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The Best Primer on Sailing, Ever! This book explains how the sail works as well as how to use it. It gives only enough information for basic understanding not an overload. In this manner all aspects are given to the beginner. From dropping the mooring or sailing off the dock to reading the chart. All in just over sixty pages hand printed and illustrated in ink and wash by the author. I use this book as a teaching tool and have for over 40 years. A Must for every sailor's library.

I was hooked at the dedication page, which reads "These friends are anchor and compass to me...." This book has three great things going for it as an instructional book. It is illustrated with attractive, clear and helpful drawings; it is written in a charming, wise and simple voice; and, most importantly, it does not bog down in the attempt to capture on the page the things that are better learned by doing. Adkins addresses nautical vocabulary, the physics of how sails work, basic sailing technique and important ancillary skills like knots, navigation, and understanding weather. It left me with two desires: to go sailing as soon as possible, and to give copies of this book to my friends and relatives. Not strictly speaking a children's book, as it's a little wordy for unsteady readers - but suitable for confident readers age 8 or 10ish through adult.

Very good condition, reasonable delivery, a fair price...thanks! Book content is very basic but clear on why and how sailing works.

I originally found this book in a public library while visiting Swan's Island in Maine. I took a picture of the cover and ordered it when I was back in civilization. It is a beautiful book. The illustrations, the prose, and Adkins passion for sailing and simplicity. It's a must for your sailing library.

The best and most beautifully illustrated primer on the subject of sailing. I've given this book as a gift many times to anyone thinking of getting into the sport.

I am a novice in sailing and I found the book very helpful and easy to understand. My husband has a bit of sailing experience and he also found the book very informative and useful. The explanations are clear and there are good graphics. We would recommend this book to both new and experienced sailors.

This book makes concepts very easy to understand for all ages. Great reference for terms and techniques.

I purchased "The Craft of Sail" after it was recommended to me by a friend. This brilliant, beautiful and to the point primer gives readers what they need to know to understand the art of wind, preparing them to begin a hands on sailing class with confidence and intelligence. This 63 page book can be read and understood in an afternoon but you will, as I will, probably refer to it, and lend it to friends, for years to come.

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