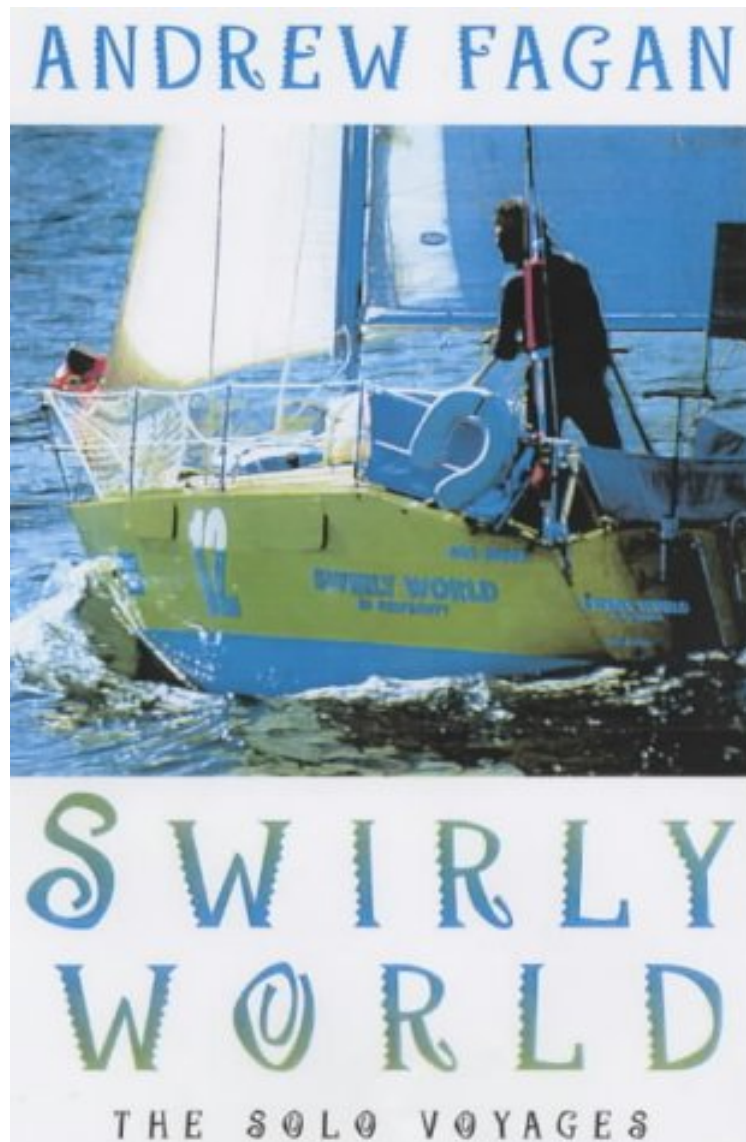


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Andrew Fagan : Swirly World : The Solo Voyages before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Swirly World : The Solo Voyages:

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Review of Swirly World By Grant McNamara Swirly World features the exploits of Andrew Fagan solo sailing his 18-foot pocket cruiser about the South West Pacific. It is a terrific read and I heartily recommend it. Andrew and his boat Swirly World hold the record for sailing the smallest yacht, solo from New Zealand to Australia (and back again). An accomplished wordsmith, Andrew writes with flare and style. His

book will be an inspiration to any sailor contemplating a solo voyage. In fact anyone looking to have an adventure which pits your wits and skills against that venerable old lady; Mother Nature will enjoy this book. Andrew was a rock star in small time New Zealand during the eighties. I must confess I expected arrogance and extravagance in his attitudes. I also anticipated the 'I did this' and 'I am so darn good' type of language that you often find in celebrity biographies. However, after reading his book I am impressed! Not only by his exploits and adventure, but his thoughtfulness and humility. In simple terms, he goes about the business of telling his story without gloating or boasting. Best of all it is a great story. In the typical style of solo sailors writing a book, he expresses his views on life, the universe and everything. Moreover, Andrew Fagan has pondered much. Of particular interest to yachters, the book would have a wide appeal. It is easy to read, full of surprises. And if you sail or aspire to sail single-handed, then this book is a real must. As well as explaining the problems, worries and joys of sailing a solo trans ocean race, Andrew details his simple voyages to remote little islands just for the fun! And some of those problems! Food, weather, storms, seasickness, safety and dreams are all discussed. Not sure if I needed the detail on constipation on the high seas, but very funny all the same. Swirly World is written in a style similar to Shane Acton's 'Shrimpy Sails'. Although they are very different stories one can't help but make the comparison. Both tiny yachts sailing across huge oceans. Both authors accepting the difficulties presented and the reality that only oneself can overcome the problem at hand. Self-reliance, lack of resources, and the wonder of nature. A great book, and well worth the 20 bucks. This book is available at UK. Reviewed by Grant McNamara located in Wellington, New Zealand at [website] August 2003