



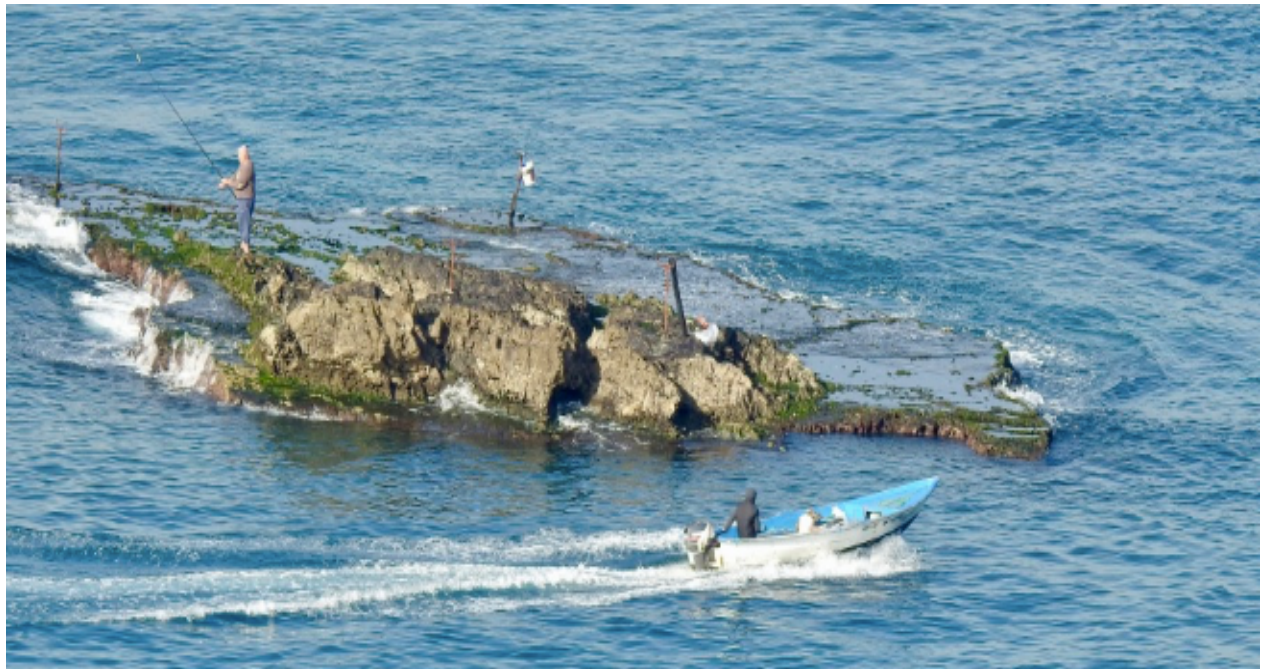
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# WANDER to WONDER

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**The world will never starve for wonder, but only for want of wonder.  
G.K. Chesterson**

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## editor's note

*Welcome to this edition of WANDER to WONDER*

This edition of Wander to Wonder focuses on the United Nations Day of the Seafarer—to honour all people who travel and work on the sea.

Until next edition, with another theme,

*Martina*

MARTINA NICOLLS







## day of the seafarer: 25 june 2020

Internationally, 25 June 2020 is the Day of the Seafarer. This is a day for seafarers of all types, from Coast Guards, to Navies, to fishermen and women, marine biologists and ship crews—any person connected to the sea.

The annual Day of the Seafarer is coordinated by the International Maritime Organisation. The focus for 2020 is the unique contribution that seafarers make from all over the world to international seaborne trade, the world economy, and civil society. The theme is called SEAFARERS MATTER.

The United Nations officially recognized the Day of the Seafarer in 2010 when it was adopted at a conference in Manila. Therefore, this year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the resolution. The resolution encourages governments, shipping firms, and companies associated with sea trade to promote and uphold sea trade and seafarers through the Day of the Seafarer.

