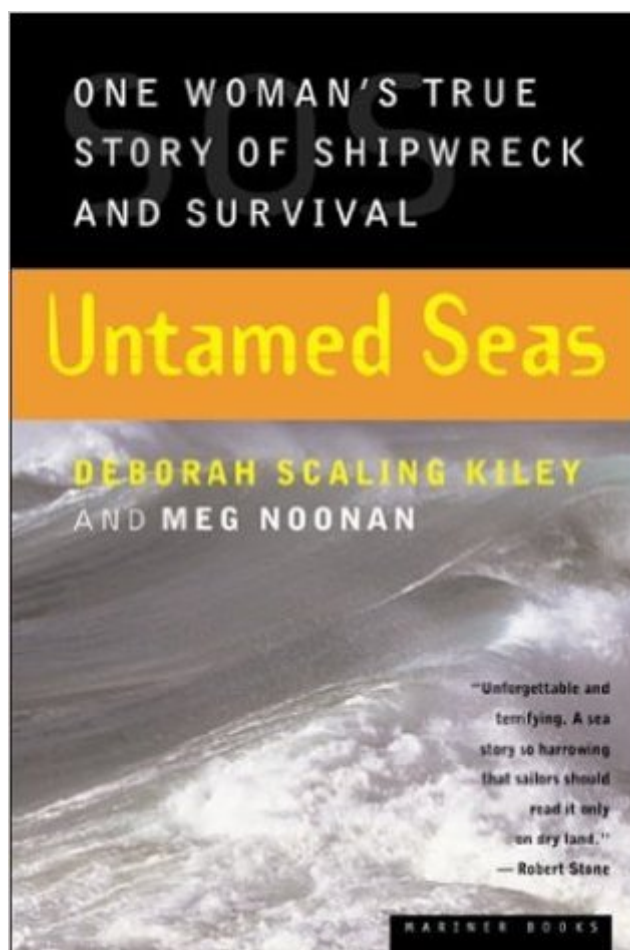


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# Untamed Seas: One Woman's True Story Of Shipwreck And Survival



## Synopsis

One late autumn day in 1982, the fifty-eight-foot yacht TRASHMAN set sail on a routine trip from Annapolis to Florida, with Deborah Scaling and four others aboard. When the boat sailed into a seventy-knot gale, it went down quickly, leaving the crew adrift in the Atlantic in a rubber dinghy that was quickly surrounded by sharks. Five harrowing days and nights later, when a Russian freighter finally came to their rescue, only two crew members remained. Powerful, adrenaline-charged, utterly consuming, UNTAMED SEAS is a brave, unforgettable story that plunges to the depths of the human psyche and surfaces with the strength to survive.

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## Customer Reviews

This novel is unforgettable and absolutely terrifying. Deborah is a young and vibrant woman, attracted to the sea and sailing. Trying to make it on her own, she elects to crew with four others on a 58 foot sailboat named the TRASHMAN from Annapolis to Florida. Somewhat experienced in sailing, she begins to recognize that this crew is not capable nor predictable. She overrides her doubts with alcohol and brief reassurances, yet she can not shake the impending doom and fear of those she is sailing with. It is not easy. The crew argue amongst themselves, and the alcohol flows steadily. Procedures are cast aside, and boasting mates inflate their personal experience on board. Within hours of sail, it is quite obvious that she is sailing with not only incompetent sailors, but ones who are obviously psychologically and chemically impaired. There are crucial warning signs that Deborah notes prior to sail, yet fails to act on. Just as in destructive relationships, the symptoms are there before the disease is diagnosed. ABORT!!! ESCAPE!!!! SWIM!! You scream to the innocents

while reading this account. But you know people do not behave this way. They wait, and they hope...for semblance of order...for personal responsibility....for someone to save them. Personally, if I had to choose the method of my death, what happened to these poor people would come in last place. There are underlying issues for Deborah. She suffered child abuse at the hands of her step father and had a difficult relationship with her mother. Coupled with her own personal demons, she was vulnerable, yet probably better prepared to handle the ultimate challenges before her. Her troubles made her strong and resilient, although later they became her psychological hurdles she had to cross over before she made peace with not only herself but the horror that occurred on sea.

I read this book in two sittings, some parts I was almost too scared to keep reading. The part where they tip over the boat to rinse out all the crap from Meg's leg (bloody infection stuff) and they can't tip it back and the sharks are surely going to smell all that in the water...I almost died just reading it. After reading this I had some burning questions about a lot of things I went to her website and emailed her. She was sooo nice, answered all my questions. Don't read this on the beach or even in the tub!

This book was an awesome book that was so thrilling i read it in two days. It's not like other books such as In the heart of the sea or knockdown or the perfect storm because those books go into a lot of background details which can be extremely boring. This book doesn't do that because it is a first hand account so there is no maybes or this probably happened or any of that stuff. It was very exiting yet sad to see the affects of what happened on people and their lives. I thought it was great.....so will you.

Deborah Scaling Kiley spoke at a meeting for battered women that I was attending. She spoke of the abuse she had suffered as a child at the hands of a heartless step-father who is now a politician, and her survival from that. Then she proceeded to tell us the story in this book. Hearing her speak of the hideous horrors she had to endure, and then reading them in this book inspired me to be a survivor, not a victim. She now speaks about being a survivor, and is very well spoken. When reading her book, it helps to know that this woman really has CHOSEN to become a survivor, and she is an inspiration to all women.

A real hero and an inspiration. I would have given up. Courage and class! A great read, you will be gripped!

who co-wrote the first book with Ms. Kiley? Why did Ms Kiley write the story over again when the first one was so good? It is a fascinating, if disturbing, story of survival.

This sounds like a book by the same author called "Albatross" which was published several years ago. Soon after the events described, John Rousmaniere wrote a compelling article in SAIL which I have never forgotten, so when the book came out I sought it out eagerly. I was disappointed. While it is an interesting story from which sailors can learn a lot, I ended up not caring what happened to any of the characters. I am not sure why not; it was just that somehow the book left me flat.

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