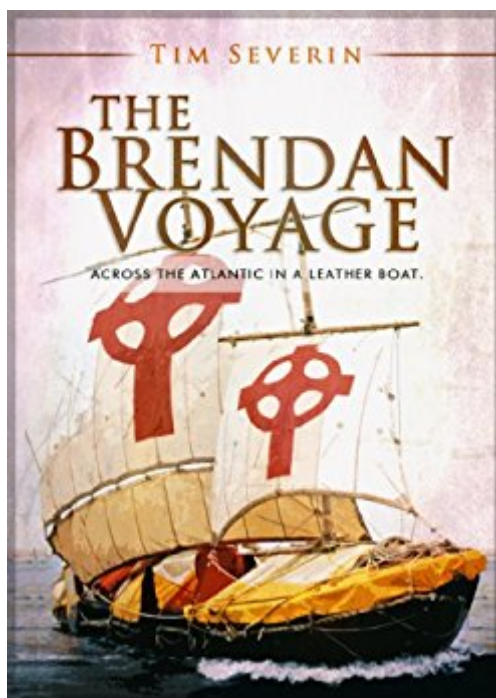


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The Brendan Voyage



Synopsis

It has been described as the greatest epic voyage in modern Irish history. Tim Severin and his companions built a boat using only techniques and materials available in the sixth-century A.D, when St Brendan was supposed to have sailed to America. The vessel comprised forty-nine ox hides stitched together in a patchwork and stretched over a wooden frame. This leather skin was only a quarter of an inch thick. Yet Severin and his crew sailed Brendan from Brandon Creek in Dingle to Newfoundland, surviving storms and a puncture from pack ice. "The Brendan Voyage" is Tim Severin's dramatic account of their journey. Brilliantly written and impeccably researched, "The Brendan Voyage" is a classic of modern exploration and has been translated into 27 languages. It conveys unforgettably the sensation of being in a small, open boat alone in the vastness of the North Atlantic, visited by inquisitive whales, reaching mist-shrouded landfalls, and receiving a welcome from seafaring folk wherever the crew touched land."Enthralling!" -The Guardian."An extraordinary explorer." - The Independent.Tim Severin is an explorer, film-maker and lecturer, who has made many expeditions, from crossing the Atlantic in a medieval leather boat to going out in search of Moby Dick and Robinson Crusoe. He has written books about all of them. He has won the Thomas Cook Travel Book Award, the Book of the Sea Award, a Christopher Prize, and the literary medal of the Academie de la Marine. He also writes historical fiction, Endeavour Press is the UK's leading independent publisher of digital books.

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Customer Reviews

I learned about this book when I was at the place in Ireland from whence this Brendan Crew departed. I found the story to be incredibly intriguing. After I finished it, I bought a copy for my father-in-law. He builds model ww1 bi-planes so I thought he might appreciate how much attention to detail the author gave to building a boat as St. Brendan would have done. Anyone with an appreciation for authentic, high quality, craft reproduction and nautical adventure may well enjoy this book. I am so glad that the author was able to find true craftsmen to help build the Brendan boat before the art was lost to death (of such men.) And I love all I learned about whales & sea life.

I just finished this ebook today and loved it. I'm of an adventurous spirit, but only in my armchair. I actually bought this book because of my dad. Although he was an air force veteran, he was a sailor at heart. He came from the Portsmouth, VA, area, and always loved the water. I bought him "Kon-tiki" years ago. I don't know if he ever heard of this adventure, but when I read the reviews, I thought of him and ordered it for myself. I enjoyed reading about how the trip came together as much as the trip itself. Thought it was very well documented, and, having actually lived in Newfoundland myself as a child, was quite excited when they finally made landfall. Would recommend the book to anyone who likes low-key adventure, with a good bit of danger thrown in to spice it up.

I'm a sucker for books and TV shows that recreate the ancient world. The Brendan Voyage is a great true story about a man who tried to recreate the legendary travels of St Brendan to the as-yet-undiscovered New World. The author's adventures don't *quite* match the mythic voyage of the intrepid sixth century Irish monk, but he recounts plenty of real-life adventures along the way that make this account a fascinating read. Especially recommended for anyone who enjoys maritime tales and modern experiences with ancient technology. I first read this in paperback when it was selected by my book club. Later gave it to a friend who loves tales of the high seas, and then regretted letting go of it, so when BookBub advertised a sale on the Kindle version, I bought it again. Now I'll never have to let go of it.

Having grown up with the story of St Brendan as told at school, I found Tim's book an exciting read and one you couldn't put down, what an amazing story of courage and perseverance, maybe he had the spirit of St Brendan tethered to his sail. This modern day re-enactment was such an epic undertaking and has been wonderfully narrated and documented in this book. For me "The Brendan Voyage" really raised all thoughts as to the myth, mystery or truth of this determined six century Irish Monk St Brendan. This link [The Voyage of Saint Brendan: The Navigator](#) is the latest translation I could find done by Gerard McNamara which brings alive beautifully the magical and compelling story of St Brendan which is just great to read after Tim's story.

This is a recount of 4 guys, in 1976-77, who re-enact St Brendan's 500 AD ocean voyage from Ireland to North America in a leather curragh!! Amazing! Author and captain, Tim Severin, of "Brendan" does a great job of aligning the sights and sounds of his voyage to the ancient passages in the "Navigatio", explaining what the fantastical sights and creatures described in the "Navigatio" could be and probably were. I enjoyed the historical connection, as well as reading about the dangers and challenges the guys faced. Sometimes the history was a bit tedious as I was hoping for more excitement in the man-vs-nature challenge. But, on the whole, I enjoyed this book.

Quite technical for someone not familiar with boat/ship building and sailing but what an exciting adventure. I skimmed through some of the more technical info but it was fascinating to read about the determined effort to recreate history. Love that there are still skilled craftsmen in Old World styles. (well..still at the time of writing this a few years back). Not my usual genre but I am glad I read it!

Very interesting, especially if you are familiar with nautical terms. A bit tough to follow in places if you aren't. Also very interesting if you are a history buff, as I am. I read Kon Tiki, by Thor Heyerdahl, years ago and thought this would be along those lines, in a different ocean.

I enjoyed the book up to the point that Trundar harpooned a whale just for the fun of it. They had tried to save little birds but a whale was fair game even though it was too big to do anything with. I had to admire the work and research that went into building that boat and the hardship that they went through.

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