The Day of the Seafarer encourages people to learn more about seafarers and seafaring, and the wellbeing of everyone involved in seafaring.







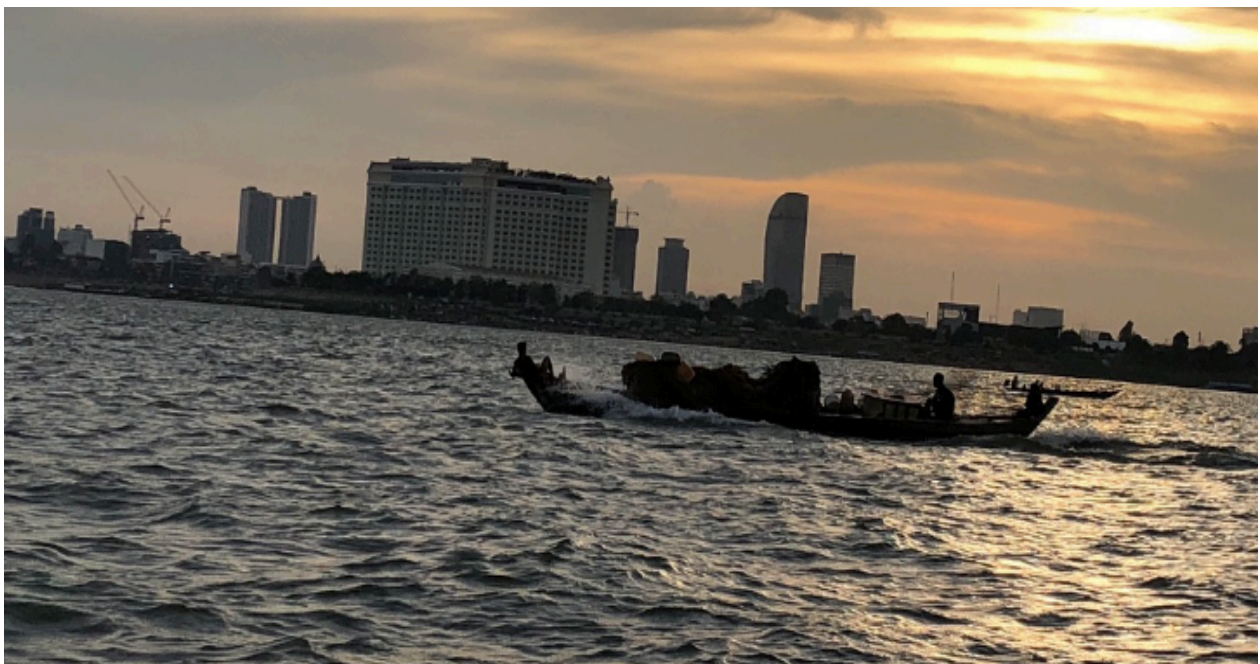














## sea trade

The first documented sea voyage was made around 3200 BCE, which the Egyptian Pharaoh Snefru financially supported. He also built at least three pyramids during his rule. Today, over 90% of global trade is done by sea, since it is still the most cost-effective way to transport goods.













