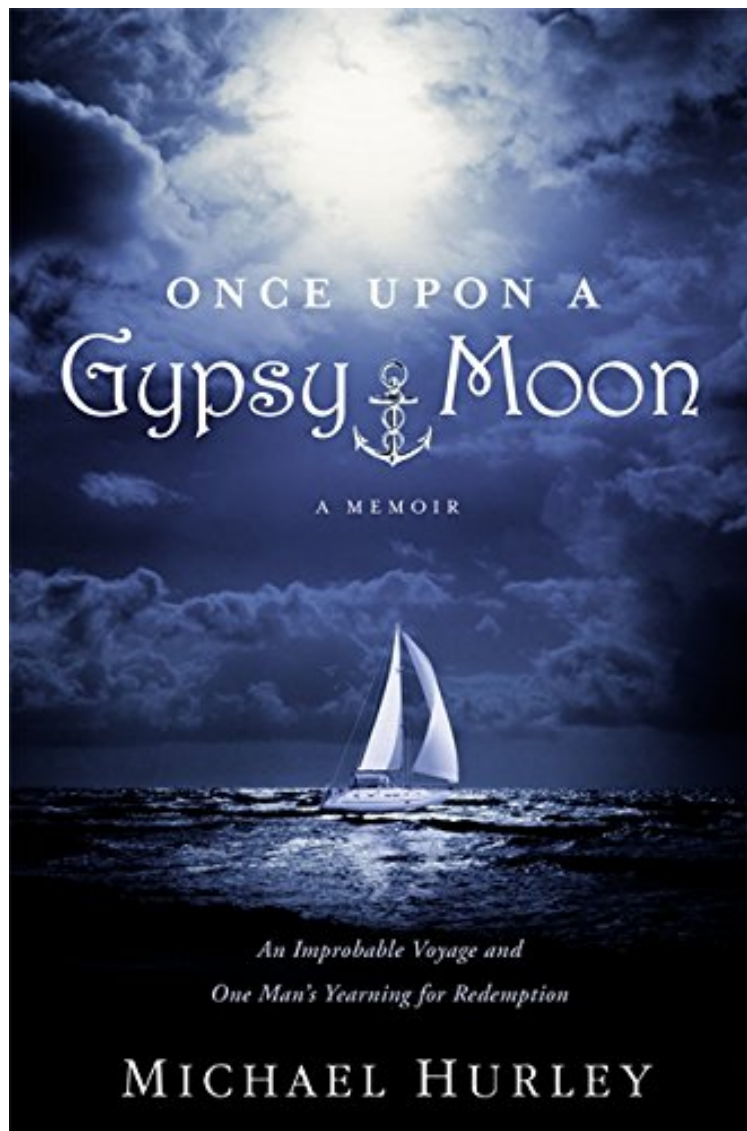


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voyage not finished. A faith not finished. Isn't that what most of our journeys are like. I can relate to this memoir more than the story of someone who sails around the world. I do enjoy those stories of completion too, but I have had more adventures closer to those described in this book. The philosophy interwoven throughout this book is as important as the story itself. If you can't relate to that, you won't like the book. But, I loved the book! I have never gone through a divorce, but I have thought about it. I have never sailed to another country (well, Canada), but I have cut a voyage short when I realized the completion wasn't worth the cost. I have also spent many hours contemplating many of the philosophical issues brought forth in this book - and many while sailing. Mr. Hurley carves out some memorable lines that would rival quotes from famous authors and other revered heroes of our past. When you stumble upon them in this story, you will be rewarded. I offer one without the permission of the author: "Like the bloom of a rose, the beauty of life is organic and, therefore, limited by time." I found a wonderful journey while part of Hurley's travels. Oh, you really should check out "Letters from the Woods" by this author if you liked this book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Read By Michael Card Unlike some other reviewers, I found this book very satisfying. I am also a sailor, and when out at sea, I experience feelings similar to those expressed by Mr. Hurley. I liked his style and enjoyed many of his philosophical musings. Yes, it's a little gooey in spots, but not enough to ruin a good read. My wife has just finished it and she enjoyed it as much as I did. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Misplaced Genre By Susan A. Parker The book tries very hard, but the magic never arrives. It's challenging to write memoirs and not every writer has the talent and voice for it. Mr. Hurley seems to be trying very hard to be Nicholas Sparks and though one can't fault his effort, the "voice" simply isn't present. As we read about the fall out of all of Mr. Hurley's "bad" decisions, he never quite seems to take full responsibility and one suspects that his long-suffering wife could write a much more honest, accurate and telling book. The thread of narcissism runs through this "it's all about me" tome to the point that I almost joined in tossing cookies as Mr. Hurley described his last moments on "The Gypsy Moon" before he unceremoniously abandoned her. Then again, she probably has a much better chance of circumnavigation with Mr. Hurley out of the cockpit. I bought the Kindle Edition and I probably have every sailing disaster literary account published. My most compelling realization after finishing this "book" is that I'll never get the 3 hours and \$8.89 back. There are so many amazing tales of wreckage, rescue and redemption - books that are fierce and impossible to put down. This is not one of those books.

Michael Hurley watched his world unravel in the wake of infidelity, divorce and failure. In August 2009, he was short of money, out of a job, and seeking to salvage a life that had foundered. Deeply in need of perspective, he took to the open seas in a 32-foot sailboat, Gypsy Moon. The story of his 2-year outward odyssey, deterred by rough weather and mechanical troubles, combines keen observation, poignant thoughts, and deeper introspection with glorious prose. Once Upon a Gypsy Moon also presents a rare and much-needed point of view on the familiar spiritual-journey narrative. It offers a star-crossed love story wrapped inside a rollicking good sea tale, but it also has something important to say to the reader about relationships, faith and disbelief, life and death, love and marriage, and what really matters.