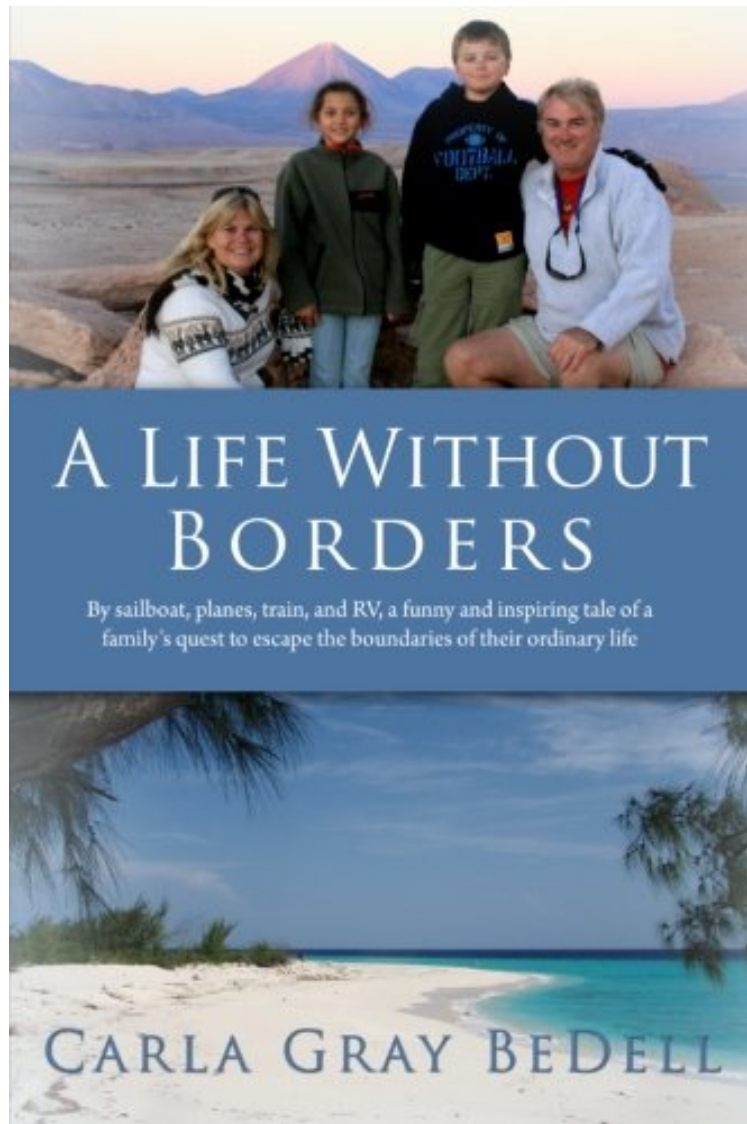


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It starts at the beginning of the family's journey and continues in chronological order throughout their journey. Written from the author's point of view you can't help but want to become friends with author, Carla Gray Bedell. She does not shy away from the tougher parts of their journey but rather hits you straight on with it! But she writes in such a way that it is comical and you can absolutely relate to it!  
Mostly the theme is about the family's journey which I loved but also part travel guide. I found myself dreaming about the places they visited. Visualizing them in my mind and now I have more adventures to add to my growing list of must visit locations! With children of my own it all seems possible now!  
I would highly recommend this book not only to the travel enthusiasts but to the dreamer that resides in all of us!  
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By CustomerThis is an inspiring and adventurous true story about a family willing to give up an ordinary but good life for a chance in a lifetime to spend true family time together exploring the seas and to travel this wonderful world. I couldn't put this book down and felt like I was along with you. Thank you Carla for sharing your adventure and instilling something that is in most of us but few have the courage to explore.  
A Life Without Borders is a must read book for all boaters and adventurous souls. I loved this book!

What? Quit our jobs, sell everything, and take the kids on a 4 year adventure through the Caribbean and South America? Are we crazy? You will laugh out loud as you read the inspiring true story of a family who abandoned their crazy, stress-filled days to live a life of adventure. Carla and Dan were living what was supposed to be the American dream: the big house, successful corporate careers, and two young, wonderful children. But it all came at a cost: the constant stress of the weekly morning race to work and school, the tired weekends, a family headed in different directions, the struggle to keep it all together as effortlessly as everyone else seemed to be doing, and the overwhelming fear that the struggle to live this life was costing them a life of happiness. They knew they had to make a dramatic change, so over the objections of family, friends, and co-workers, that's what they did: they made a big change. Though not proficient sailors, they sold their house and most of their possessions, bought a sailboat, and with their six-year-old daughter and ten-year-old son, left on a four-year adventure, sailing through the Caribbean and backpacking through South America. "Everything that defined who we were was gone. Now it was time to find out who we are." They sailed down the Caribbean, battling the fears of storms, pirates, and homeschooling. Surviving those things and more, the foursome were not only surprised to still be talking to each other, but were inspired by how strong they had become as a team. Encouraged and emboldened, they left their sailboat in Aruba and backpacked through South America where they: Fought off biting ants in the Amazon Reveled in the beauty of Machu Picchu Observed penguins in Chile Hiked to a glacier on top of a volcano in Ecuador Stood star-struck in the remoteness of the Atacama Desert Wanderlust still not satisfied, their expedition branched out to the US. The family crossed the country by train and RV, where they became schooled in the art of RV parking by German tourists and learned the dangers of mistaking a fellow camper for a potato chip eating bear. The best part of their odyssey was connecting with other cultures and reconnecting as a family, learning they will always be stronger when they are together. Whether you can sail a boat, ride a bus, take a train, or just cross the street, Carla and her family will inspire you to live a life without borders.

About the Author  
CARLA GRAY BEDELL was born and raised in a small farm town south of Chicago. As a young girl she dreamed of writing and traveling the world. She married her husband, Dan, and moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. For many years she climbed the corporate ladder, until finally at her peak as SR VP of Investments at a Fortune 500 company she realized money is never an exchange for happiness. With her husband and two children, they opted for adventure over things, and time over money and set sail looking for joy and happiness. They found it and now Carla leads seminars, workshops and speaking engagements on how to bring more joy into your life. You can find out more at her website [ALifeWithoutBorders.com](http://ALifeWithoutBorders.com).