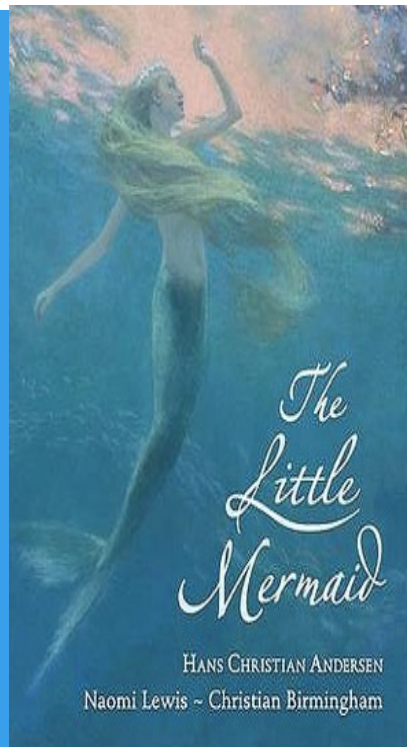
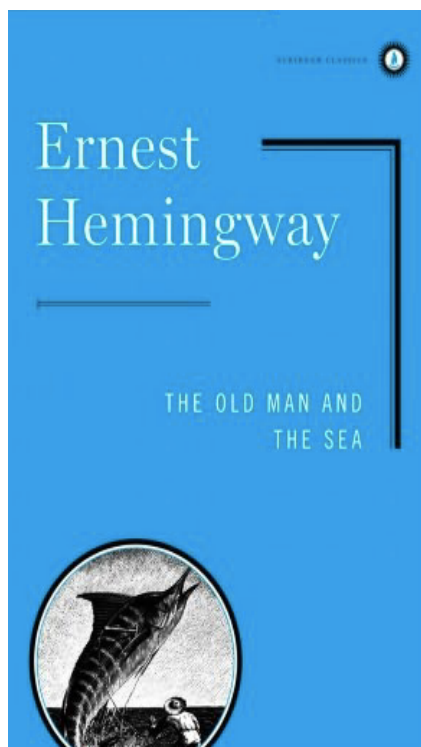
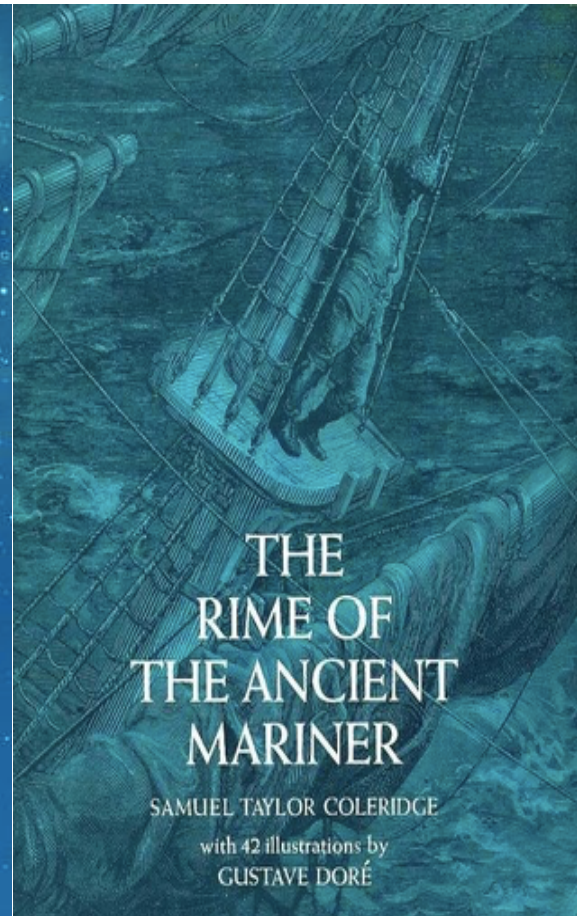
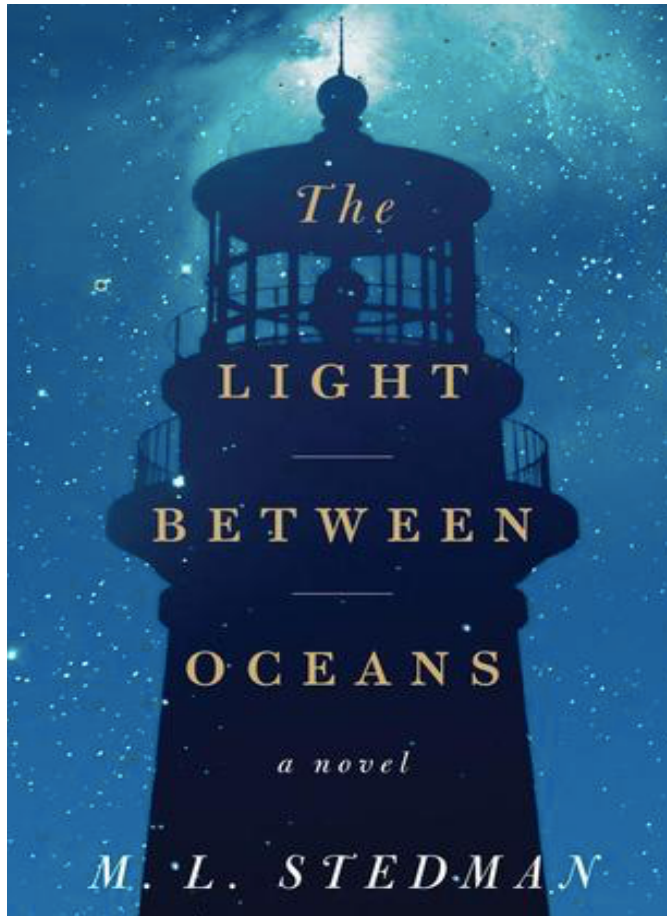
## sea books

