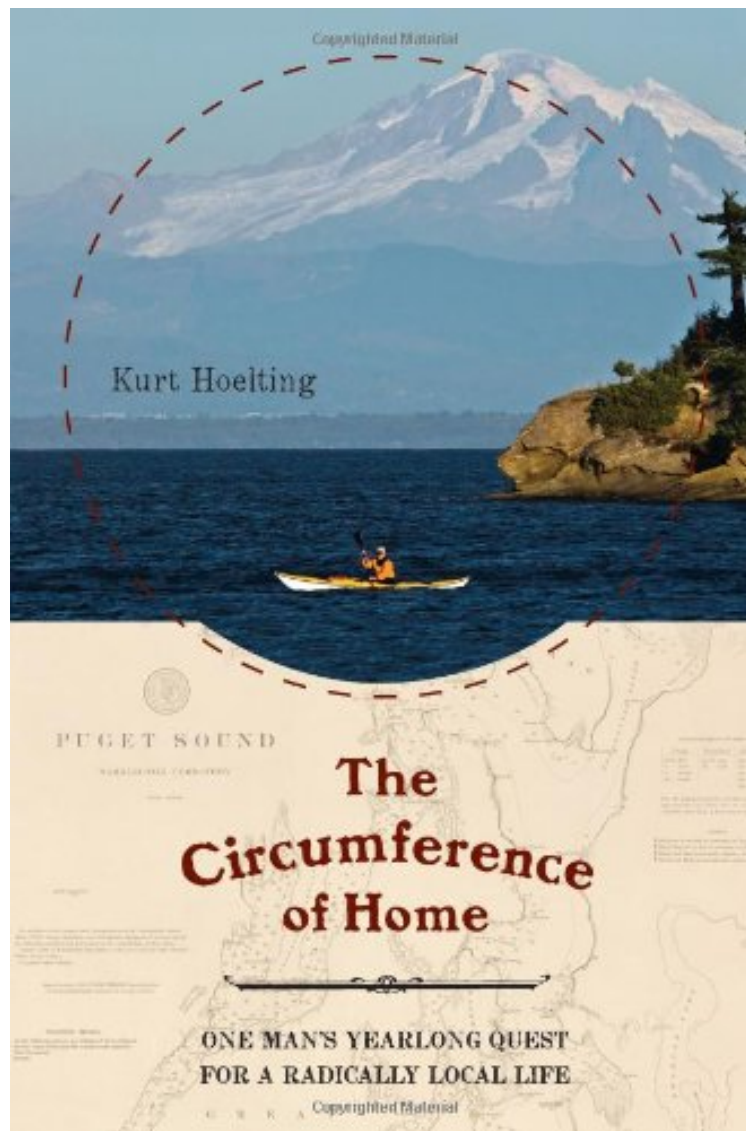


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This much is clear to me. If I can't change my own life in response to the greatest challenge now facing our human family, who can? And if I won't make the effort to try, why should anyone else? So I've decided to start at home, and begin with myself. The question is no longer whether I must respond. The question is whether I can turn my response into an adventure. After realizing the gaping hole between his convictions about climate change and his own carbon footprint, Kurt Hoelting embarked on a yearlong experiment to rediscover the heart of his own home: He traded his car and jet travel for a kayak, a bicycle, and his own two feet, traveling a radius of 100 kilometers from his home in Puget Sound. This circumference of home proved more than enough. Part quest and part guidebook for change, Hoeltings journey is an inspiring reminder that what we need really is close at hand, and that the possibility for adventure lies around every bend.

From Booklist Spurred to fully embrace his eco-convictions, Hoelting set out on a yearlong experiment to travel no further than 60 miles while using only public transportation, his bike, his kayak, and his feet. Based in the San Juan Islands of the Pacific Northwest, the wilderness guide, meditation teacher, and commercial fisherman was amply prepared for this new way to appreciate the circumference of home. What could have been a simple green guide to local living is deepened by Hoeltings keen observations, wry sense of humor, and willingness to consider a regions past and present when assessing its future. From biology to geology to the cultures of multiple nations, he cuts a broad swath through a relatively small area, all the while marveling at how tired, wet, and hungry one can become when immersed in the elements. More reflective than any rant against modern living, Hoeltings unique study of what local really means is accessible to any urban dweller. And once again we learn that there really is no place like home. -- Colleen Mondor

Sailing Home: Using the Wisdom of Homers Odyssey to Navigate Lifes Perils and Pitfalls Beyond the disturbing news of climate change looms the inescapable fact that we are all personally, viscerally, involved. How to understand this. What to do. The Circumference of Home is one mans answer. Hoeltings love for the landscapes and seascapes of his native Pacific Northwest transforms the grief of global warming into an adventure of the body and spirit. Written in the best tradition of American nature writing from H. D. Thoreau to Gary Snyder, this wonderful book will bring you deep pleasure and hope.

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EnergyTimes.com, 4/20/10 If youve been wondering what practices could bring you closer to an earth-friendly lifestyle, reading The Circumference of Home would be a good place to start. Curled Up with a Good Book, June 2010

A wilderness guide and commercial fisherman, Hoelting is in a better position than most to track the rapidly growing damage to ecosystems. No doubt this firsthand knowledge makes him more keenly aware of how our actions impact the planet and future generations Lest you fear that The Circumference of Home is another guilt-trip that you dont need or want, rest assured that Hoelting doesnt write with the sort of condescension that comes so easily from those who make remarkable sacrifices for a cause [Its] not a how-to or a list of simple steps for saving the planet. It is an exploration of personal responsibility and discovery in the 21st century.

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