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Challenged by an expert who said it couldn't be done, Joshua Slocum, a fearless New England sea captain, set out in April 1895 to prove that a man could sail alone around the world. A little over three years and forty-six thousand miles later, the proof was complete. This is Slocum's own account of his remarkable adventures during the historic voyage of the *Spray*.

Whether Slocum was more accomplished as a writer or sailor is hard to say. His writing style is fast paced, witty, and exhilarating, an absorbing match to his harrowing adventures - adventures that included being chased by Moorish pirates off Gibraltar; escaping a fleet of hostile canoes; being submerged by a great wave off the Patagonian coast; an encounter with Black Pedro, "the worst murderer in Tierra del Fuego"; and foiling a nocturnal attack by savages by strewing carpet tacks on the *Spray's* deck.

Captain Joshua Slocum (1844-1909) was the first person to circle the globe alone entirely by sea. This remarkable achievement made Slocum the most famous North American sailor of all time.

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