Not only do people love walking along the coastline and swimming in the sea—they also love reading books about the sea. Below is a list of well-known sea tales:

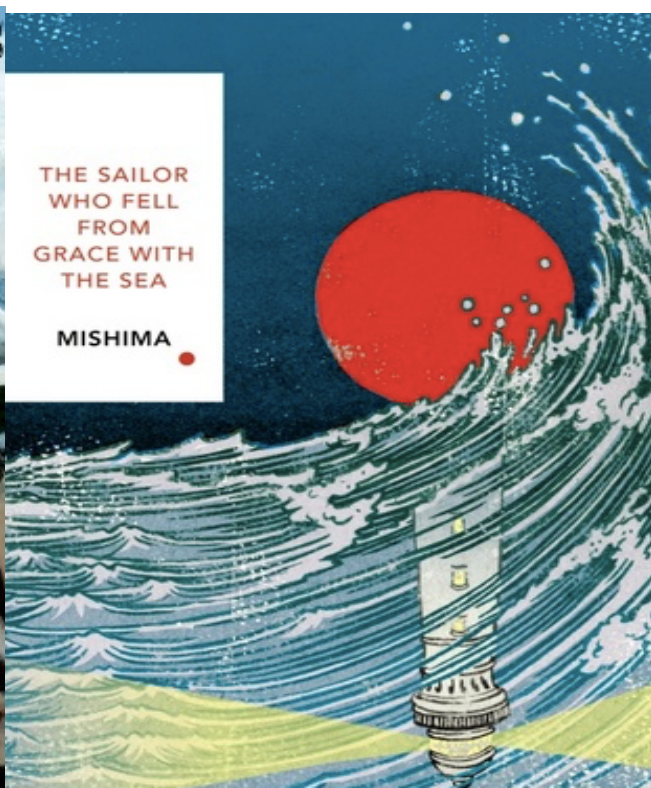
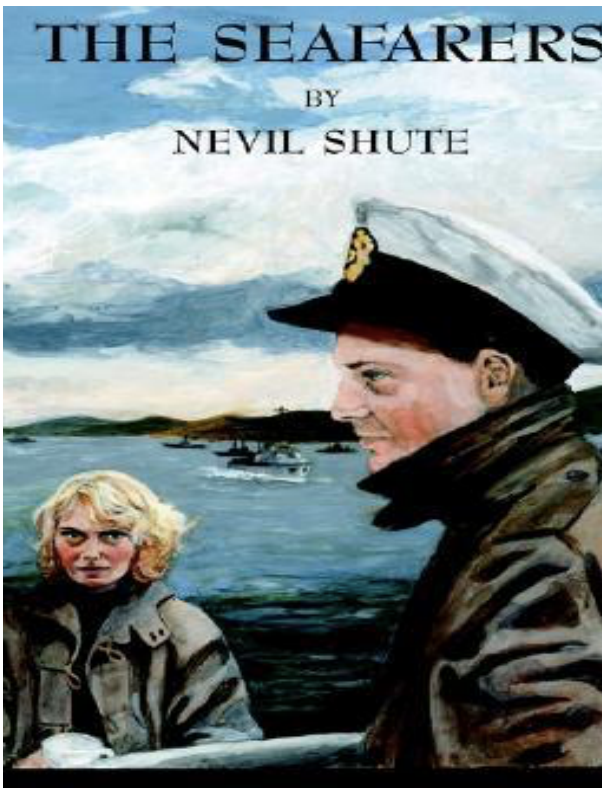
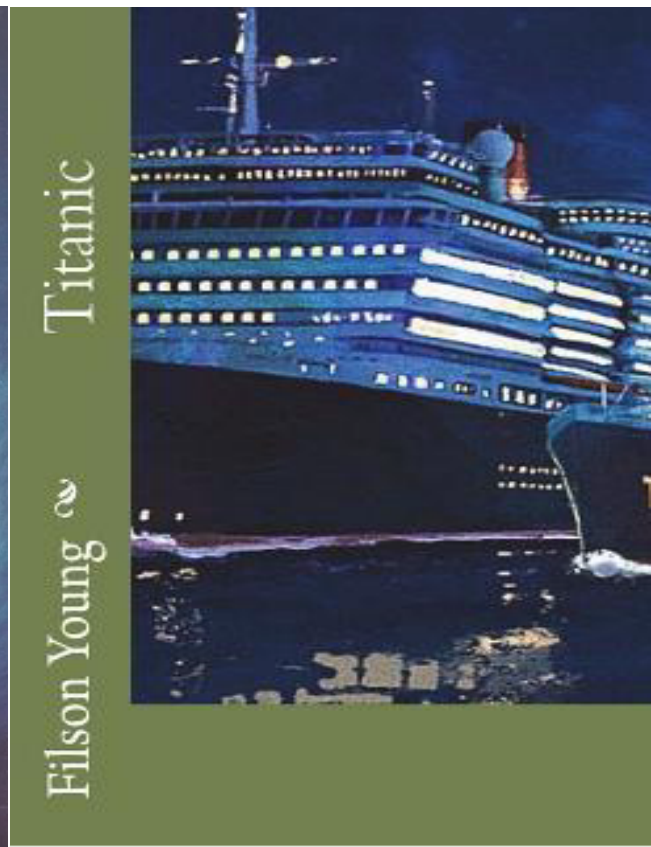
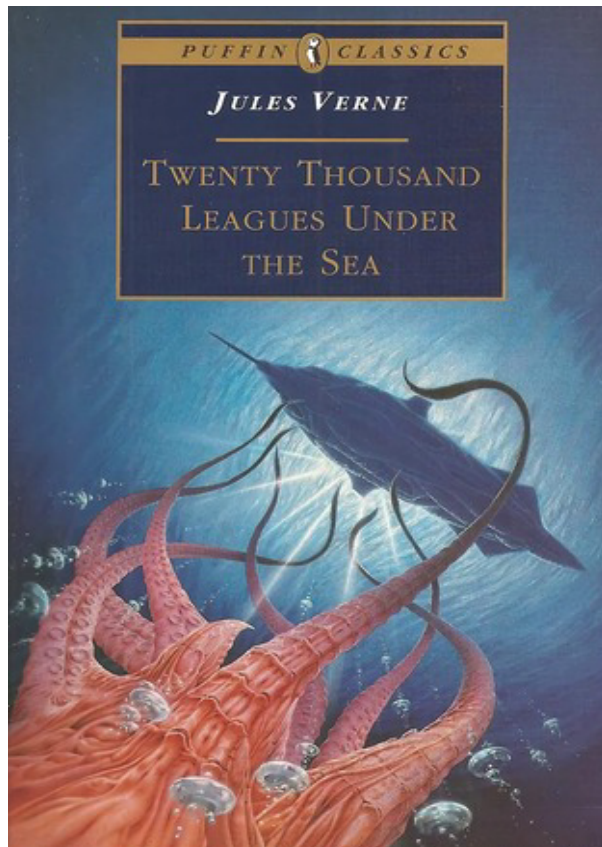
Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life – William Finnegan  
Jaws - Peter Benchley  
Kon-Tiki – Thor Heyerdahl  
Life of Pi – Yann Martel  
Moby-Dick – Herman Melville  
Moonfleet – John Meade Falkner  
Mutiny on the Bounty – Charles Bernard Nordhoff  
Poems of the Sea – J.D. McClatchy  
The Cruel Sea – Nicholas Monsarratt  
The Light between Oceans – M.L. Stedman  
The Little Mermaid – Hans Christian Andersen  
The Old Man and the Sea - Ernest Hemingway  
The Rime of the Ancient Mariner – Samuel Taylor Coleridge  
The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea – Yukio Mishima  
The Sea, The Sea – Iris Murdoch  
The Seafarers – Nevil Shute  
The Waves – Virginia Woolf  
Titanic – Filson Young  
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson  
Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea – Jules Verne  
Wide Sargasso Sea – Jean Rhys



















