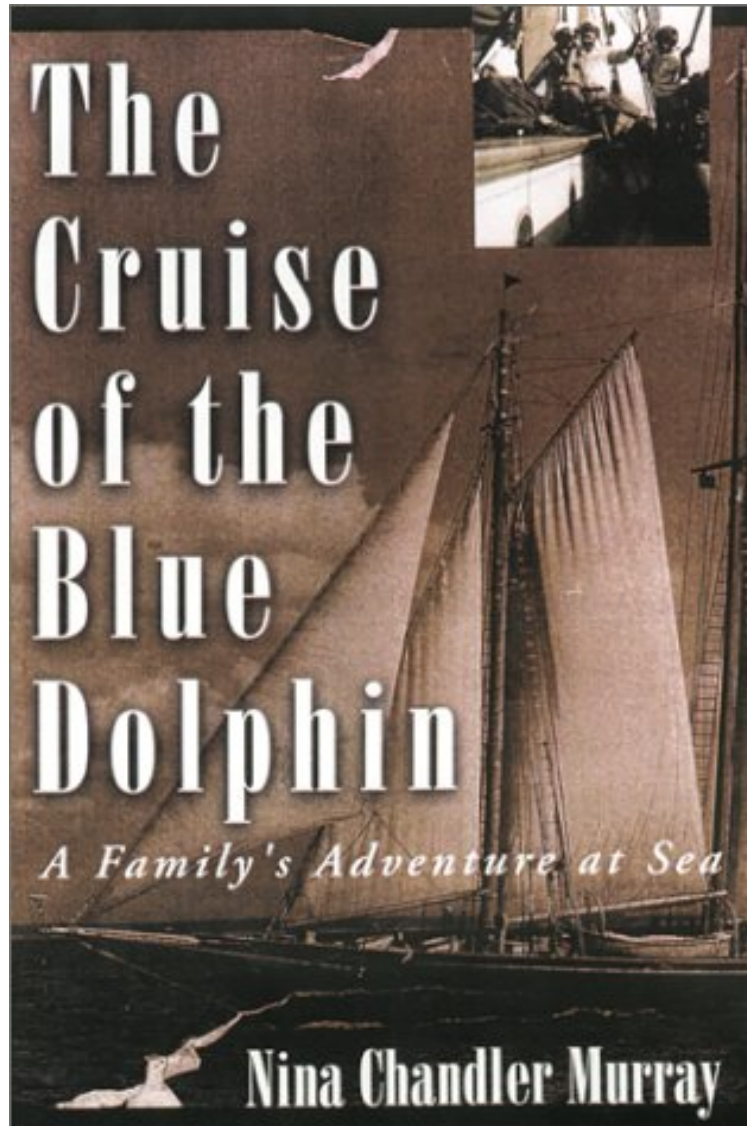


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DuPont's and she joined the JP Morgan's on their boat for a family visit in Panama), she described without comment unconscionable behavior (eating 100 year old tortoises and throwing bird eggs at each other on the Galapagos)and describing boorish behavior of her family (Her grandmother saying "Shoo!" to pestering "natives" in the Caribbean while her father explains the Haitian independence war as "The French freed the slaves and the slaves were ungrateful") I could understand writing this way at the time, 1933, but I found it difficult to stomach someone writing this way in the 1990's. I met the author in 2010 and she saw no irony or embarrassment in her family's 1933 behavior.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. true storyBy buckythis is a very interesting and actual account of a family's sailing adventure, written with transparency of all the family member's personalities.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. a wonderful adventureBy A Customerbeautifully written, this book tells a tale of exotic ports and strange people through the eyes of a teenager. compelling for adult and teen alike. highly recommended!

The true story of one family's inspirational, yearlong adventure at sea.

From Library JournalRetired psychologist Murray waited almost 70 years to write about her experiences as a 13 year old sailing with her family on a chartered schooner in 1933 down the East Coast of the United States, around the Caribbean, through the Panama Canal, down to the Galapagos Islands, and back home again. Narrated by the author (then a precocious teenager whose family's wealth made such a journey possible in the middle of the Depression), the account is based on the journal she kept during the voyage, family letters, the journal of a member of the crew, and the memories of her siblings. She recalls storms, exotic ports of call, people encountered along the way, and the interactions of all those aboard the Blue Dolphin. The book is competently written, with fluent dialog and narrative structure, but its being based on the observations of a young teenager may limit its interest. Recommended as a YA title for public libraries. John McCormick, New Hampshire State Lib., Concord Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Nina Chandler Murray has given us an unforgettable portrait of a Yankee family of individualists and a moving account of an unconventional education free of guidance counsellors, proficiency standards and exams."--Jill Ker Conway