

*It was a normal day for some boaters in the Gulf of Naples when they happened to come across a puppy swimming all alone in the middle of the ocean.*

However, early in my career, I was humbled by the experience of not being able to help my beautiful wife and I become parents. As a young boy, I viewed him as the embodiment of everything a man should be " strong character, war hero, committed husband and loving father. I also knew him to be a gifted musician and entertainer. In return, I hoped to one day have my father experience three things: Sadly, those goals were not to be realized in his lifetime. Yet, hope is nothing if not a word meant to inspire. Me as a boy resting on my Dad. We were inseparable from the start. My years of medical training never prepared me for the paralyzing impact of losing my father, and receiving an infertility diagnosis. Failure was not only an enemy, it became a label that tried to consume me. Without a father or a child, I was in a genealogical limbo. My role model was gone, and I was facing the prospect of never becoming a father. Despite the standard perception of a female challenge, infertility can induce men to experience pain for several reasons. First, men may experience guilt for disappointing their wives when pregnancy eludes them again and again. Second, men may feel less masculine if they have an abnormal sperm count or are unable to conceive a child. Lastly, as a defense mechanism, men may avoid discussing the problem with their partner, which is often misinterpreted as a lack of caring " thereby creating an emotional distance between the couple. While all of these reactions are understandable, they nonetheless may have a profoundly negative impact on a relationship. With my son named after my Dad Throughout our ten years of infertility, we endured every test, surgery, treatment cycle and complication the disease offered. Yet, we were unable to build our family in the manner we had planned. The idea of adoption occurred to us intermittently but never prevailed until we moved to Florida. Five children later, my only regret is not choosing adoption years earlier to avoid the heartache and expense, both financially and physically. However, my lament is always short-lived because I know that any earlier adoptions would have prevented us from being blessed with the angels we now adore. All we owe our parents is love, but we owe ourselves even more " to be aggressive with infertility so we can hope to avoid being caught alone in the middle.

### 2: Alone in the Middle - ARGUHLIN

*Alone in the Middle* By Mark P. Trollice, MD. As a fertility specialist, I'm fortunate to have played a part in helping make Mother's Day and Father's Day possible for many wonderful families.

Out there alone, in the middle of these vast oceans, stand islands - havens for life on Earth. Islands are often thought of as a picture of paradise - palm trees and white sandy beaches Credit: Each island is a different home and habitat for creatures above and below the water line. A country like Indonesia is made up of over 17, islands alone. Sea-level rise is affecting many islands, particularly problematic for coastal dwelling populations and low-lying islands Credit: Dr Vivien Cumming Counting all the islands on Earth may be a futile exercise as the number is gradually diminishing. With rising sea levels due to climate degradation, islands are becoming smaller with the ocean encroaching. Turtle alone in the ocean off Hawaii Credit: Dr Vivien Cumming This presents some big problems for our planets biodiversity. Most islands and the surrounding marine ecosystems hold many plants and animals that are endemic to the island - that is to say these species are found nowhere else on earth. In Indonesia, Alfred Russel Wallace found many unusual animals unique to certain islands such as this cuscus Credit: Dr Vivien Cumming Since their work in the 19th century, islands have been endlessly discussed by biologists with the theory of island biogeography more recently described by EO Wilson and Robert H MacArthur. Island biogeography is the study of the species composition and species richness on islands. The isolation of islands from the mainland creates ecologically and evolutionarily different environments. A recent study , though limited in its size and species variation, has proved that islands have more unique species than similar sized areas of the mainland. The proximity of islands to the mainland, however, has a bearing on how rich and unique the species will be. Extreme isolation, such as islands like the Galapagos and Hawaii, can produce rare and endemic species, but being far from a continental landmass limits species diversity. Islands such as the those in the Indian Ocean Madagascar, the Comoros and the Mascarenes are close enough to continental landmasses to allow two-way interaction of species, but old enough and isolated enough to generate endemic species. The tallest is now over m and provides a unique setting for rare endemic species, spectacular rainforest covered mountainous landscapes, vibrant coral reefs and a culture in tune with each other and the natural world. These volcanic islands, that stand alone in the middle of vast oceans filled with life, not only offer a home on land for unique species, but provide a place for underwater creatures to make their homes, a place for the oceans mammals to safely rear young, for great predators to feed and for reefs to build communities. Dr Vivien Cumming For early sailors, and even sailors today, these remote islands were a haven, a stepping stone to what lay beyond. Islands made the oceans navigable. Early humans spread throughout the world by hopping from island to island across the Pacific. The future is unsure for these incredible ocean havens - half of the extinctions in the last years were of island species. Islands provide homes for humans as well as wildlife - people who depends on their islands biodiversity for survival Credit: Dr Vivien Cumming Next time you visit a small island, think of the connection to the sea floor, from deep in the ocean to the sky above; fish, insects, birds and humans alike find haven in this small paradise. A place to play, to mate, to call home.