# oceanographers

Marine biologists and oceanographers from every country have dedicated their lives to learning more about the ocean depths.

Oceanography includes marine life and ecosystems, ocean circulation, plate tectonics, and the geology of the seafloor.

Marine biologists, geologists, and oceanographers study plants and animals—how they grow, how they related to one another, and how they adapt to their environment. They use field observations, computer models, laboratory experiments, and field experiments to study the sea. Areas of study include seawater components, effects of pollutants, global currents, and medicinal properties in the sea.











## a view of the sea

J.D. McClatchy (1945-2018)

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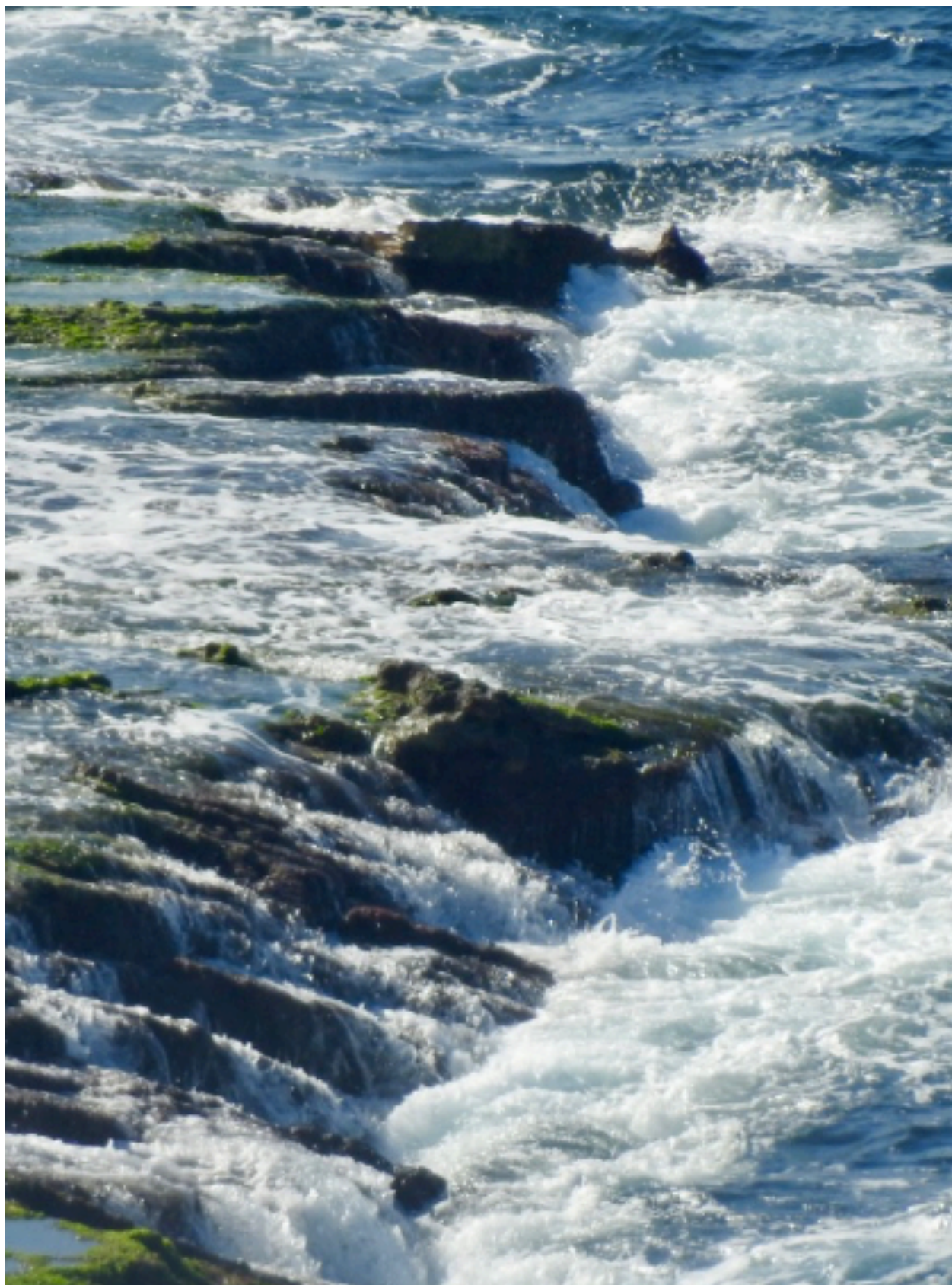
A view of the sea, its round immensity  
The soul's own, they could never elsewhere command.  
The two monks paused. Their duty to a friend  
Was one thing, but to have at last a view of the sea,  
A wish since each had been a boy bent  
Over pictures of its moonswept midnight blue ...

[The monks continue to climb the mountain to have a view of the sea]

...

Cut through the hedge, and beyond that was what  
They had waited for all their lives, a sight  
So sublimely composed—three distant islands  
Darkly shimmering on boundlessness—  
That in the end they saw themselves there,  
In their discomfort, in a small opening,  
In a long-planned accidental moment,  
In their rapture and their loss, in a view of the sea.







## the seafarer

Written by an anonymous author, and included in a 10<sup>th</sup> century manuscript known as *The Exeter Book*, The Seafarer is a 124-line Old English poem by an old seafarer.

...

The salt waves tossing and the towering sea!  
The time for journeys would come and my soul  
Called me eagerly out, sent me over  
The horizon, seeking foreigners' homes.  
But there isn't a man on earth so proud,  
So born to greatness, so bold with his youth,  
Grown so grave, or so graced by God,  
That he feels no fear as the sails unfurl,  
Wondering what Fate has willed and will do.

...

My soul roams with the sea, the whales'  
Home, wandering to the widest corners  
Of the world, returning ravenous with desire,  
Flying solitary, screaming, exciting me  
To the open ocean, breaking oaths  
On the curve of a wave.















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But mostly I am a wanderer. Wherever I am and wherever I go, I take photographs and I write. My books include:

Similar but Different in the Animal Kingdom (2017)  
A Mongolian Lament (2015)  
The Komodo Verses (2012)

Liberia's Deadeast Ends (2012)  
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