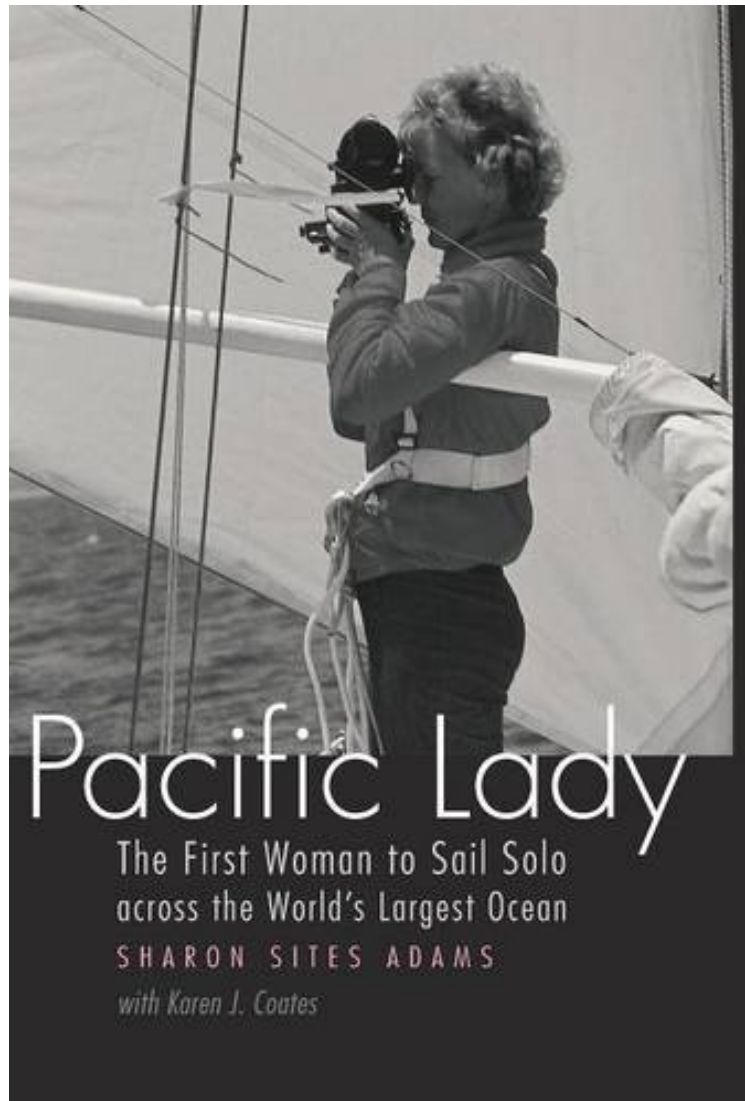


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soloBy ohwhateverI happened upon this book almost by accident, kind of how Sharon Adams started sailing. Not truly, by accident, because I *was* searching for "sailing" books. It was a refreshing book to read, because it was not about how to get your wife to go sailing with you. No, it was written by a woman who loves sailing. And thus, I easily identified with it. There was no need to explain why she loves sailing. She does mention that people question why she wanted to do what she did -- sailing solo across the Pacific. I have a suspicion that she, like me, and other people who do things just to challenge themselves, are kiasu. And kiasu is not always a bad thing. I appreciate that in the book (co-written/arranged by Karen Coates), she is brutally honest about the problems she encounters when sailing alone. Problems are both psychological and physical -- much as Robin Lee Graham writes about in his book *Dove*. And yet, I find myself nodding when she describes all the beautiful things about sailing, that make us go through all the crap that we do. Thank you two for putting together such a lovely book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. "I wish I could...I wish I could"By SusanI seem to be lucky in finding books that I can't put down and this is one of them. What a gal! She was climbing up fixing sails; injuring her arm, getting all of her "stuff" completely drenched including her bed and was successful in fixing a really nasty problem. All of this and more, alone and sometimes melancholy but she chose to do it and did it! I wish that I had had that kind of courage when I was younger. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Super book!By Anita HazeltineEasy read, amazing what she did, especially "back in the day" when it wasn't really "done" by women!

It was an age without GPS and the Internet, without high-tech monitoring and instantaneous reporting. And it was a time when women simply didn't do such things. None of this deterred Sharon Sites Adams. In June 1965 Adams made history as the first woman to sail solo from the mainland United States to Hawaii. Four years later, just as Neil Armstrong very publicly stepped onto the moon, the diminutive Adams, alone and unobserved, finally sighted Point Arguello, California, after seventy-four days sailing a thirty-one-foot ketch from Japan, across the violent and unpredictable Pacific. She was the first woman to do so, setting another world record.

Eight-thousand miles of open ocean, with the same navigational tools used by Columbus, and no way to communicate. This is one gutsy lady. Widowed at thirty-four, she escaped into the world of sailing for the first time, bought her own boat, and sailed into history. As the press put it, A woman who dared and won. This is the stuff movies are made from. Martel Scroggin, author of *Wasco*, *The Moonlighters*, and *The Sheepshooters*