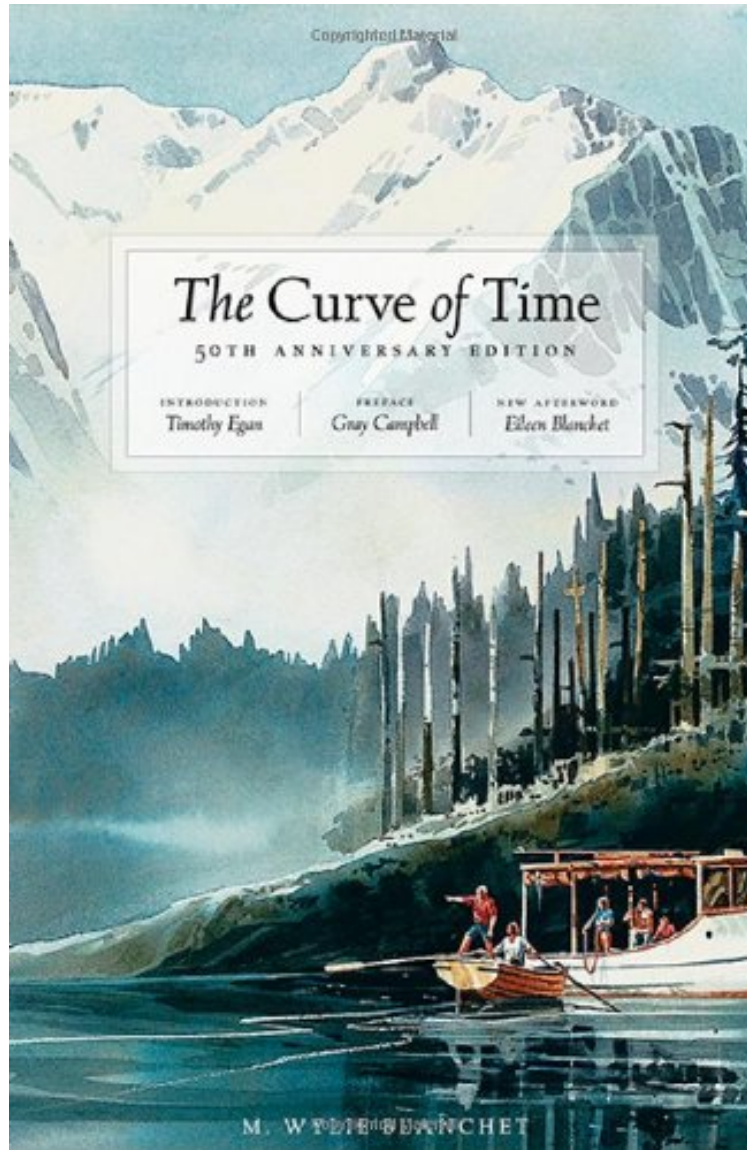


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one voyage was well done. This moved the story along rapidly and smoothly. For those with knowledge of, or an interest in, the Canadian gulf islands, desolation sound, and adjoining waters, this book provides a view into the historic experience of cruising this area, and the culture of First Nation peoples of this area and the early European nautical explorers. A highly engaging book, leading to a quick read. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Timeless account of summers along the British Columbian coast By E. Walden Absolutely lovely! I discovered this book on a trip to British Columbia and fell in love with the endearing stories. Blanche writes about her summers with her children traveling up and down the coast of British Columbia in their small trawler. She writes of a time gone by when life was a bit more simple even if complex. Highly recommend. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A mother's adventures on a small boat, alone with her small children By clouseau This is a fabulous book!! I have first read it years back, and recently took a freighter cruise in the same area. This was one brave and great mother for her children who accompanied her on the adventures. I decided to purchase a copy of this book so I could re-read it every now and then.

This is a biography and astonishing adventure story of a woman who, left a widow in 1927, packed her five children onto a 25-foot boat and cruised the coastal waters of British Columbia, summer after summer. Muriel Wylie Blanchet acted single-handedly as skipper, navigator, engineer and, of course, mum, as she saw her crew through encounters with tides, fog, storms, rapids, cougars and bears. She sharpened in her children a special interest in Haida culture and in nature itself. In this book, she left us with a sensitive and compelling account of their journeys.

.com "Our world then was both wide and narrow-wide in the immensity of sea and mountain; narrow in that the boat was very small, and we lived and camped, explored and swam in a little realm of our own making."-- M. Wylie Blanchet The Curve of Time features stories from the summer adventures of M. Wylie Blanchet and her family. This accomplished sea woman and her five children braved the gulfs, straits, and fjords that separate Vancouver Island from mainland British Columbia, Canada, during the 1920s and 1930s on their 25-foot cruiser, Caprice. From searching for the elusive sea horse to following Orca whales through rapids created by swiftly changing tides, Blanchet describes a time so recent, and yet so very far away. This book is playful and exciting, a trip that unites the reader with a family of adventurers that is one of a kind. From Publishers Weekly This sweet volume is Blanchet's recounting of summers spent sailing around Vancouver Island with her children in a 25-foot-long boat. Their adventures include close encounters with a cougar and killer whales, looking for seahorses and discovering Native American artifacts. But the book lacks a context. A short introduction by a friend indicates that the book was first published in Canada 30 years ago, that the author died six months later while working on a sequel, and that some new material has been incorporated into the present edition. The ages of her children are never given, nor are the sections in the book dated. Those unfamiliar with the region may be just as disoriented, since the distances covered are rarely given. Once it becomes obvious that such clues are not forthcoming, the book itself is readable and enjoyable, especially its descriptions of the wildlife encountered on these journeys. With a little more care, however, this could have had meaning for more than just a small circle of Blanchet's friends. (Apr.) *CHILDREN'S BOOKS Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. M. Wylie Blanchet was only thirty-six when her husband died in 1927. She was left with an isolated home on Vancouver Island and five children, the smallest one two and a half years old. When relatives advised her that she couldn't manage alone, she sent back the telegram - "Can't I?" She proceeded to homeschool her children during the winter and in the summer take them on expeditions through the often treacherous straits off Vancouver Island aboard their twenty-five-foot boat. The Curve of Time recounts her memories of these expeditions. There are cougars, deserted Indian villages, engine failures, eccentric hermits, long evenings, and free trout. Those looking for a family saga or an explanation of how a single mother manages all the daily details of such expeditions will be frustrated. What we do get, beautifully and abundantly, is M. Wylie Blanchet's curiosity, the feeling of the water and a strong sense of family - fighting tides and rapids, swimming naked in the sun, and then looking up all their questions in their Encyclopedia Britannica when they get home. -- For great reviews of books for girls, check out Let's Hear It for the Girls: 375 Great Books for Readers 2-14. -- From 500 Great Books by Women; review by Erica Bauermeister