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Seagods and Sundogs

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"...it's just what its title announces - sea stories. Barrett instills such atmosphere into each episode that the reader can almost feel the fog and hear the splash of the water as the story leads one out to sea."

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"Talking with Paul Barrett is as a delightful experience as reading his book. He writes exceedingly well... I recommend this book... I urge you to... buy one."

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"Barrett is back on press. He has finished writing a second volume! 'Sea Stories - Book II: Seagods and Sundogs,' published by his own Gaff Press.

The new volume consists of more of Barrett's stories--humorous and serious--and adds others by fishermen who heard about or read his first book and wanted to share their yarns with him. The book includes a wide variety of stories, the mysterious and the morose, the funny and the fantastic, the specific and the speculative."

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The Daily Astorian

"When we last left Astoria self-publisher John Paul Barrett, he was receiving unexpected acclaim for his first collection of stories, 'Sea Stories: Of Dolphins and Dead Sailors,' a sleeper of a book that seemed to capture the collective imaginations of seagoing adventurers from the Oregon coast to the Fiji Islands.

He is welcomed back with another collection, fatter, more varied, yet covered with the same salty saltcloth that distinguishes these handmade books from the ordinary. Most of these tales are misadventures, recollections of a man who has wrong more salt water out of his sea than most of us have sailed over; of people missing at sea; of storms and sharks and sundogs, yarns of the boats *Merka* and *Fanta Sea*, and a brief account of a man who paddled (and sailed) a kayak from California to Hawaii.

Barrett is not a refined and literary writer, but he is a neophyte who does write well. And if we're reading about fishing, boats and the sea, then it's nice to get the freshest catch we can."

Paul Pinterich
THE OREGONIAN

"Sea Stories Book II: Seagods and Sundogs," follows John Paul Barrett's first book, 'Sea Stories - Of Dolphins and Dead Sailors.'

Be ready for uncontrollable chuckles but have a box of tissues handy. 'Seagods and Sundogs' combines humor and sadness in an entertaining compilation of stories, anecdotes, and poems. Each chapter stands on its own. One tells of unexplained disappearances of sailors at sea and another of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

We learn of the phenomenon of a sundog--the reflection of the sun off a cloudbank, which is sometimes difficult to tell from the real sun. We laugh at the tale of 'The Deckhand from Hell' who was unable to do anything right.

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