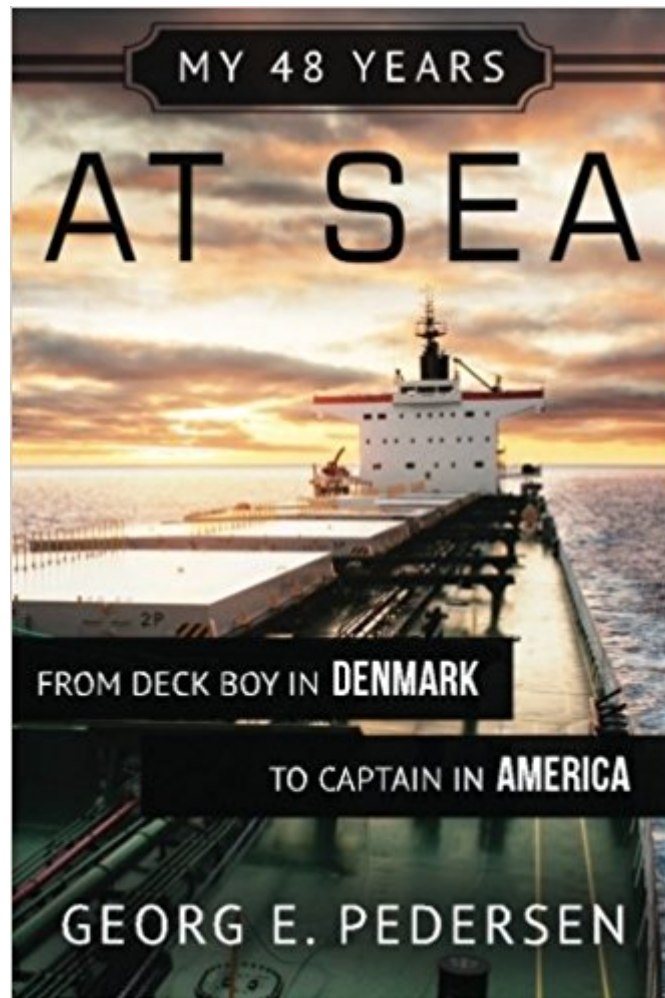




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My 48 Years At Sea: From Deck Boy In Denmark To Captain In America



Synopsis

We all have a story to tell. Mine is a sea story that started in 1948 when I turned 14 and no further education was available to me. My father gave me two choices, "STAY HOME FISHING, OR SHIP OUT." For the next 48 years I sailed the Seven Seas carrying cargo from one country to another. The ships became my home and floating workplace. Going ashore in foreign ports, I was never more than a taxi ride away from home. I learned at an early age to respect different people and their cultures, and I witnessed their struggles first hand. Being a merchant seaman is not for everybody but once it's in your blood you don't want to do anything else. I always felt I had one of the best and most exciting jobs, from Deck Boy to Captain, on 62 different ships visiting 173 ports in 73 countries, some many times over. When I began the world was busy rebuilding after WWII a great time to be young, single, and adventurous. It was a time that can never be repeated.

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Georg E. Pedersen was born during a snow storm in 1934 in Rodvig, a small fishing village in Denmark. He now lives in Seattle with his wife Nina and dog Ananda The Third and enjoys the view of the Puget Sound.

i feel the author did a very good job of telling his story. i enjoy merchant marine and navy books very much. he is able to cover much of the good points as well as the not so good. it always amazes me that so many of these men are able to have successful marriages , what with all the long extended

periods of time spent away from home. i recommend this book

I sailed with Georg Pedersen in 1969 as 3rd Mate. It was my first ship to Viet Nam and he was Chief Mate. He was a wonderful guy to sail with, very competent, funny and full of "sea stories". As I read his book I could still hear his voice in my head with his Scandinavian accent.

Hilarious book. Not the best written language, but Georg was a seaman. Great stories.

Great book- it is as salty, in earnest and from the heart but the story is enlightening and entertaining.

Excellent book, what an adventurous and interesting life, a page turner

A wonderful tale of enthusiastic joie de vivre. Makes one want to take to the sea!

What a sensational story of a singular man's adventure at sea. How could so much fit in one lifetime on any one boat or book? But in 48 years and many ships, there is much living that took place. A bygone era of life, from WWII to the end of the 20th century; a time that will never be repeated or lived again. But, any reader can live this life, through the words of Georg Pedersen and his incredible tale, from Deckhand in Denmark to Captain in America! I could be his daughter, by age and though I knew nothing of shipping and a life at sea, I was transported through his stories! I traveled the world as I turned the pages of his incredible book. He lived a life lived with dedication, excitement and adventure! Thanks, Captain Pedersen for your real-life travels, so I could make those same travels, through the pages of your well-written book! A would be, Captain.....Karen

"My 48 Years at Sea" is a great read about one man's career at sea in the Danish and U.S. merchant marine from the late 1940's through the turn of the century. His love and understanding of seafaring, ships and, most of all, the people who earn their living working aboard commercial cargo vessels, rings true and keeps one's interest throughout the book. In particular the stories of his early years born into a Danish seafaring family and his adventures at sea and in ports around the world are of real interest and are entertaining reading in remembering this bye-gone era. The details of Capt. Pedersen's career, his initiation into the U.S merchant marine and his optimistic and grateful view of life make this book a memorable read. Don Marcus

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