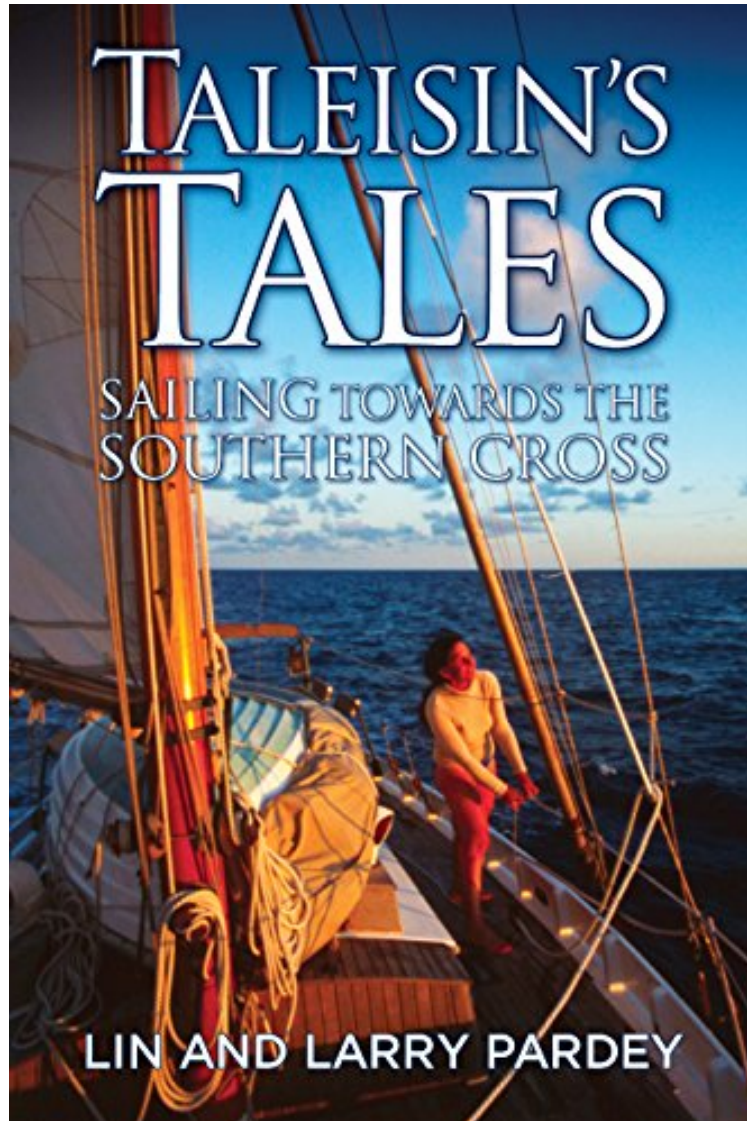


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Lin Pardey, Larry Pardey : Taleisin's Tales - Sailing towards the Southern Cross before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Taleisin's Tales - Sailing towards the Southern Cross:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Lin is the perfect narrator of any cruising encounter By Natalie M The author takes the reader on a far reaching journey, an exploration of finding home and establishing lasting family ties as much as a series of entertaining and instructive seagoing tales. I read this on kindle with whispersynch and it was great to hop in the car in the mornings hear the audio book pick up where I'd left off in print the evening before - i am glad

there was an audio edition of this book - some of the cruising encounters are described almost conversationally so it was great to hear those parts of this memoir on audio - the story would be perfect if it further described "what happened next" but hopefully that's "another story" !1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. However I have just had to enjoy their experiences as they came alongBy cementmasonI already own everything Lin and Larry have in print or filmed except for the boat building book. I am afraid I was already too old to learn boat building when I first heard of it. Had I ever read their books when I was younger I would have been a sailor for sure. However I have just had to enjoy their experiences as they came along. I had waited for this book for a long time and did not think they were going to write it but I am delighted they did. The photographs and quality of this book are beautiful. I enjoyed it thoroughly and I hope they have time for 10 more books. I am sure they have the experiences to fill them0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Lin and Larry Magic is Back!By EconomicsGuyI just finished Lin's latest. What a great story. I'm left yearning for more of the Taleisin years. My father has been gone 12 years, but Lin and Larry were his favorite nautical authors. I vividly remember him reading from Cruising in Seraffyn at night to my mom and me in the cabin of our sweltering Tartan 27 during an August cruise on the Chesapeake. So many of those memories are brought back as I read Lin's continuation of their journeys on their bigger boat Taleisin. And, the pictures make it all so real. It's amazing how many great photos Lin and Larry took during their travels before the days of the digital camera. While the shock of engineless cruising is nearly completely gone in these stories (it seemed to dominate in the Seraffyn years), the magical element of a special kind of cruising remains. It's Lin and Larry style. I'm seriously hoping that we get to hear more of those days sailing on Taleisin in more titles from Lin soon.

Including stories from paradise and hard-won lessons in seamanship, Taleisin's Tales reflects back to the first miles Lin and Larry Pardey gained together on their second boat one they built lovingly with teak carvel planking over sawn black locust frames. The book begins with the boat launch and the transition from their cherished Seraffyn, and includes details from outfitting, provisioning and final detailing during the early months Lin and Larry spent getting to know their new bluewater cruiser, as well as moments of melancholy as they let go of attachments to their first trusty boat that took them around the world. The story takes the reader through those initial cautious 1000 coastal miles between California and the Sea of Cortez, discussing everything from sail handling to dinghy racing to the relative luxuries of bicycles and a custom-built sitz tub. It reveals surprising and pleasant engagements with other sailors and locals along the Baja peninsula. Then it launches the reader across the Pacific, sailing with the Pardeys on Taleisin's first offshore leg to French Polynesia, through the Cook Islands and Tonga, then on to New Zealand, where they eventually made their new home. In the style readers have come to know through the Pardeys' ever popular Cruising in Seraffyn series and Lin's award winning Bull Canyon, this book relates stories sometimes harrowing, sometimes cautionary, sometimes hilarious and often heart-warming, especially when it comes to encounters with the people of the South Pacific who become family. If there is a lesson to be gained from reading Taleisin's Tales, it's that slowing the pace and taking each day as it comes brings unexpected moments of clarity and joy. And that sailing across an ocean on a small boat is not easy but, with the right partner and attitude, can be beautifully rewarding. Taleisin's Tales takes the reader from Bull Canyon, California, to Kawau Island, New Zealand, where, after 28 years of voyaging on Taleisin, Lin and Larry now spend their time running a small nautical publishing company and managing a very small boatyard, puttering about on their fifteen-foot Herreshoff sloop and reflecting on their five decades of bluewater cruising.

I'm not sure which writer I admire more: the young girl in lust with tomorrow's cruise or the respected sailing sage looking back on a life well lived on a small boat cluttered with large dreams. One thing I know is that Lin's pen has been whispering to me for over forty years now and this is one of her best. --Cap'n Fatty Goodlander, Cruising editor, Cruising World
Lin Pardey has done it again! Her first full-length cruising narrative in many years is as fresh and relevant as those tales that entertained and inspired a generation of sailors decades ago. Once you step aboard, you won't want to step off again. --Charles Doane, Cruising Editor, Sail Magazine
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