### 3: Is Turkey Going It Alone in the Middle East? - Geopolitical Futures

*Standing alone in the middle of the ocean, there is no denying the paradise you can find on islands - sunshine, beaches, palm trees - the cliché of island life is perpetuated by their uniqueness, no island is like another.*

This is the fourth work of his that I have read. I commenced with *Sur les chemins noirs* French Edition, which concerns his 76 day hike, south to north, across France, from the Italian border to La Manche. Five of the 60 books are by one author, Ernst Junger, who regrettably I have not read. He also quips that it was not all Hegel, who does not go down well on a lovely snowy afternoon; he took a number of mysteries. The cabin is now part of a nature preserve. He first saw Lake Baikal in , and fulfilled his dream of living along the lake, through three of the seasons, seven years thereafter. Tesson does not just sit in his cabin and gaze at his navel. He gets out and about, with his snowshoes, obligatory in the first months of his stay. In early March, when the temperature is minus 30 C, he walked km from his cabin to the island of Ouchkany, out in the middle of frozen Baikal. Overall, it was a 10 day trip, with two days on the island. He routinely climbed the meter mountains behind his cabin. In the summer, he used his kayak. He is a naturalist in his own right, with beautiful descriptions of the natural world, including his beloved tit birds that kept him company in the winter. Wry and sardonic insights on the human condition abound. He pries up the linoleum in the cabin, noting how ugly and shabby most aspects of life are in Russia, remarking that esthetics was considered to be reactionary deviationism in the USSR. He understands his chief problem, and essentially states it: However, he provides no insights as to why he did not bring the love of his life with him to the lake, and she breaks up with him while he is there. Shared solitude, with a soul mate, would enhance any future visit to this vast body of water. *Alone in a Cabin on the Siberian Taiga*". Meanwhile, I need no vodka. Seems that I am drunk on Tesson himself, and have ordered my fifth book: I posted the above review to the French edition of this work, on June 16, A fellow Amazon reviewer recently read and posted a review of this work in English. He had some valid criticisms, some of which related to the English version, but not the French. I checked the translation of four passages, and felt they were correct and straightforward.

### 4: Puppy Found Swimming All Alone In The Middle Of The Ocean – Welcome To

*Home alone (in the middle of the day) These photographs are intended to provide a psychological view into the spaces we inhabit. The use of shallow focus is a tool to keep the images from becoming too literal.*

It was a fantastic week! Part of our outdoor experience is some hiking. We had some shorter hikes to get to Second Beach and to view Tatoosh Island from Cape Flattery but we also had a couple of longer hikes. Ozette Beach makes a triangle for a roughly nine and half mile hike. We got to hike about 20 miles total that week. I noticed something in those hikes that made me think about the kind of educator I am. There were parts of the hikes where the trails were pretty narrow and since staying on the trail is important for protecting the natural habitat passing was discouraged. When the trails widened or when hiking on the beach the faster hikers led the way and the rest of the hikers settled into their comfortable paces from the middle to the end. I often found myself alone in the middle. It was quite nice to have the time to hike and reflect and enjoy the scenery, which got me to thinking. Why was I alone in the middle? Where did everyone go? That made me think about my teaching career. By the time I was making webpages using HTML and having my students do the same, many others had been there and had been doing that. But no one in my school was. By the time I was having students blog many others had already been doing that. You get the picture. It became very apparent when I started using Twitter and connecting with other educators that I was somewhere in the middle, and alone. While enjoying my solitary hike it occurred to me that being in the middle like this is actually pretty good. I get to learn from the earlier adopters and those ahead of me. Then I can take all that experience, my own and that of those who are ahead of me, and use it to help those behind me. Being alone in the middle can be pretty cool. At the end of the Cape Flattery hike we get to see Tatoosh Island: My goal is to help students discover that all learning is life-long and that 21st century tools can be used for work as well as fun. [Permanent link to this article:](#)

