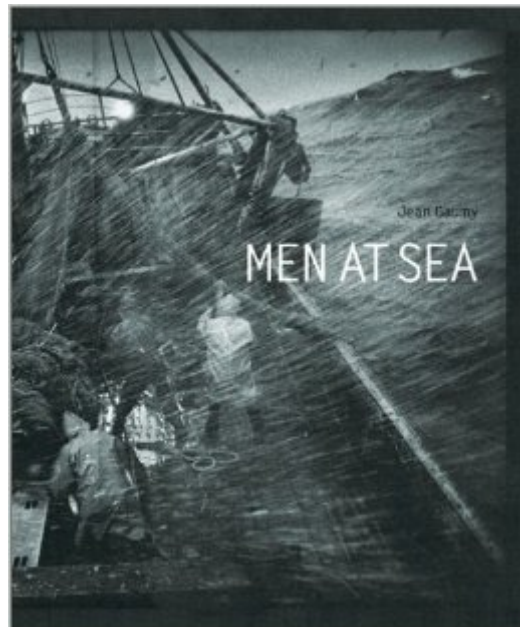


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Men At Sea



Synopsis

In a set of 100 full-page black and white images and log book entries, *Men at Sea* depicts the seafaring lives of commercial fishermen. The book is based upon Jean Gaumy's four long sea voyages between 1984 and 1998.

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Customer Reviews

Men At Sea by photojournalist and world traveler Jean Gaumy is a strikingly vivid, largely pictorial presentation of the life and work of a commercial fisherman surviving and working aboard deep sea trawlers. The unforgettable imagery of black-and-white photographs is combined with reproductions of hand-written log and journal entries. A truly remarkable book, and as close a glimpse to life at sea as one can get without personally living among the waves, *Men At Sea* is a strongly recommended acquisition for school and community library collections.

Jean Gaumy mentioned in the introduction, 'It'll come on its own. I don't know how. I want to go out to sea and the desire contains this seed. It can't be about reporting. It's about something else. I don't really know what. I'll have to describe. Simply describe. Avoid deception, the heroic vein. Stick with just man.' It is a series of journey spreading across 1984 to 1998, in pursuing for photographer's self-fulfillment. Doing things purely for oneself is great, and we can see Jean's total enthusiasm into the process. Travelling with ordinary fishmen, everything is like adventures on those traditional trawlers. The process can be dangerous and fruitful. Excellent capture of environment in low light

condition using high speed film, where you can see the magic of night and sea. It also includes excerpt from Jean's diary, hand-drawing, and page-clippings. Very rich media combining with visual images. We can taste some subtle changes of photographer's body and mind, which is behind the scene. A raw and original presentation of images presents a powerful record of struggle between human and nature. Forget Titanic. Jean Gaumy's are some moving images, from heart.

Fantastic book. One of the best seabooks I have seen.

It should have been noted in the description of this book that all hand written entries are in French. I purchased this as a gift for an elderly commercial fisherman who spent over 55 years at sea. How many old fishermen do you know that can speak let alone read French? The pictures are excellent and most of the narrative is fine. However, it just wasn't what I expected.

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