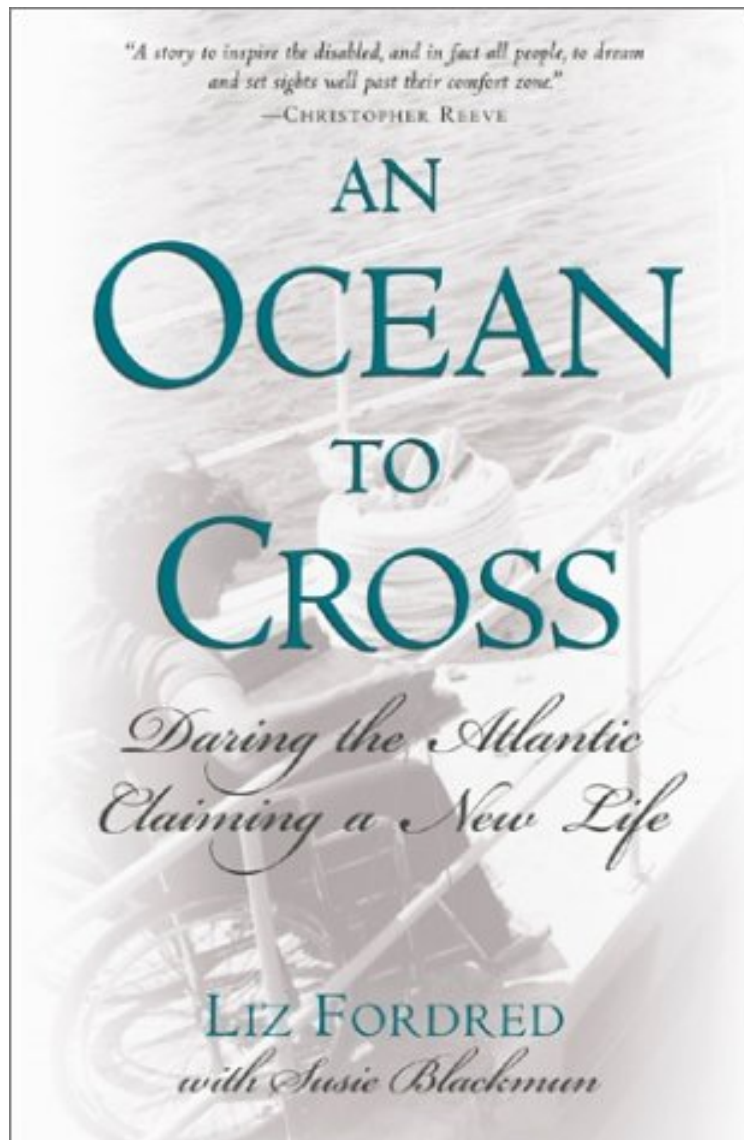


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nothing will. By J. Holloway This is an uplifting story about two young adults in their early 20's who became paraplegics, one while cross country jumping on horse back, the other in a car accident. They decided that life was too boring just working 9 to 5 and built a boat in Rhodesia, shipped it to South Africa and eventually sailed it to the United States. Living in a landlocked country they had never sailed before, little lone built a boat. This is an unbelievable inspiring story about perseverance, endurance, determination and love. If this doesn't get you off the couch and tackling your dreams nothing will. A great story and one you'll want to pass on to your friends. The jobs I now have to do on my 1977 Swedish build Albin to keep this old craft seaworthy seem trivial. It has actually given me the joy I once had while working on and sailing boats with ongoing challenges because of design or age. I highly recommend this great read.

Permenently crippled from a fall from a horse, Liz Fordred refused to accept the limitations set for her. Together with her husband (also an accident survivor) they decided to build a boat and sail around the world, even though they had never sailed before. This is the tale of their triumph.

From the Back Cover "A story to inspire the disabled, and in fact all people, to dream and set sights well past their comfort zone." -- Christopher Reeve "A spirited story of adventure. . . . Highly inspiring." -- Kirkus s, starred review "A remarkable tale of determination and ingenuity." -- Library Journal It was an extraordinary dream fueled by hope and courage. Liz Fordred and her husband, Pete, both paraplegic, living in landlocked Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), and with no sailing experience, made the unlikely decision to build a boat, haul it 1,200 miles to the South African coast, and set sail alone to see the world. Their plan seemed impossible, the obstacles insurmountable. They had only time, the gift of laughter, an unstoppable resolve, and each other. After years of labor, their struggle to reclaim lives of purpose and adventure--lives lived without limits--launched them into the vast Atlantic. They had the whole world before them--and somewhere in it a new home and a new life were waiting to be claimed. . . . "An Ocean to Cross is an inspiring story of courage, self-reliance, and triumph. "A story to inspire the disabled, and in fact all people, to dream and set sights well past their comfort zone." - Christopher Reeve "A remarkable tale of determination and ingenuity." - Library Journal "Highly inspiring for the disabled, and for anyone interested in making an adventure of life." - Kirkus (starred review)