### 5: Alone, Asian, Atheist in the Middle East - The Islamic Monthly

*Alone in the Middle. Suddenly, a scrawny little girl who barely looked like she was old enough to be in fifth grade, let alone seventh, got up and said in a tiny.*

They often finish their sentences for each other. They often agree that things that are weird and gross, are totally awesome. Maybe I should explain. I am Lisa Jenkins. Now let me explain. My mom was pregnant three years after she was married. That was with Ann and Anna. They are now fashion divas, completely popular, and extremely smart. Then, when they were three, I was born. My parents must have been so happy, because I was born alone. After all, who needs another set of twins, when you have a pair of three year olds? Now, here I was, standing between the divas and the monsters. The monsters had an extremely muddy toad, and were extremely muddy themselves. I was doing homework, and the monsters were clearly being- well, gross! They would freak, trying to clean the mess Jimmy and Jake made and clean them up too. Soon, they would turn to me. I would oblige, they would finish, and so would I. Mom and dad would come home to find the house nice and clean, and would reward the divas with fifteen dollars each. Would my sisters come to me secretly and pay me a share of what I deserved? I had been working on my homework when my parents came in. The divas, seeing I had done the work, had started on their hair, but stopped when they heard the door slam. But before my parents could even dole out the cash, a toad hopped across the foyer. Yes, it was Suki the toad. How she got out, I have no idea. But when the divas saw that toad, they freaked. They ran into their room and shut the door. Covered in pie at school, asleep in the back of a hay truck and covered in mud, hiding from a bear. You do not want to know! But here we were, in a now muddy foyer, two screaming divas, two crazy, awake monsters, one now dirty dad, and a mom who was now on top of a chair. I had gone to my room. I was going to bed. I did not want to get blamed for this. Honestly, Lise, how could you have just went to bed?! She was laughing so hard, her books had fallen, and was struggling to pick them up without dropping them all over again. They loved hearing the situations my family got into, and how I always ended up handling them. Honestly, watching him hop around like that, just missing Suki the toad, was not the most greatest thing to watch. I mean, he would just miss her. But the monsters did not want to go to bed. They had never played with the monsters in their life. My parents were so tired, they actually forgot about me. Oh, he is so cool! And he is soooooo sweet. I merely rolled my eyes. Unlike me, my friends were girly-girls who looked up to my twin sisters and were boy crazy. Also, they were not plagued with bad looks. Her pretty, royal blue eyes were placed perfectly on her face and her nose was dainty, with a slight upward curve. Jamie also had no freckles whatsoever and her skin looked like polished china. Melody, on the other hand, was a very dainty looking girl with long blond hair that went past her waist. Unlike Jamie, she was very tan, had brown eyes and an extremely freckled nose, freckles that were so small, they might have well not have been there. She had four older brothers who fought a lot with each other. Melody was often there to break it up. Her parents died when she was nine and her oldest brother was eighteen. Since he could hold down a job and was at the top of his class, the social workers gave it a try. Her parents had spoiled her and her brothers did the same. But now the brother who had been taking care of his siblings had moved out and was now married. His second brother, now nineteen, watched over his seventeen and fifteen year old brothers and Melody. Jamie is an only child with two loving parents. She is very smart, takes violin, piano, dance and singing lessons. She is very busy, like her parents, but they always find time to have dinner together. I have long, heavy plain brown hair that refuses to let me do anything with it, and I have glasses that look really weird. They looked cool when I got them, but everyone said it went perfect with the name bookworm because of the color and squiggles and now I hate them. Unlike my sisters, who tan perfectly, I am dark, but my tan lines are all wrong. My sisters are extremely skinny while I have what my mom calls an hour glass figure. My sisters constantly worry about zits. But the worst is that grades seventh through tenth grade are at my school and of course, my sisters are in the tenth grade. This probably should have boosted me to the top, but, my sisters want nothing to do with me. No one has stopped it, and probably never will. Besides, Jamie and Melody are pretty popular. But to get back to the boy control. I just happen to be friends with Kevin. Jamie did the same. It was getting hard to refuse. They

were in luck. The mystery of who Kevin Steeler liked was about to be solved.

