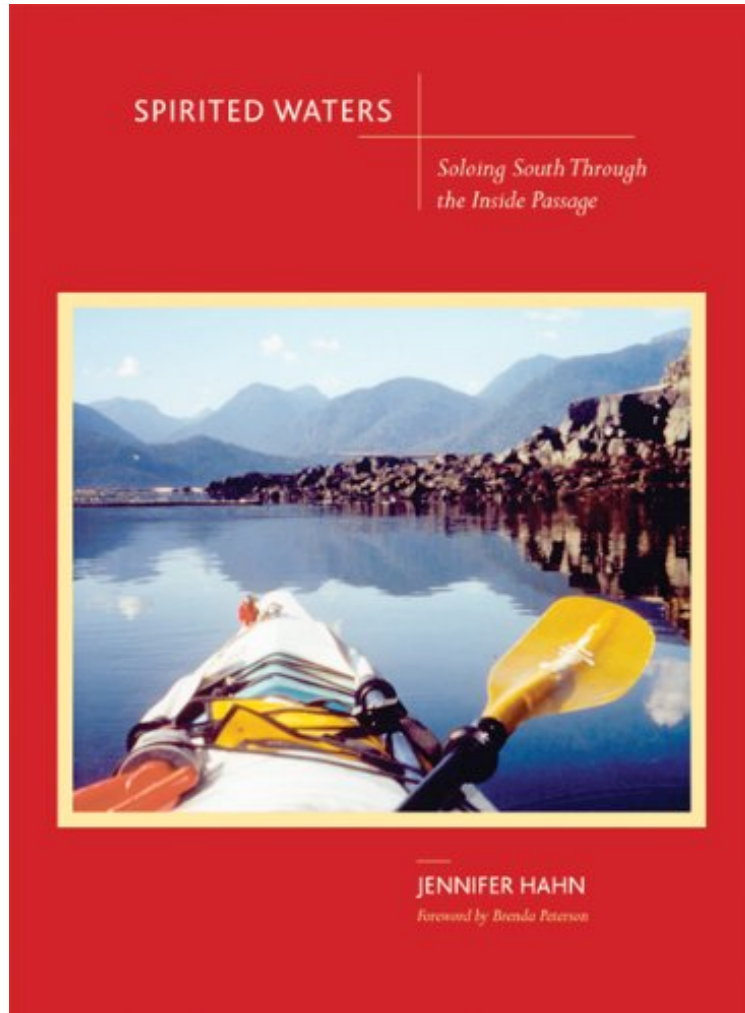


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Jennifer Hahn : Spirited Waters: Soloing South Through the Inside Passage before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Spirited Waters: Soloing South Through the Inside Passage:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An honest, poetic and engaging storyBy Lynn SkinnerJennifer Hahn has created a compelling story of her solo journey through the Inside Passage. Her writing style is exquisite, and accessible to anyone - whether they have had sea kayaking experience or not. As well as recounting the many shifting circumstances and challenges along the way, she includes wonderful drawings, recipes and information that sheds light on how to make use of available resources for food, shelter, and spiritual companionship.In addition to spinning tales about the people she encounters en route, Jennifer captures the natural elements and beauty that surround her with poetic depth. Her adventure is presented through the eyes of a woman in the wild, and she readily admits to the fears and uncertainties that so often accompany a woman who is all alone. Her vulnerability is a lovely asset and

