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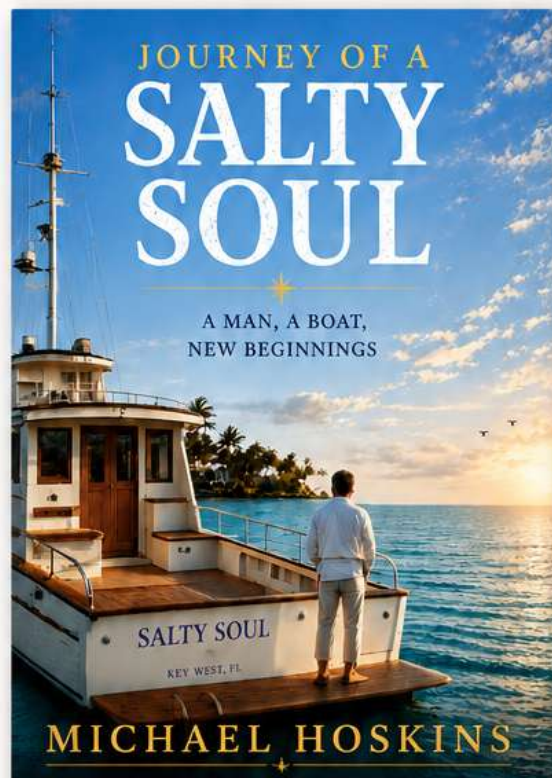
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The Journey of a Salty Soul

A MAN • A BOAT • NEW BEGINNINGS



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Every Great Journey Begins by Untying the Lines.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ABOUT THE BOOK

The Journey of a Salty Soul

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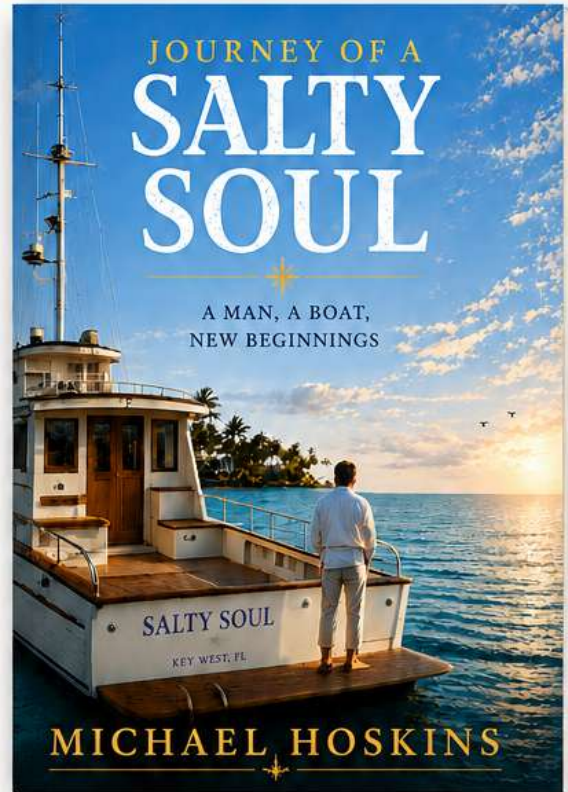
When Damian Cruz walks away from the life he spent decades building, he buys an aging trawler and sets out with no destination and no timetable.

Along America's rivers, the Gulf Coast, the Florida Keys, and eventually the Bahamas, he discovers that the greatest journeys aren't measured in miles, but in the people, places, and possibilities found along the way.

Part adventure story, part personal transformation, *The Journey of a Salty Soul* celebrates the courage to begin again and reminds readers that it is never too late to untie the lines.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michael Hoskins is the founder of *Salty Soul Chronicles* and the author of *The Journey of a Salty Soul*. Inspired by a lifelong passion for boating and exploration, he writes stories that blend authentic cruising experiences with memorable characters and themes of hope, freedom, friendship, and new beginnings.