### 6: Alone in the Middle | Mr. Gonzalez's Classroom

*Strangers rushed to help a baby they found alone in the middle of a street. A man in Utica, New York shot video of the baby laying on her stomach in the road, while concerned people come to check.*

Tami Oldham Ashcraft woke up to the blinding sunlight, stunned and confused. It was October 13, , and she was 23 years old. She had been on plenty of boats before, but this was an unusual circumstance. She was groggy, had been out for over a day and was bleeding from her head. To make matters worse, three feet of water was flooding the lower deck. Taking Inventory Tami did what any sailor would do and immediately climbed up to the deck of the ship. She saw immediately that the ship was damaged. There was no sail and no mainmast. Worst of all, her sailing partner was nowhere to be seen. Rewinding The Story Tami began to mentally unwind what had happened. It seemed like she had just left with her fiance, Richard Sharp, into the vastness of the South Pacific Ocean. This was nothing new for the California woman, who had already spent the better part of six months sailing throughout Fiji and enjoying the company of her future husband. Instead, they were going to take on a special job. They were hired by the owner of a foot luxury yacht known as the Hazana to deliver the yacht from Tahiti to San Diego, where it was being sold to a new owner. Experienced Sailors Though Tami was young, the couple was experienced on the seas. Between the two of them, they had logged over 50, hours on the sea. The lovebirds planned their trip and checked out the upcoming weather conditions for the month-long trip. A Picturesque Day Many sailors believe in bad omens that warn of tough times to come. None of that was apparent for Tami and Richard, as they sailed out of Tahiti in September to beautiful blue skies and perfect sailing conditions. Everything seemed perfect, and there was certainly no way that the pair could have expected the trials and tribulations to come. First Signs Of Trouble Sailors are very careful about avoiding dangerous storms, and Tami and Richard were no different. They monitored the radio and sure enough, heard about a tropical depression coming off of Central America. Instead of panicking, the couple simple changed their route by heading north to avoid the worst of the incoming storm. The storm ended up being a Category 4 hurricane. It was less than three weeks into their trip when they hit the storm on October The couple was in the fight of their lives, facing waves up to 50 feet high and mile-per-hour winds. She would later explain that the devastating effects of the storm were simply impossible to manage. A Terrible Night Tami and Richard tried to fight through the conditions and keep the boat afloat as the storm raged on. The two worked for hours through terrible conditions until Richard urged Tami to go below the deck. Later on, she would say that the last sound she remembered was Richard crying out as the boat capsized and she was violently thrown against the cabin wall. Somehow Still Alive Tami would be unconscious for 27 hours before finally coming to. When she did, she realized that the boat had been tossed like a ragdoll end-over-end before falling into a trench. As she surveyed the damage, she was relieved to see that the hurricane had passed, but even that could not possibly have improved her outlook. Unsettling Calm The unsettling calm was preferable to the raging hurricane, but it also provided a stillness that allowed her to realize just how alone she was. For the first time, she began to process what had happened to Richard, who was gone. His safety line was drifting in the water and severed at the end. She was utterly alone. Even Worse Even if Tami wanted to look at the bright side and take her mind off of the loss of her fiance by trying to survive, there was no good news waiting for her as she checked out the damage to the boat. The mast was gone. The engine and electronics were damaged. The rudder still worked, but that was about it. Heartbroken None of this really mattered to Tami at that moment, however. The stillness of the sea, her missing fiance, and the vastness of the ocean filled her with a grief so deep that she thought she might never come out of it. She took two days and just let her sadness consume her, refusing to eat and mourning her man. Will To Live After a couple of days, however, Tami was overcome with a desire to survive. She said later that she heard a voice in her head and she simply went step by step, doing whatever it took to move on. She built a makeshift sail from a broken pole and storm jib. She pumped water out of the cabin and set herself to work. Old-Fashioned Sailing Tami had no engine to work with, so the only thing that she could do was develop a makeshift sail. She had to use an old sailing tool to measure the angle between the horizon and the sun to navigate the boat. In Waves For Tami, the grief of

