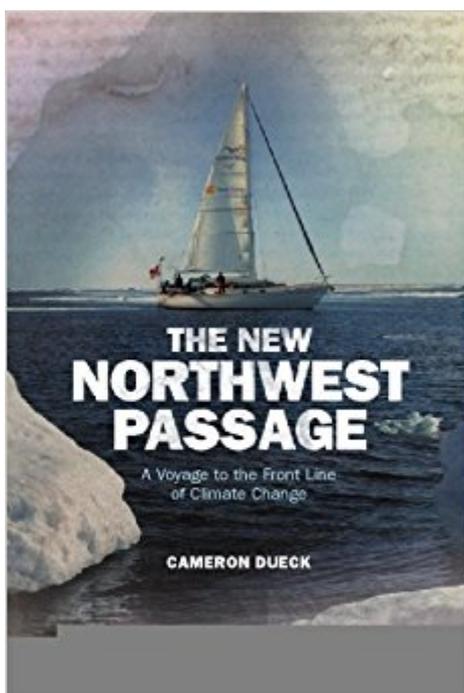


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If you are an armchair adventurer as I am, you might find this record of a dangerous journey to be just the thing. There is a film, which I had seen first, of this same journey and so whilst reading I had these wonderful pictures playing in my mind - pristine landscapes, mournfully isolated villages, joyfully hospitable people. The author manages to convey the risks well enough for me to think that the crew were all quite MAD, in the British sense of the word. But then, if it weren't for those who are willing to set out from the shore, we'd all know a lot less about our world, wouldn't we? Although my family and I leave a rather small footprint, I wouldn't call myself an environmentalist. However, the author helps make the connection between climate change and survival for those who live in the remote communities of Canada's far north. Having grown up on the Canadian prairies one might not think I had anything in common with those living in Sachs Harbour or Tuktoyaktuk, but I found there

was a similarity in the kind of hospitality the author spoke of, the simple "you're welcome to come to our house and do your laundry" sort of hospitality, and of course, the connection to the land for one's survival. Weather is everything for people who farm or people who depend on hunting/fishing for their survival. I wanted to meet those people and share a meal together - although perhaps not a meal of Beluga whale and caribou kidney. I could "feel" what it would be like to sit around the table and hear their stories. What I found most surprising and fascinating is the way the author conveyed the realities of life on the Silent Sound during those months. This was also one of the reason why I am so thankful that I could enjoy this adventure vicariously.

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