

# Coming Soon: A Well MISSPENT Youth by Ben Neely – A Bold New Voice in Maritime Memoir

*Debut Author Ben Neely Pays Tribute to the Wild Freedom of Life at Sea in an Upcoming Memoir That Redefines the American Adventure Story*

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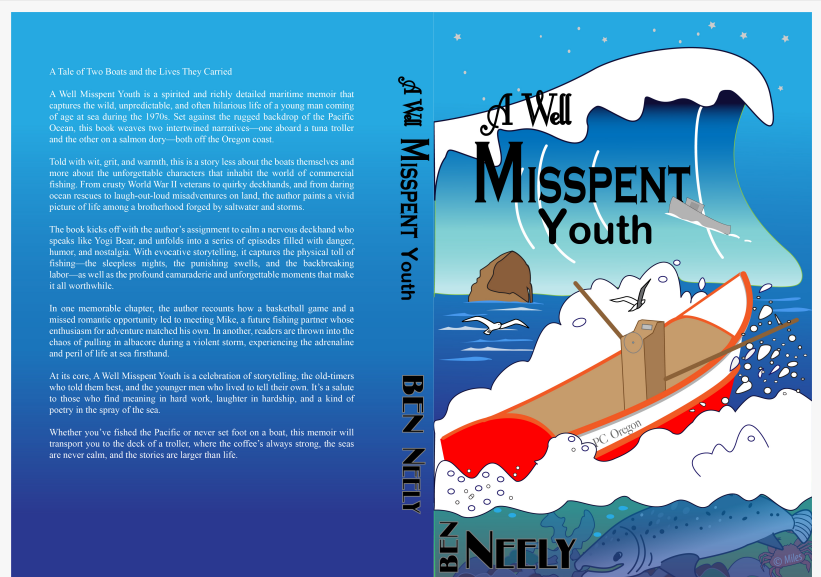
## About The Book:

Set to launch soon, *A Well MISSPENT Youth* is a gripping and unforgettable memoir by Ben E. Neely PE that captures the raw intensity and quiet nobility of life on the open sea. Told through the eyes of a nineteen-year-old rookie deckhand, this book is more than a personal tale—it's a love letter to the fearless individuals who trade comfort for the chaos, thrill, and independence of commercial fishing.

With vivid storytelling, humor, and an eye for the human spirit, Neely draws readers into a world of towering waves, eccentric radio chatter, and camaraderie forged in saltwater and diesel fumes. Every story is grounded in truth, every moment soaked in grit. This is not a tale of catching fish—it's about chasing freedom.

## Key Highlights:

- Coming-of-age adventure: A young man's wild plunge into the commercial fishing world of the



1970s Pacific Coast.

- Unfiltered storytelling: Packed with real voices, raw humor, and unforgettable encounters on the high seas.
- Portrait of freedom: A tribute to men and women who live life on their own terms, no one's "by your leave" but their own.
- Reflective and timely: Explores themes of risk, identity, purpose, and the universal need to feel alive.
- Perfect for fans of: Adventure nonfiction, maritime memoirs, and stories that celebrate the working class and wild places.

#### About the Author:

Ben E. Neely PE is an adventurer, engineer, and storyteller whose love for the sea was forged early—aboard a modest sailboat that took his family from California to Australia and back. In *A Well MISSPENT Youth*, Neely distills the daring, humor, and hard lessons of a life that chose the ocean over the ordinary. This debut marks the beginning of a powerful new literary voice in adventure nonfiction.

#### Pre-Launch Note:

*A Well MISSPENT Youth* is set to release soon. Media outlets, reviewers, podcast hosts, and book clubs interested in advance copies or early interviews are encouraged to reach out now.

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