AT A GLANCE



GENRE

Contemporary Adventure Fiction



THEMES

- New Beginnings
- Personal Growth
- Adventure
- Friendship
- Freedom
- Hope
- Coastal Living



SERIES

Salty Soul Chronicles — Book One

AVAILABLE FOR



Bookstore Events



Library Programs



Marina Events



Boat Shows



Book Clubs



Podcast Interviews



Radio Interviews



Newspaper & Magazine Features



Speaking Engagements



A heartfelt adventure about chasing dreams, embracing change, and finding purpose far beyond the life we planned.



STORIES OF ADVENTURE,
FREEDOM, AND
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MEET MICHAEL HOSKINS

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Some people dream about changing their lives. Others spend years waiting for the right moment. Michael Hoskins believes the hardest part isn't crossing an ocean—it's taking the first step away from the dock.

A lifelong entrepreneur and boating enthusiast, Michael has always been drawn to the freedom that water represents. Rivers, lakes, coastal towns, and quiet marinas became more than destinations; they became places where life's pace slowed enough to appreciate what truly matters. Those experiences, combined with years of observation and a passion for storytelling, eventually inspired his debut novel, *The Journey of a Salty Soul*.

Although the story is fiction, many of the locations, waterways, and cruising traditions featured throughout the novel are inspired by places Michael has personally explored. His goal was never to write a technical boating guide or simply another adventure novel. Instead, he wanted to tell a story that would resonate with anyone who has ever wondered if there was more waiting beyond the life they had carefully planned.

At the heart of *The Journey of a Salty Soul* is the belief that new beginnings are always possible. Through the journey of Damian Cruz, readers are reminded that courage isn't reserved for extraordinary people—it belongs to ordinary people willing to take one uncertain step toward something better.

When he's not writing, Michael enjoys time on the water, studying cruising destinations, learning from fellow boaters, and continuing to build *Salty Soul Chronicles* into a community for readers who love adventure, exploration, and stories that inspire them to pursue their own dreams.

His writing reflects a simple philosophy:

Life isn't measured by the plans we make.

It's measured by the courage to untie the lines.



FAST FACTS



HOME:

Tennessee & Florida



FOUNDER:

Salty Soul Chronicles



DEBUT NOVEL:

The Journey of a Salty Soul



GENRE:

Contemporary Adventure Fiction



THEMES:

New Beginnings • Adventure
Personal Growth • Friendship
Freedom • Hope



FAVORITE PLACE:

Anywhere the water is calm,
the lines are tied, and the next
adventure is still unknown.

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*If my stories encourage even one person to chase a dream
they've been putting off, then every hour spent writing them
was worth it.*

— MICHAEL HOSKINS —



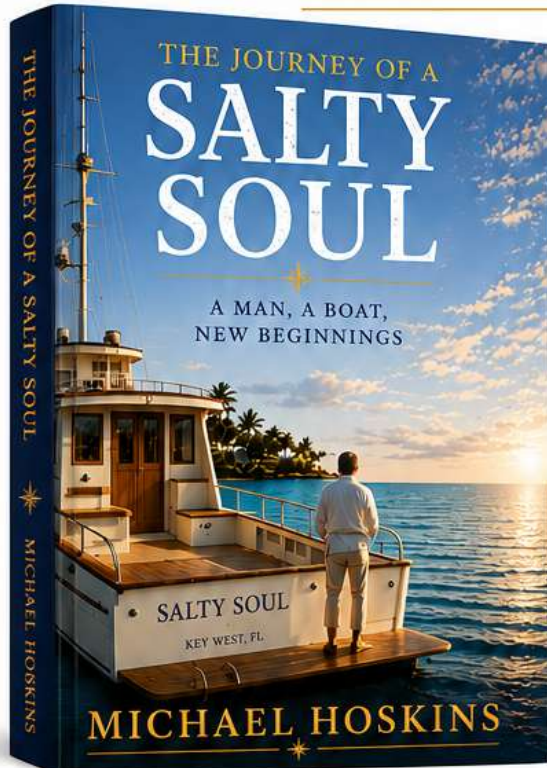
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SALTY SOUL
— CHRONICLES —

ABOUT THE BOOK



The Journey of a Salty Soul

A MAN. A BOAT. NEW BEGINNINGS.



