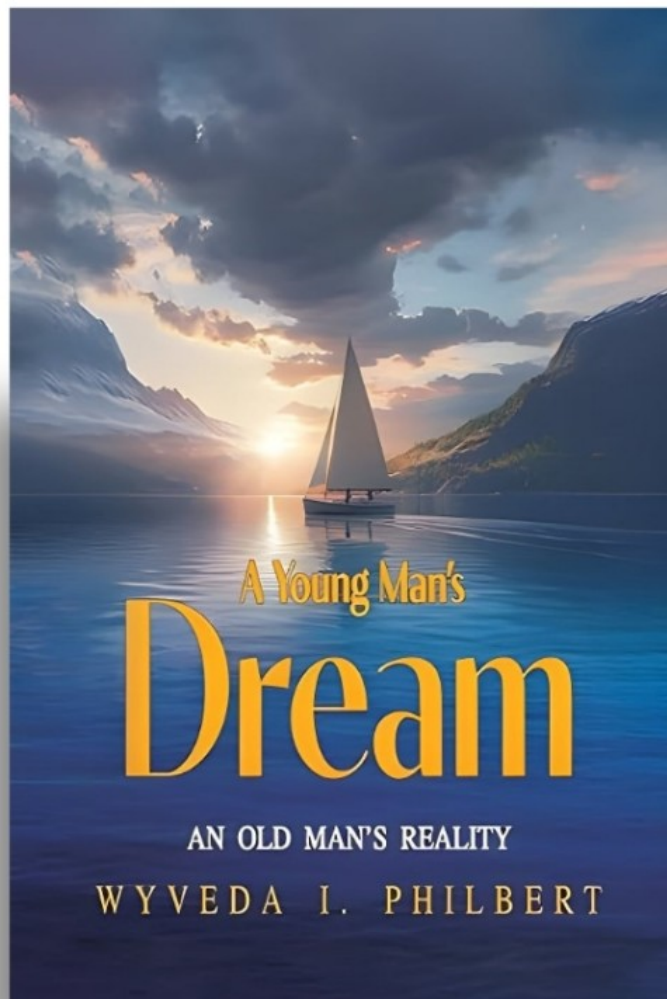


A Dream Worth the Journey: Hollywood Book Review Praises Wyveda I. Philbert's Great Loop Memoir

Hollywood Book Review has praised author Wyveda I. Philbert's memoir, 'A Young Man's Dream: An Old Man's Reality,' describing it as a dynamic account of a long-held dream finally realized on the water.



Vancouver, British Columbia Aug 19, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](http://www.Issuewire.com)) - The review characterizes the book as both a dramatic and informative guide for future Loopers and an inspiring account of pursuing fresh adventures later in life.

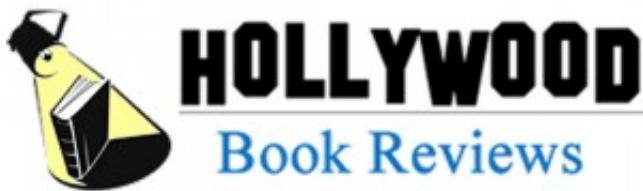
The memoir follows Philbert and her retired husband, Joe, as they set out in 2003 to complete the Great Loop—a sprawling water route stretching from Florida up through Maine and Michigan, across the Erie Canal, down the Mississippi and connecting rivers, and home again via the Intracoastal Waterway. The couple, who spent their working years on an Indiana farm and their winters aboard their boat, Whoosher, had planned for Philbert to leave the voyage in Virginia. Instead, she stayed for the entire journey, which ran from April to October.

Drawing on the daily journal she kept through six months, Philbert recounts the fog, storms, oversized ships, and complex canal locks the couple navigated, alongside quieter moments of morning coffee, bird watching, and shared wonder at landmarks including Charleston’s historic streets, the Statue of Liberty, and Niagara Falls. The *Hollywood Book Review* praised Philbert’s ability “to accurately convey the smallest technical details enmeshed in an emotive portrait of shared optimism and perseverance,” noting that the couple’s zest for adventure and love for each other anchor the story throughout.

“Many dream of doing the Loop, but never get to do so,” Philbert writes of her decision to stay aboard. “And here I have the opportunity right in front of me.” That choice, the review notes, transformed a planned partial trip into a complete journey and a shared achievement the couple proudly commemorated by calling themselves Loopers.

A Young Man’s Dream: An Old Man’s Reality ultimately extends beyond the mechanics of the Great Loop, offering a meditation on adventure, partnership, and the rewards of pursuing a long-held dream later in life. As the *Hollywood Book Review* puts it, “the true reward isn’t simply reaching the destination, but embracing the journey itself.”

Philbert’s [A Young Man’s Dream: An Old Man’s Reality](#) is available on Amazon and other major online bookstores. The full review is available to read on the [Hollywood Book Review website](#).



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