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>How does it feel to have written a successful book 'Salty Tales...'

After a lot of diffidence in making the book public, it has come as a pleasant surprise that the book is well accepted and hitting good sales not just from the seafaring community, but from others as well. The reviews received have been very encouraging. One of them says.. quote... "It was easy reading, never boring and I was a bit sad when it got over which is always the test of a good book written well..." ...unquote

>Please tell us about yourself as a writer.

I have to yet to come to terms with that title 'writer'. In the past I've mainly written travel blogs, and short stories. This is my first shot at writing a book.

>What inspired you to start writing this book?

My daughter, who as a kid would be enthralled by the stories I would tell her and who kept pushing me to write them down so she could read them to her kids.

>How did you go about writing?

I would write out a story whenever I remembered one, or was in a mood to write. This went on over a few years, until I realised I had quite a collection but I had no clue how to go about publishing it. At some stage I was approached by a publisher who was ready to print the book for 2 Lakhs and drop off 5,000 copies right in the middle of my living room. Marketing thereafter would've been my headache. It didn't appeal to me. Only recently I found out about Amazon publishing and how easy it made the whole process.

>What is the most difficult part about writing for you?

Writers block. Sometimes it's like when the teacher has written a lot of stuff on the blackboard, but the board still looks blank to you. The other stumbling block was formatting. Formatting an MS Word document for Kindle e-book and then for a Paperback can be hazardous to your mental health.

>What is the significance of the title?

The Ship's Logbook is meant to document everything that happens on the ship. Some of these stories are so spicy, they certainly could not be entered in the Logbook.

>What have u covered in the book?

Humour, adventure, some pathos, family values, cultures from all around the world with their quirks and even a few management lesson.

>Who is your favourite character in the book?

Easily, Capt. Colin Welch. I learnt a lot from him. A great human being and a thorough professional. We also shared the same birth date, but 18 years apart.

>Tell us something about the cover of the book.

The cover compliments the title showing an engineer running after the mate with a pen in hand to enter something into the logbook.

>can you share with us something about the book which isn't in the blurb?

At the moment I'm selling the book at no profit. Amazon takes a shark bite out of your earnings. My intention is encourage seafarers to read it and write their own stories. At some stage in the future I may increase the selling price to earn from it.

>Where can readers purchase your book?

It can be purchased on the Amazon platform as an e-book in a Kindle format, as well as a paperback format.

>What age group would you recommend this book too?

It can be read by 12 yrs and above.

>What is the key theme and/or message in the book

A must read for young aspiring seafarers and wives of seafarers. It gives one an insight into the hardships and the difficulties seafarers face away from their families.

>Are you working on anything at present you would like to share with your readers about?

I wouldn't like to be called a One Book Wonder, so I might start on a sequel.