ELEVATOR PITCH

An inspiring adventure about leaving everything behind to find purpose, freedom, and a life worth living.



OFFICIAL LOGLINE

When Damian Cruz walks away from the life he spent decades building, he sets out aboard an aging trawler with no destination and no timetable, discovering that the greatest journeys aren't measured in miles, but in the people, places, and possibilities found along the way.



BOOK SYNOPSIS

Damian Cruz has lived a life of responsibility, routine, and endless expectations. In his early fifties, he makes a decision that shocks everyone who knows him—he sells everything, buys an aging 1973 Grand Banks trawler, and sets out with no fixed destination and no return date.

From the rivers of Tennessee to the wide-open Gulf, through the Florida Keys and into the turquoise waters of the Bahamas, Damian's journey becomes a quest for more than just beautiful places. It becomes a journey of self-discovery, unexpected friendships, hard lessons, and moments that change the way he sees the world—and himself.

Along the way, he meets unforgettable people, faces challenging decisions, and learns that freedom isn't about escaping life, but about finally choosing the life you want to live.

The Journey of a Salty Soul is a heartfelt, uplifting adventure that will inspire anyone who has ever dreamed of a different life but wasn't sure if they had the courage to untie the lines.

WHY READERS CONNECT WITH THIS STORY



ADVENTURE

Experience the beauty of America's rivers, the Gulf Coast, the Florida Keys, and the Bahamas.



PERSONAL GROWTH

Follow a man's journey of self-discovery, healing, and finding what truly matters.



AUTHENTIC BOATING

Realistic cruising experiences, destinations, and the challenges and rewards of life on the water.



HOPE & INSPIRATION

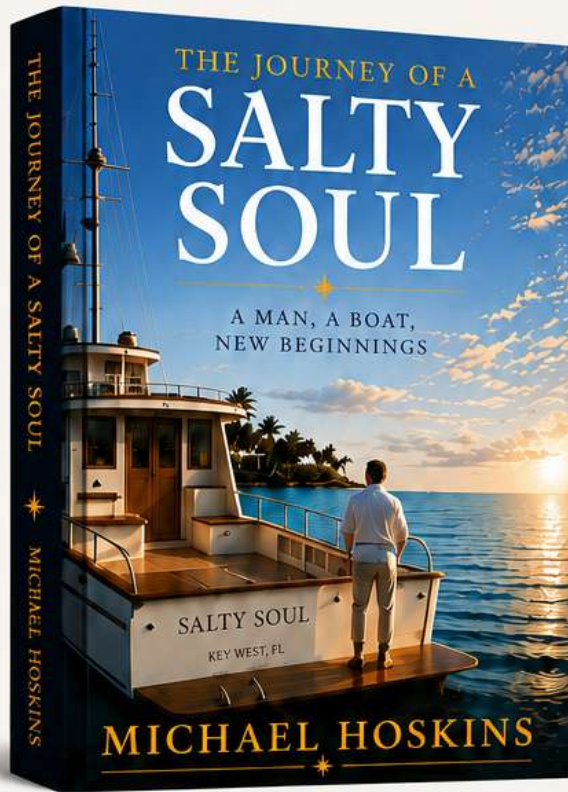
A reminder that it's never too late for a new beginning.

*Sometimes the greatest journey begins
with simply untying the lines.*





BOOK INFORMATION



THE JOURNEY OF A SALTY SOUL

A man, a boat, new beginnings.

