

Eric Hoffer Book Award 2019: WINNER - *Ebook Fiction*; SHORTLISTED - *The Grand Prize*; FINALIST - *Montaigne Medal (for the most thought-provoking book)*

US Review of Books: "Perhaps the most unusual book you'll ever read, as educational and inspiring as Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet*, but far more readable and enjoyable."

The BookLife Prize: "This is a wonderful current-day twist on fairy tales, faith, subjective morality, and the search for universal truths. Sweet simplicity meets marvelous depth."

Szoch: "Beautifully written tales that capture the mind, heart and spirit"

Self Publishing Review: "This little book was charming. I much preferred it to *The Shack*"

The Book Review Blog: "For readers seeking something original and thought-provoking, this is nearly perfect"

The Book Review Blog: " ... these quite incredible characters and events begin to strike the reader as insanity on the part of the author. However, if insanity it is, this is the type that gives birth to great achievements"

everybookhasasoul: "This little book is a brilliant read that I recommend everyone reads"

The Nelson Mail: "Gentle humour mixes with wisdom and pathos. Madness dances with brilliance. This little book is one that stays in your head like a piece of music, playing over and over again most delightfully"

Inkweaver Review: "A highly unusual book ... walks a fine line between profound and insane" -

Jenny from England: "Brilliant ... bizarre ... the details of seamanship are surreal ... Hans Christian Anderson meets The Magic Roundabout"

Souvenir Press, London: "One of those unique and wonderful manuscripts that come one's way all too rarely. A most unusual and beautiful story that lingers in the mind long after one has read it"

The Book Review Blog: "This is not a normal book with a normal story; it must be approached with an open mind and no preconceived ideas of how books should be written"

Online Book Club: "I enjoyed this book and I would recommend it as a good read with an original way of presenting the theme. It is thought-provoking and the author draws on a wide range of subjects to weave his tale, from bees and gardening to boats and fishing"

Matt McAvoy: "The book is beautifully written, in wonderful, simple yet perfect prose; every sentence is an individual work of art, The Sailor applying language in broad, consistently creative swathes - this is the fiction that, as writer, you wish you could write"

Indies Today: "The Seven Gifts within us is a beautifully conceived philosophical work of fantastical fiction. Ethereal in composition, readers of all ages will find the Sailor's writing style to be a breath of fresh air"