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Biography

A California native, Larry Jacobson grew up on the beaches of the Pacific Ocean. With degrees from the University of California Irvine and Berkeley, his entrepreneurial spirit flourished as he started an adventure travel company leading whitewater-rafting explorations on then-unchartered rivers in New Zealand.

Sticking with tourism, he founded Creative Incentive Group and partnered with World Class Incentives. Larry led both companies to an influential status in the incentive travel and meeting planning industry. After twenty years in the business, he seized the opportunity to make his dream of a lifetime—sailing around the world—come true.

The account of his adventures at sea is now published in the Award-winning best seller, *The Boy Behind the Gate*. During his odyssey, Larry and his crew faced many surprise challenges, learned the true meaning of perseverance, and experienced firsthand why so few people who set sail to circumnavigate actually complete the journey.

As a motivational speaker, Jacobson shares how he made his dream come true, and the traits and disciplines needed to achieve great accomplishments in one's own life. In addition to the importance of having a dream, he speaks about setting goals, the decision-making process, and the risks he took by leaving everything behind. Through stories of harrowing storms in the Red Sea, repeated mechanical breakdowns, and his new role as captain, Larry shares his fears and how he used them to his advantage. From the tsunami in Thailand to pirates in the Gulf of Aden, the six-year journey presented an astonishing number of life-threatening events, any one of which could derail such an undertaking. Instead, taking each trial to task at the moment of decision taught Jacobson to mark the worth in every day. As a speaker and Retirement Coach, Larry inspires his audience and students to do the same. He lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and spends much of his time coaching others to get the most out of their retirement.

