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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Beautiful photographs and interesting textVon Helen HancoxThis book is an excellent addition to the stable of books dealing with cruising catamaran sailing. It's a heavy hardback with beautiful photography, an attractive layout and good diagrams. Picking up this book after reading Charles Kanter's 'Cruising in Catamarans' or its recent update published as 'Cruising Catamaran Communiqu' you wonder how two books on the same subject with similar ideas behind them could be so different!This book is beautiful and would make a wonderful coffee table book as well as an interesting read. There's some great photography often in beautiful locations. There are also photographs and plans of different catamarans and the text is helpful. Tarjan doesn't spend too long on the old chestnuts of catamaran vs monohull and will they capsize but he gives a good overview of general principles of catamaran sailing, heavy weather tactics, manufacture, some technical information on hull shapes, rigs, keels vs daggerboards and benefits/downsides of

different configurations. It becomes clear very quickly when reading this book that Tarjan tends to spend time on larger cruising catamarans. Here in the UK most Cats vary from 26ft - 40ft; most that I see are probably 35ft or less. Tarjan mentions the 34 foot Gemini 105MC in his text but most of the cats he discusses/photographs are whoppers, 45-60 feet. Perhaps these are more common in America but for sailors in UK waters they might make your own boat look a bit weedy. Tarjan also is keen on speed. He perhaps affords it more importance than many cruising sailors would and there's plenty of discussion about how useful speed is to get you away from bad weather, but the text reads very much as if the cruising cat owner is really also a racer and I would imagine this is not very often the case. Charles Kanter's contention that most cruisers aren't speed freaks seems more likely to me and his more thorough and detailed treatment of catamaran sailing is perhaps more useful to the novice than in this book where less time is spent on multihull seamanship and more of that time on trimming sails for maximum speed. However despite these reservations this book is a great read and good value for the price. It has at the end the apparently obligatory list of current multihulls (including one that's 100ft long!) with a very short amount of copy on them and a couple of photos. There are some helpful appendices with the Beaufort scale, a long-range cruising equipment checklist and other stuff and the photo credits, much appreciated because of the quality throughout of the photography and printing. The downside of this book? This author, although interesting, doesn't grab your attention in the same way as Charles Kanter. I think this makes another excellent addition to my cruising catamaran bookshelf but I wouldn't choose it over Charles Kanter's 'Cruising Catamaran Communiq' if I could have only one book because that has more information for the medium sized cat owner to find helpful (by this I mean the 30-40 foot range). But it's still a great book and worthy of five stars. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The complete Guide - yes it is a complete guide! Von Cybercitizen More for potential buyers than those who just want to sail or charter. Very comprehensive and precise. Easy go read, well structured.

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Synopsis Combining how-to manual, buyer's guide and coffee-table 'dream book', Catamarans cover every aspect of cruising catamarans from the technical details to the luxurious, relaxed lifestyle. The first comprehensive book on cruising cats in more than 10 years, Catamarans will be welcomed by anyone interested in owning or sailing one of these increasingly popular craft. The author reviews basic concepts of multihull design, construction and performance; discusses the latest catamaran developments; and examines multihull seamanship and how it differs from sailing a monohull. He outlines desirable attributes of multihulls, explains what to look for when buying and presents a catalogue of noteworthy production boats illustrated with both photographs and floor plans. This gorgeously illustrated book is the perfect introduction to the possibilities of these exciting sailing machines and an invaluable owner's guide.