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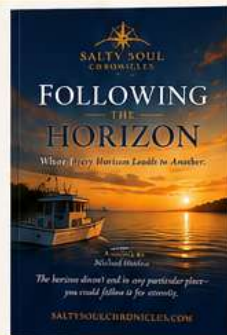
AUDIOBOOK EDITION

An audiobook edition of *The Journey of a Salty Soul* is currently in production.



BOOK TWO IN THE SERIES

The next chapter continues the adventure as Damian embarks on his journey.



COMING SOON

FOLLOWING THE HORIZON

Where Every Horizon Leads to Another.

The second novel in the *Salty Soul Chronicles* continues Damian Cruz's journey as every new horizon reveals another opportunity for adventure, discovery, and personal growth.





CONVERSATIONS THAT INSPIRE



Stories Behind the Story

A guide for interviewers, bookstores, podcasts, libraries, book clubs, and media.



1 THE JOURNEY

- ✦ What inspired *The Journey of a Salty Soul*?
- ✦ Why did you decide to write this story?
- ✦ How much of the novel is based on real experiences?
- ✦ Why boating? What is it about life on the water that calls to you?



2 THE WRITING PROCESS

- ✦ How long did it take to write your first novel?
- ✦ What was the biggest challenge in writing this book?
- ✦ Did any characters surprise you while writing?
- ✦ Which chapter was the hardest to write?



3 THE MESSAGE

- ✦ What does "Untying the Lines" mean to you?
- ✦ Why do readers connect with Damian even if they've never been boating?
- ✦ What do you hope readers take away after finishing the book?
- ✦ Why are new beginnings such an important theme in this story?



4 LOOKING AHEAD

- ✦ What inspired the idea for *Following the Horizon*?
- ✦ Without giving away spoilers, what can readers expect in the next book?
- ✦ Will Damian continue his journey?
- ✦ Is Salty Soul Chronicles planned as a series?
- ✦ What can readers expect next from the Salty Soul Chronicles?



CONVERSATIONS MICHAEL ENJOYS



FOLLOWING
YOUR DREAMS



REINVENTION
& NEW BEGINNINGS



AMERICA'S RIVERS
& COASTAL
WATERWAYS



ENTREPRENEURSHIP
& BUILDING A LIFE
YOU LOVE



ADVENTURE
& TRAVEL



THE CREATIVE
PROCESS



BUILDING THE
SALTY SOUL
CHRONICLES SERIES



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“The best interviews don't just tell readers about the book. They remind them of the dreams they've been waiting to pursue.”

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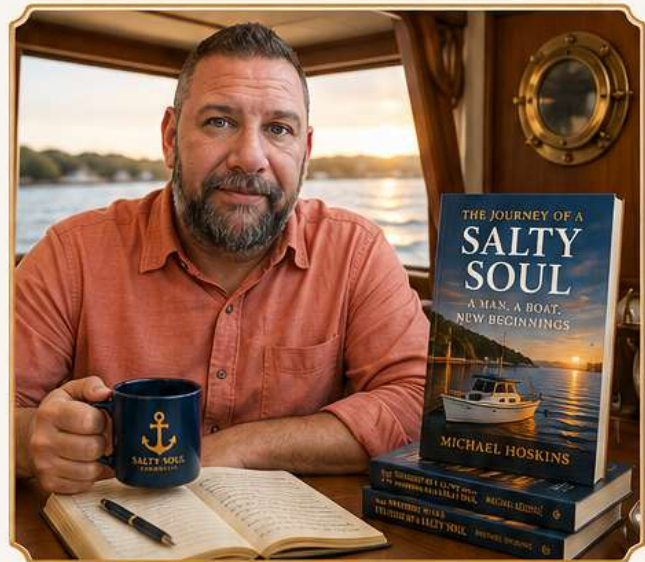
SHARING THE JOURNEY

Conversations, Stories & Inspiration



Michael Hoskins enjoys connecting with readers through conversations about writing, adventure, entrepreneurship, and the life lessons found beyond our comfort zones.

