their children, the authors purchase a forty-foot boat. They catch the excitement of visiting sea ports, the fear of plowing huge bodies of water, the thrill of moving through 145 locks, and the delight of wandering down the inland rivers. Honey, Let's Get a Boat... is the story of a couple who encounter each other and a quirky boat as they discover America from the water's edge. Whether you are a hopeless romantic, vicarious traveler or serious boater, you will find this book both instructive and entertaining. Cruise with the Stob's as they complete the 6300-mile trip around America's Great Loop. If someone in your life says to you, Honey, Let's Get a Boat... and you don't know anything about boating, flip to the last section of this book. It's full of nitty gritty information to get you going.