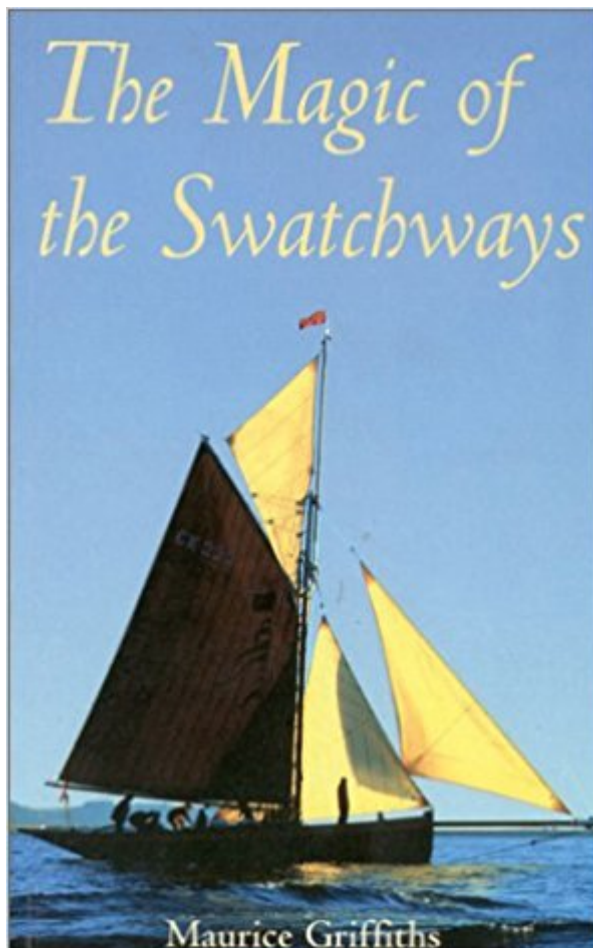




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A timeless classic! Nobody captures the atmospherics of the East Coast of England as well as M.G.! Famed sailor, editor, broker, designer, writer Maurice Griffiths is loved by millions worldwide for his various tireless efforts in promoting the sport of small-boat sailing, especially those shoal-water "little voyages" around the English Channel and environs of which he is the recognized Master. Warning: Don't ever loan this book to another sailor---you'll never see it again! (This is my third copy and it's not for loan...) Inspiring reading, especially for those who do not aspire to cross oceans or circumnavigate. There is always much to see and do closer to home on voyages that "fit" the busy schedules of most of us, and M.G. was the all-time "Master" of this art.

If you are either a sailor or someone interested in sailing this collection of stories is terrific! Maurice Griffiths writes with poetry about his experiences sailing off the Essex coast.

The Magic of the Swatchways is a collection of stories and anecdotes written by the author during the decade following the first World War. His knowledge of the Thames estuary, the fisheries and the wildlife is extensive and authentic. Griffith's knowledge of the local people and local craft provide the substance for his accounts, yet there is an easy charm and a timelessness to these stories which sets them apart from others of the genre. The book is among the best of the type.

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