

# Dare the Wind: The Record-breaking Voyage of Eleanor Prentiss and the Flying Cloud, Macmillan, 2014, 9780374316990, 2014, 40 pages, Tracey Fern

A map showing the 1851 voyage of the Flying Cloud appears on the endpapers. A handsome picture book portraying an accomplished woman. Grades 1-3. - -Carolyn Phelan. Review.Â In this picture book for older readers. Tracey Fern tells the little-known story of Eleanor Prentiss, an extraordinary woman who not only navigated a clipper ship but also set a record for the fastest time from New York to San Francisco, navigating around Cape Horn in a record-breaking 89 days, 21 hours. Doesn't it seem incredible in our high-tech era how sailors used only the stars and a sextant to navigate around the world? Dare the Wind: The Record-breaking Voyage of Eleanor Prentiss and the Flying Cloud. By Tracey Fern and Emily Arnold McCully. Book Actions. Start Reading. Save for LaterSave Dare the Wind: The Record-breaking Voyage of Eleanor Prentiss and the Flying Cloud For Later.Â Ellen Prentiss's papa said she was born with saltwater in her veins, so he gave her sailing lessons and taught her how to navigate. As soon as she met a man who loved sailing like she did, she married him. When her husband was given command of a clipper ship custom-made to travel quickly, she knew that they would need every bit of its speed for their maiden voyage: out of New York City, down around the tip of Cape Horn, and into San Francisco, where the Gold Rush was well under way. Ellen Prentiss's father was a trading ship captain in Massachusetts in the early 1800s. Even though she was a girl, Captain Prentiss taught his daughter seamanship and how to navigate the seas using a sextant and chronometer. Ellen loved sailing and using her knowledge of the stars, moon, and sun to cross the waters. Later, Ellen, as navigator, and her husband, Perkins Creesy as captain, successfully sailed cargo ships in established shipping lanes.Â The story of the flying Cloud with her female navigator is both inspiring and noteworthy.Â Dare the Wind: The Record-Breaking Voyage of Eleanor Prentiss and the Flying Cloud, Children's Book and Media Review, 2016, Volume 37, Issue 8