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The Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay has always been a place apart. For centuries, it has been bypassed and thought of as a dead end, an obstacle to overcome or a swamp to ignore. As a result, the region and its people have become strong-willed, self-reliant and resourceful. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Dick Cooper introduces readers to those places and the people who call them home, the boats they sail and the traditions that make them and the region uniquely American. Cooper has sailed the Chesapeake Bay for more than 40 years. He has explored the Bay from the Susquehanna Flats at its head to the harbors of Norfolk and Portsmouth 190 miles to the south. This book is a compilation of stories he has written over the last decade for several publications including the Chesapeake Log and the Tidewater Times. Cooper and his wife, Pat, live in St. Michaels, Maryland, and continue to sail the Bay in their classic 1971 Hinckley Bermuda 40 yawl, Tusitala.

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