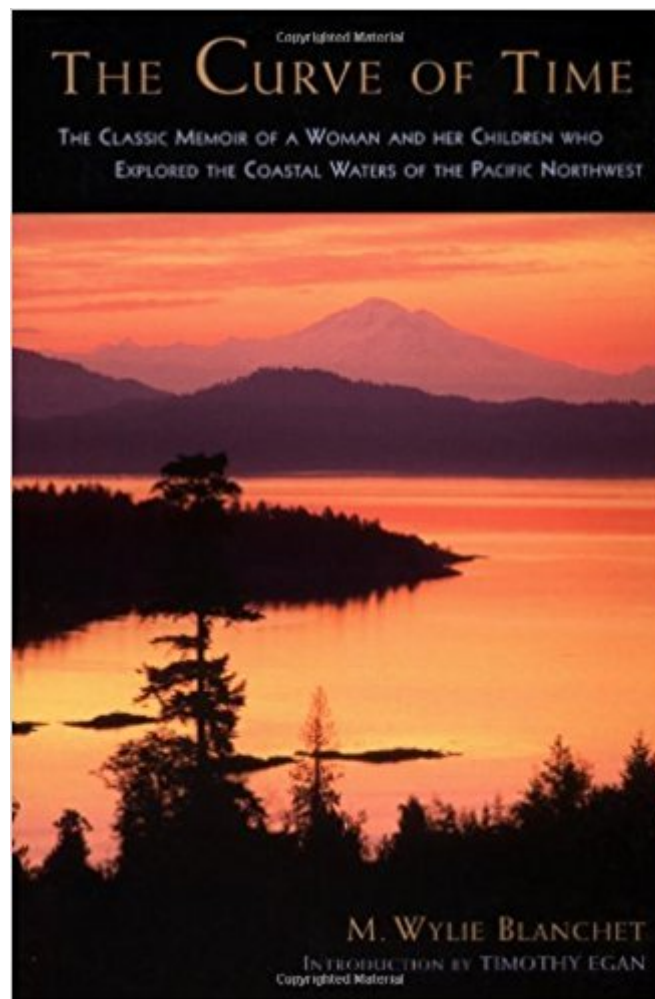




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The Curve Of Time: The Classic Memoir Of A Woman And Her Children Who Explored The Coastal Waters Of The Pacific Northwest (Adventura Books)





Synopsis

After her husband died in 1927, leaving her with five small children, everyone expected the struggles of single motherhood on a remote island to overcome M. Wylie Blanchet. Instead, this courageous woman became one of the pioneers of family travel, acting as both mother and captain of the twenty-five-foot boat that became her family's home during the long Northwest summers. Blanchet's lyrically written account reads like fantastic fiction, but her adventures are all very real. There are dangers; rough water, bad weather, wild animals; but there are also the quiet respect and deep peace of a woman teaching her children the wonder and awesome depth of the natural world. Filled with observations on natural history and the wonders of the wild, (Blanchet's) prose, like the waterfall she describes, sings. —Kliatt

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A very interesting book in several regards. The concept of time curve was minor to the story but a twist to telling the story that was thought provoking. Combining the experience of 15 years of family cruises into one story line that could easily have been assumed to be 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.

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.

What a wonderful, "feel good" read. I won't go into the story-line since it has been well discussed in other reviews. Suffice it to say that the stories of a widowed mother, boating around the British Columbia coastline with her 5 children in the 1920's & 30's is a remarkable story in itself. Capi Blanchet writes with an honest and very readable simplicity. I have sea kayaked many of the areas Blanchet wrote about, so the story struck an intimate and personal chord as well. This is a great read for anyone interested in exploration and historical, small craft voyages. The only shortcoming (at least with the edition I have) is the lack of maps and nautical charts to help the reader place each trip in a geophysical context.

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.

I gave this book 5 stars because it is a book full of stories, illustrated with lovely descriptions about the travels of a unique woman who chose to spend her summers exploring the shores of Vancouver island, the mainland and the many islands in between. Her writing is vivid, insightful and riveting. Great read!

An interesting read if you are familiar with the islands located within the inside passage of Vancouver Island and mainland B.C.. I've been to many of the locations the author covers in her book. At times a bit on the "folksy" side but still an interesting read about one tough lady who took herself and four young children on several summer boating adventures in the waters off the B.C. Coast. .

I originally found Ms. Blanchet's book in a bibliography for an obscure book on kayaking and read it purely on speculation. I had no idea what I stumbled into. Now, having read it two more times and giving it as a gift on several occasions, I can say this is truly one of the most special books ever

written. The stories of Ms. Blanchet and her children sailing up the Inside Passage during the 20's and 30's captured me in two ways. First was this mysterious window into a world long gone. Ancient native villages still looking as if their residents just left, lonely hermits on remote islands, a land unspoiled. Second was the story of a woman with an amazing strength and humble spirit. How she managed to use her dingy to tow the incapacitated power boat, disassemble the engine, then fix and restart a broken magneto is unbelievable, yet obviously true. I was inspired over and over again as has everyone I have given it to. I have space for exactly four favorite books in my library, I won't add another one unless one is removed. The Curve of Time will always be one of the four.

Wonderfully written book about a brave woman and her adventurous travels with her children. I took my time reading it because I didn't want the stories to end. Incredible to think all this took place nearly 100 years ago. Admiration for sure.

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