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# Island Of The Blue Dolphins



## Synopsis

Far off the coast of California looms a harsh rock known as the island of San Nicholas. Dolphins flash in the blue waters around it, sea otter play in the vast kelp beds, and sea elephants loll on the stony beaches. Here, in the early 1800s, according to history, an Indian girl spent eighteen years alone, and this beautifully written novel is her story. It is a romantic adventure filled with drama and heartache, for not only was mere subsistence on so desolate a spot a near miracle, but Karana had to contend with the ferocious pack of wild dogs that had killed her younger brother, constantly guard against the Aleutian sea otter hunters, and maintain a precarious food supply. More than this, it is an adventure of the spirit that will haunt the reader long after the book has been put down.

Karana's quiet courage, her Indian self-reliance and acceptance of fate, transform what to many would have been a devastating ordeal into an uplifting experience. From loneliness and terror come strength and serenity in this Newbery Medal-winning classic. In celebration of the book's 50th anniversary, this edition has an introduction by Lois Lowry, Newbery Medal-winning author of *The Giver* and *Number the Stars*.

## Book Information

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Interesting to me because the book concerns St Nicholas Island which is off the Southern California coast. I have sailed near there, flown over it, etc. many times and always wondered about it. One evening the island became the topic of bar conversation among several sailors, one recommended the book and I decided to read it....I'm glad I did. The story is partially lore but based on fact and very interesting especially if you are interested in California history.

I read this as a child, and again at 40. I loved it then, but even more now. There were so many things I couldn't picture back then, like the "devil fish", the cormorant skirt, etc. With the internet, now I can visualize all of these better. I'm fascinated by her story, and I would love to find out more about the "Lost woman."

I first read this in the 5th grade. It became one of my favorites. The description in this book is so detailed you can picture everything in your mind's eye. It's a Wonderful story and a great one for any kid to read or even an adult. But never forget is also a true story.

This is a classic movie/story. I love this movie! The vhs tape was a little grainy for about the first thirty to forty seconds, then it cleared up and the showed great for the rest of the movie. I highly recommend this movie. It's based on a true story, and it takes me back to my childhood when I first saw it.

I first read this book in elementary school, possibly the 5th or 6th grade. It has become my favorite book of all time. I'm now in my mid 30s, and I read it every spring. Even though I know this book front to back, I always find it fascinating, and like its a brand new experience. I just finished reading it to my young daughter, and I hope to be able to read it with her every spring.

Great reader, and a great story! My kids and I listened to it in the car on a long drive and we felt transported into the story. The reader really makes this story come to life.

I bought this to re-read because it was a childhood favorite. My 14 year old son picked it up before I could and he plowed through it in a few days. Island of the Blue Dolphins is a cult classic. I wish they'd make it into a movie.

I read this as a child and couldn't resist reading it again. I intend on reading it to my granddaughter so I can pass this wonderful true story on. If they ever make it into a movie, they better stick with the book because it's such a well written book and an all time classic!!

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