perfectly compliments her physical and mental fortitude. This is one of my all-time favorite books! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. More Water... Less "Spirits" By Bama Kayaker This book was on a reading list in advance of an upcoming trip my wife and I are making to Alaska. And as an avid kayaker, I'm a sucker for sea kayaking travel logs, especially for a place so foreign to a Southerner. Unlike some of the reviewers, I have no problem that journey was taken in segments, or that the writer diverged into a variety of topics outside of the actual trip. Jennifer is an excellent writer. I found her descriptions of the scenery to be vivid, effectively using metaphors to bring to life what she encountered along the way. She successfully whetted my appetite for my trip - Alaska sounds like an absolutely exquisite place. On other hand, her descriptions of how to find and prepare edible plants and seafare were interesting in small doses, but the topic took a lot more space than I expected in a kayaking book. Last, I thought she played the New Age "spirit" thing a bit heavy - on every other page she's praying to an otter, and eagle, a whale - whatever... Maybe its just me, but it made her come off a bit flaky? In short, I would loved a bit more about "Waters" and a little less "spirits"... Nevertheless, its worth the read just to take in the scenery of her trip. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Poetic prose channeled from a borderland of fear and desire By Customer The solo inside passage kayak journey draws many and there are numerous accounts. Some are Joe Friday just the facts about how and where to go, where to stop. Others are fact and history filled travelogues that will help guide the way. Jennifer's is entirely different. It is not a book to guide you through the myriad details and decisions from here to there. It captures rather the real draw of a trip long and uncertain enough to be a journey of transformation. It is sometimes laugh out loud funny and often heart to heart transmission of wonder and awe. It's not the book to read to plan. It is the one to give you the feeling of being there with currents, winds, storms and whales and inspire, whether one finds the time and will to journey or simply follows along from an armchair.

* Mixes adventure travel with natural history in this solo kayaking adventure* Includes the author's hand-drawn illustrations In this insightful account of her solo voyage in a sixteen-foot kayak, Jennifer Hahn vividly relates the ecstatic moments and terrifying predicaments of paddling against the wind through Alaska's Inside Passage. Hahn's adventures include dramatic encounters with animals and heartwarming experiences with coastal characters. Much more than a memoir, *Spirited Waters* is a remarkable blend of adventure travel, natural history, and personal challenge.

From Library Journal Not many people, especially a solo woman traveler, would attempt to kayak the 750 miles along the Inside Passage between Alaska and Washington state. All the more reason for the adventurous Hahn to try it. Hahn, a naturalist and kayak guide, felt a call to do this trip but realized that she would have to do it in sections, over two spring and summer seasons. Sometimes fearless, sometimes terrified (of the currents, wolves, bears, and strange men), Hahn remains honest and thoughtful about her experiences. As her account reveals, she meets many generous people and a variety of animals and sea creatures on the trip and finds a sense of peace within herself. Her extensive knowledge of nature, native customs and legends, and the navigational history of the area nicely complement her personal experiences, while her eloquent writing allows readers to feel both the pain and the triumph of the journey. Recommended for all travel collections. Kathleen Shanahan, Kensington, MD Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author With more than 25 years of wilderness travel under her boots and kayak hull-including through-hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from northern California to Canada and kayaking solo from Ketchikan, Alaska, to Washington-writer JENNIFER HAHN relies on wild harvesting to keep her pack and kayak light. She holds a B.S. from Huxley College of Environmental Studies, Western Washington University, and a B.A. in writing and ecology from WWU's Fairhaven College, at which time she studied with Pulitzer-prize author Annie Dillard and worked at Audubon magazine. Jennifer later founded her own kayak and natural history company called Elakah Kayak Expeditions. She has led tours in Washington, Canada, Alaska, Baja Mexico, and the Galapagos. Her first book *Spirited Waters: Soloing South Through The Inside Passage* won the Barbara Savage "Miles From Nowhere" award for adventure narrative writing in 2001. In 2003, on behalf of the Washington Commission for the Humanities "Inquiring Mind Lecture Series," she traveled across Washington State speaking and serving up wild edibles for her lecture, "Feasting on Flotsam: Eating Between Tides, Fields, and Forest as Cuisine, Culture, and Ecology." Currently she is an adjunct professor at Western Washington University's Fairhaven College teaching courses on northwest wild food. Her love of foraging inspired her latest titles with Mountaineers Books, *Pacific Feast* and *Pacific Coast Foraging Guide*. Jennifer's favorite foraged lunch is sea urchin, nori seaweed, and "goose tongue" leaves. She lives in Bellingham, Washington with her potter husband, Chris Moench.