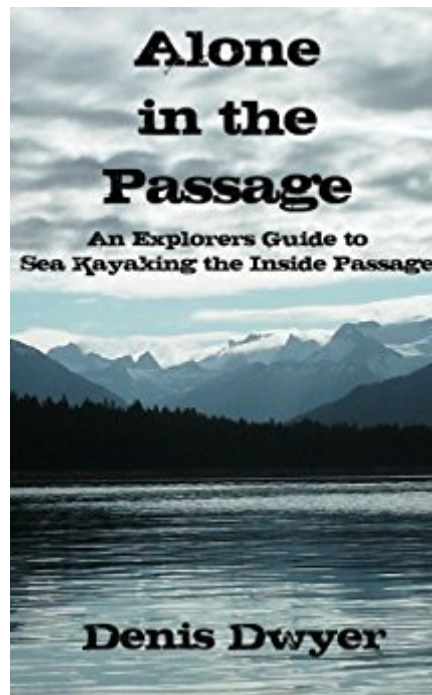


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# Alone In The Passage: An Explorers Guide To Sea Kayaking The Inside Passage



## Synopsis

Alone in the Passage: An Explorers Guide to Sea Kayaking the Inside Passage, is part kayaking travelogue and part long distance kayaking how-to guide. Readers will acquire a unique insight into the skills necessary to kayak solo for 1,300 miles along the Northwest Pacific Coast from Washington and through British Columbia to Southeast Alaska. The first half of the book details information that an Inside Passage paddler would need to know before setting off on this incredible journey. Topics such as preparation, nutrition, navigation, physical requirements, communication, weather, wildlife, equipment, camping, tides and currents, dangers, logistics, and paddling techniques are explored in depth. The second half of the book gives a running account of the daily challenges and triumphs experienced by a solo paddler as he kayaks up the Inside Passage completely alone. Daily journal entries are expanded upon giving the reader a feel for what it is like to travel through a remote wilderness for nearly three months.

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## Customer Reviews

Work and family commitments keep me from realizing my dream of paddling the inside passage. I am soon approaching 60 and I would like to make the trip before 70 (I am healthy and swim 12

miles + every week.) But even if life does not allow me to complete this trip I can at least live it to a small degree from someone else's. It was well written and if you want to be inspired about one of the few areas in this continent where one can still experience wilderness this is it.

This book is well written. I felt like I was paddling along with the author. I read another kayaking journal and felt like I was reading an eighth- grader's book report. Thanks Denis for your attention to detail. Having a list of campsite coordinates, addresses and phone numbers for various places cuts down on the amount of research necessary for an expedition of this magnitude. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who is contemplating paddling the Inside Passage.

I bought the book "Alone in the Passage" few months ago, readed all with passion and detail, and what I can say now.... it's just EXCELLENT!! Denis makes a writing very personal and easy to understand even if you are not English-speaking (very important point for me). The initial part is more theoretical concepts and all the pre-planning expedition. And the second part is a very detailed diary of their daily adventure. Reading his book, I've done an accurate idea of kayaking the Inside Passage. In addition, Denis is available to answer personal emails. Imprecindible book if you want to explore that area of the world with a kayak. Thanks Denis for sharing such knowledge and making it easier for next solo paddlers.

This is an excellent kayaking guide for the Inside Passage. I have both this and the Miller guide and they complement each other very well. Where Miller's book is more of an overall guide with alternate routes, possible campsites and tons of history; Dwyer's guide is very first person with his actual gear list, very helpful tips concerning long distance solo kayaking and campsites that he's actually used (with a list of coordinates). If you are planning to kayak the Inside Passage this is a must have guide! Also, the author is available via email and has been more than helpful with answering my questions.

Mr Dwyer has done it again in his second book chronicling a three month kayaking expedition to Alaska from Bellingham WA. The first book, Point to Point, has proven a valuable resource for campsite locations, hydraulics of specific waterways along the route, tips for paddlers, and many other bits of information pertinent to an inside passage trip. In his second account, the reader is taken on an alternate route but reaps the same wealth of useful facts. The e-book version provides web links for the ambitious researcher, to expound upon the written info directly from the page being

viewed. Photos pepper the pages to round out the experience, and the first section of the book includes a synopsis of skills and equipment needed to safely and successfully make the journey. As electronic devices become the norm for increasingly more activities, the electronic version offers a space saving alternative to carrying another guidebook, a convenience that may one day be a standard. I would recommend this book to anybody thinking of traveling up the inland waterways of western BC and Alaska, it pays for itself quickly with the campsite coordinates alone. Additionally, it reads easily and inspires those of the right mind to be a little more adventurous.

If you are planning to kayak the inside passage this is an invaluable read. If you are just looking for a book about the adventure of solo kayaking the inside passage, it is a little "dry".

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