Whether speaking to a bookstore audience, a boating club, a library, or a community organization, each presentation is tailored to the audience and centered on authentic stories that inspire people to pursue their own journeys.



FEATURED CONVERSATIONS



EVERY GREAT JOURNEY BEGINS BY UNTYING THE LINES

Perfect for bookstores, libraries, book clubs, and community groups.

- ★ Following dreams
- ★ Starting over
- ★ Reinvention
- ★ Courage
- ★ The inspiration behind the novel



FROM DREAM TO PUBLISHED NOVEL

Ideal for aspiring authors, writers groups, and creative communities.

- ★ Writing your first book
- ★ Self-publishing
- ★ Lessons learned
- ★ Building a publishing company
- ★ Launching a series



LIFE ON AMERICA'S WATERWAYS

Perfect for boating clubs, marinas, yacht clubs, and boat shows.

- ★ America's rivers
- ★ The Intracoastal Waterway
- ★ The Gulf Coast
- ★ Coastal communities
- ★ Cruising culture



ENTREPRENEURSHIP & REINVENTION

Great for business groups, Rotary Clubs, chambers of commerce, and entrepreneurs.

- ★ Entrepreneurship
- ★ Taking calculated risks
- ★ Reinvention
- ★ Following your passion
- ★ Building a meaningful life

★ EVENT TYPES ★



Book Signings



Author Talks



Book Clubs



Libraries



Marinas



Yacht Clubs



Boat Shows



Schools



Podcasts & Radio



Television

★ AUDIENCE TAKEAWAYS ★

Guests leave inspired to...



Untie their own lines.



Chase long-held dreams.



Discover new beginnings.



Embrace adventure.



Follow their own horizon.

★ CUSTOMIZED FOR YOU ★

Every event is customized for your audience and venue. Michael is happy to work with organizers to create a memorable experience that connects, encourages, and leaves a lasting impact.



*Authentic stories.
Real experiences.
Meaningful conversations.
Inspiration that lasts.*

“ *Every great journey begins with the courage to untie the lines.* ”





PRESS • PARTNERSHIPS • EVENTS

Sharing the Journey • Building Connections • Inspiring New Beginnings



PRESS

Interviews, articles, podcasts, and media features will be added here as the journey continues.

Check back soon for the latest media coverage, conversations, and features.



Podcast interviews and conversations about the journey, writing, and adventure.



Newspaper features and local stories highlighting the journey and message.



Magazine articles and editorial features about boating, adventure, and life on the water.



Television segments and video features sharing the story and the mission.



Radio interviews and discussions about adventure, purpose, and new beginnings.



PARTNERSHIPS

Building meaningful relationships with organizations and communities that share our values and mission.

We welcome opportunities to collaborate, connect, and create impact together.



Partnering with local bookstores to connect with readers and support independent business.



Working with public libraries to inspire communities through storytelling and shared experiences.



Connecting with marinas and yacht clubs to share the journey with boating communities.



Participating in boat shows and nautical events to connect with fellow boaters and adventurers.



Collaborating with organizations that inspire growth, adventure, and making a difference.



EVENTS

From intimate gatherings to large events, each opportunity is a chance to share stories that inspire and encourage audiences to chase their own horizons.

Event appearances and upcoming dates will be added here.



Book signings at bookstores, marinas, events, and special community locations.



Author talks and presentations at libraries, schools, and community groups.



Meet & greets, reader evenings, and casual gatherings at marinas and waterfront venues.



Seminars and presentations at boat shows and nautical events.



Podcast interviews and media conversations about writing, life, and the journey.

“It's not the destinations that shape us, it's the people, the places, and the stories we collect along the way.”

— Michael Hoskins





Untie the Lines



THANK YOU

Thank you for your interest in *Salty Soul Chronicles* and *The Journey of a Salty Soul*. We appreciate your support in sharing this story and its message.

For the latest updates, new releases, speaking events, and behind-the-scenes insights, visit our website.



Begin the Journey



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