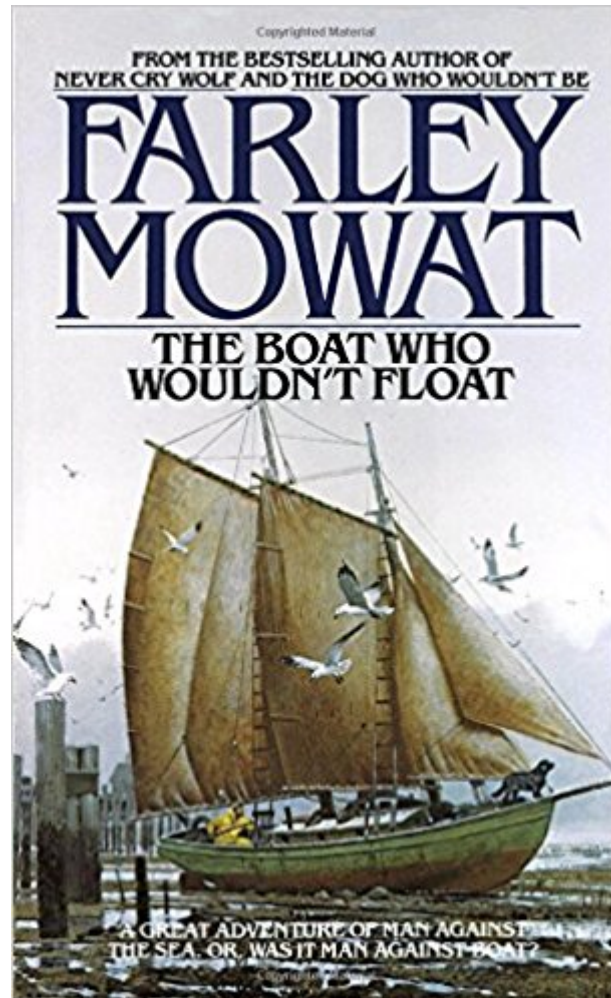




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# The Boat Who Wouldn't Float



## Synopsis

It seemed like a good idea. Tired of everyday life ashore, Farley Mowat would find a sturdy boat in Newfoundland and roam the salt sea over, free as a bird. What he found was the worst boat in the world, and she nearly drove him mad. The Happy Adventure, despite all that Farley and his Newfoundland helpers could do, leaked like a sieve. Her engine only worked when she felt like it. Typically, on her maiden voyage, with the engine stuck in reverse, she backed out of the harbour under full sail. And she sank, regularly. How Farley and a varied crew, including the intrepid lady who married him, coaxed the boat from Newfoundland to Lake Ontario is a marvellous story. The encounters with sharks, rum-runners, rum and a host of unforgettable characters on land and sea make this a very funny book for readers of all ages.

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Happy Adventure was a schooner with one fatal flaw. It leaked like a sieve. So why would anyone repeatedly expose himself and his friends to the elements of the North Atlantic in a treacherous, stubborn, uncomfortable, unfloatable boat which at last count, has sunk eight times? Any

explanation of this appalling narrative seems outrageously unlikely. But the story is true. All too true. And it's decidedly the funniest story yet from Farley Mowat, whose books have sold over a million and a half copies in this country alone."Great, good humor... Very funny and often touching tribute to a love affair that saner, duller souls would no doubt christen Farley's Folly." -- The New York Times "Sheer delight." --Best Sellers

I have very mixed feelings about this book. I actually really love it. It's one of the most hilarious books I've ever read, really relaxing and enjoyable to read. For the most part. But towards the end of the book, he just goes on and on about different alcoholic escapades, and it gets progressively boring and annoying. I've given this to others, and their take is about the same. This is still one of my very favorite "escape" books, and I highly, highly recommend it - I just don't always read it all the way through.

My husband LOVED his humor and the description of his escapades.

Easily in my top 10 favorite books lifetime, and probably the funniest. What a great read!

One of my favorites. Farley can enter the U.S. I don't care what his old nemesis Ben Farro has to say about it.

Great Book

I have to say that I found the first few chapters hard to take and if this was my first Mowat book I would have thought that he was insane. I don't want to spoil the story so I won't describe why I felt so. However, the book picks up once the voyage begins and Mowat's descriptions of nature (weather, sea, terrain) are unsurpassed. He does good descriptions of the characters that he encounters, as well. Still one of my favorite authors. My understanding is that in later books he becomes disillusioned with the Newfoundlanders and other local types.

I had actually read this book before, but had loaned my copy to someone and it was never returned. I enjoyed the re-read just as much as the first go-through! Farley Mowat is a first-class writer with a marvelous sense of how to use words for maximum impact and complete hilarity! Late teens and adults would love this book. It's a bit too complex for younger teens although there is no foul

language or "situations" that would be improper.

A well written travelogue about a man, some friends, a dog or two and a boat, whom as the title states, did not always like to float. A great read from a great author. You will not be disappointed.

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