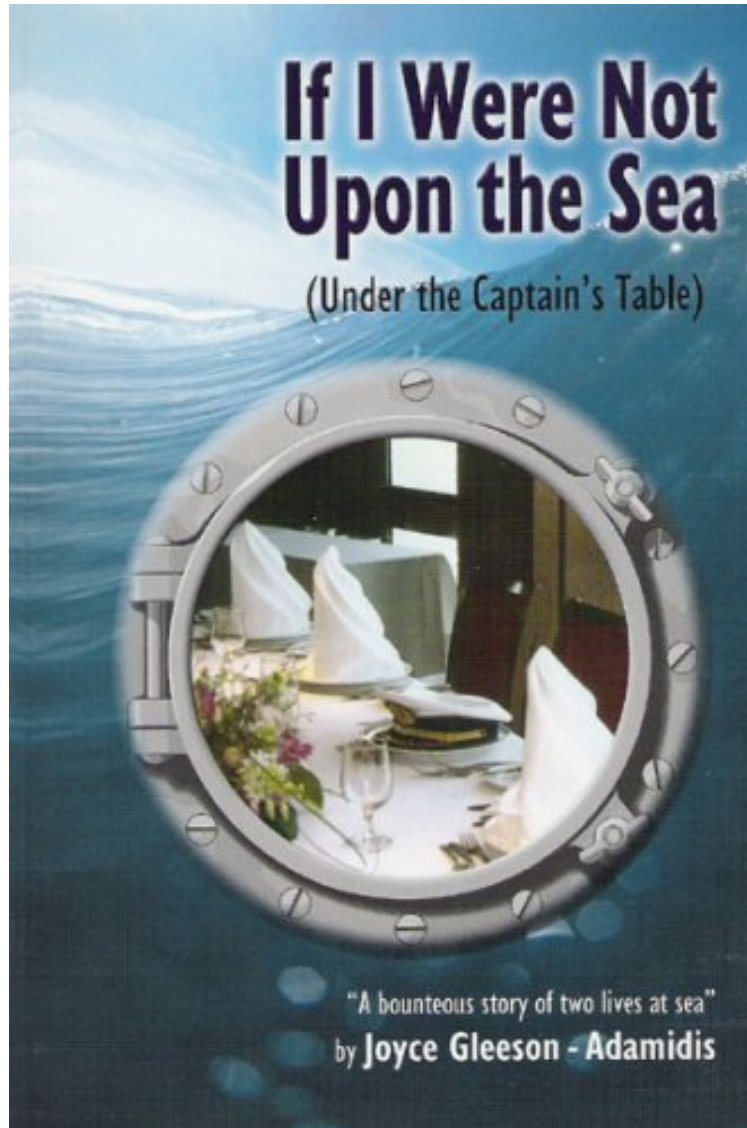


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very entertaiing book.By CruizerI enjoy cruising (having taken over twenty cruises from three nights to fourteen nights in length on five different cruise lines), but all I have seen is from the passenger's point of view. So it was with great interest that I read this book, which is from the crew's point of view. It is well written and both entertaining and informative. If you are interested in cruising and what goes on behind the scenes, then I recommend this book. However, it is for a limited audience. If you are not interested in what life is like

for the crew of a cruise ship, then this book is not for you. 14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Raises many unanswered questions. By Tim Johnson I have just finished this fascinating little book and although I enjoyed it immensely, it still left me with many of my original questions unanswered. I know, I know-it is extremely unthinking of me to fault a writer and their book for not writing the book that the reader would have written but still after a number of cruises there are many areas of the onboard cruising experience that are still pools of unknown knowledge that I cannot provide material to fill. Joyce has covered many interesting topics, some of which had never even occurred to me and I am richer for the wonderful anecdotes that pepper her book. I would, however, have preferred her to supply some of the "nuts an' bolts" of the cruising experience from an employees point of view such as: who rooms with who and who decides this important question, what do crew members do when not working and where do they do it, how are crew quarters laid out, is food supplied, what sort of amenities are onboard for the crew, etc. etc. ? Joyce's book is a wonderful insight into that hidden world of the cruise employee and I would encourage her to write a follow up and tell her readers of the "hidden" world of contemporary international cruising. Considering how popular this form of holiday has become, I am sure the book would sell well. 6 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Not a book to read and I was disappointed. By Linda H. Canada This book was reviewed on Cruise Critic and I thought it would make good reading while awaiting my next cruise. Unfortunately, I could not get through the first three chapters. Maybe it is because of the explicit details of the authors love life or what she perceived as her love life and not enough about the actually inner workings of a cruise ship. The book I got was actually signed by the author, but I plan on taking it with me and leaving it in the give away section of the cruise ship library. Maybe someone else can get into this book. It was not for me.

What cruise ship guests never see and never hear about, they can read about in "If I Were Not Upon the Sea". One very 'male' Captain and one very 'female' Cruise Director of different backgrounds and very differing points of view, give a tour no brochure will ever offer. Life at sea is uncharted territory until this book.

"A fascinating, personalized account of life onboard a cruise ship. Cruising will NEVER be the same again." -- Brooks Aehron, Internationally Acclaimed Pianist, Great Britain July 4, 2000 "A fascinating, personalized account of life onboard a cruise ship. Cruising will NEVER be the same again." -- Brooks Aehron, Internationally Acclaimed Pianist, Great Britain July 4, 2000 "Through carefully constructed vignettes, Joyce Adamidis exposes the soft, vulnerable underbelly of the cruise world... -- Carol Keith, Florida historian and lecturer-Author "A Watch for Evil" From the Publisher Inside story of a courageous woman who dared to write her ship life story, dared to tell a private story that most of us will never hear or ever experience and dared to put it in front for every one to read. She self published this book in hopes to bring some entertainment to a special inside story of the various shipboard life escapades that land based persons do not know exist. This book has sold over 9000 copies and still going strong. These special little anecdotes tell of the lifestyle that Joyce and the Captain had lived while having fun working and living on board cruise ships. The easy read allows you to compare it to your own experiences of sailing on the high seas. Some stories are filled with amusement, some with mystery and some with wonder. All in all, it is a life. This is a "Limited First Edition". From the Author I wrote this book to allow our son to know who his mother and father were prior to his own existence. I wanted him to know our ups and our downs. I wanted to show him our mistakes and our triumphs, to present our positive and negative sides and to let him know that we are each our own person. Most importantly, I want him to know that no matter what the situation is, there will always be a way to find a solution. We are made up of everything that is enforced with growing pains, life's lessons learned and the mistakes we have made along the way. The book is filled with laughter, fun and some not so fun moments. It is a life that is in great contrast to that which is on land. It is an adventure of two lives, from two different directions and a meeting in the middle. To get to where we wanted to go, using the waves of sea was how to get there. It is in a continuous episode of change.