losing her fiance came in waves. She would have periods of focus and determination broken up by heartbroken sobs and despair. Still, she focused on making it one second at a time and focusing on each task. Spotting Land Amazingly, Tami was able to spot land after several days of navigating the old-fashioned way. She spotted Hawaii and sailed to it, arriving 41 days after she departed with Richard from Tahiti. The trip took her 1, miles, many of which were sailed with a makeshift mast and sail. The boat, of course, was a total loss. When she reached the shores of Hawaii she had weighed pounds. Her pound weight loss was a testament to the tragic events she had just suffered. The boat was declared a total loss by the insurance company. Without having to focus on her survival, the sadness from his death overcame her. Who Was The Inner Voice? Looking back at her traumatic experience, Tami remembers hearing an inner voice that motivated her to figure out a way to survive. I think it was my inner spirit, quite frankly. I think, personally, it was my inner spirit. But it definitely made me a lot more cautious. In time, the same mental spirit that saw her through her survival challenge at sea allowed her to move on after the tragedy of losing Richard. However, like many, she learned only time could heal her wounds. Years went by and Tami decided she was finally able to say goodbye to Richard. She took the ring he gave her in Tahiti before they set sail on their fateful journey. She tied it to a rose and put it out to sea. Learning To Move On Tami eventually married and started a family, but, the trauma has never completely left her. She wrote a memoir, which helped her process her feelings and express herself to a caring audience. The book is currently being turned into a film. A Long Road Tami knew she always wanted to recount her experiences in a book. Along with the grieving process, she also suffered some head trauma that prevented her from achieving her goal. It took me six years even to read a book again because I had a major head injury. However, when one experiences an accident such as this, it affects the way he or she thinks and acts. And it really made me prioritize, which is something I learned. Its current tentative release date is set for early June With such a stellar cast and such a strong story, it will definitely be a box office hit. Her daughter, Kelli, who shared her passion for sailing, died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Wrongful death lawsuits have been filed against Tami and her husband as well as some commercial homes businesses.

### 7: "Malcolm in the Middle" Home Alone 4 (TV Episode) - IMDb

*The week of May 19th six of the ten middle school teachers from my school went to Camp David Jr with our 8th grade students for an Olympic Odyssey outdoor.*

In , I set out to embark on an independent research, following the historical expansion of Islam, exactly from where it began, city by city, westward to Africa and eastward to Asia. Alone, Asian, and atheist, there seems to be no connection between me and the Middle East. But those aspect creates balance: I come from the East, live in the West and want to learn about the Middle. Now half way through this odyssey, I have attached my heart to it and learned a great deal. To put it in a framework that some may recognize, I shall call these lessons the commandments gained from almost a year moving slowly but purposely in the region. The rest of the world was assuming that Assad was massacring unarmed oppositions and burying activists alive. Meanwhile, in Damascus, people openly displayed their support for him. The media has created an optical illusion: While the regime continues to enjoy considerable popular support, the whole world thinks the regime is in crisis. Media has created a second life, a second reality. In our age of data overloaded, this second reality originates in true information, just not all of it. As a result, the world has become a vignette, a collection of competing details and interpretations, mistaken for big picture. We created our tool and in turn, the tool is shaping our identity, constructing reality, giving the illusion of deep understanding, and making our view dependent on it. Ramadan, a known Islamic scholar, commented on the Arab Spring by saying that the media brings down the balance between individuals and groups. It empowers the mass but also creates super-empowered individuals and at the same time relieving these individuals from their personal responsibility. On top of that, in this information war, the way facts are reported is as important as the facts themselves. What Murrow said more than 50 years ago still rings true: This helps to create a second life that is not only limited, distorted, but also manipulated. Perhaps there is no such thing as reality, only the media! At the beginning of my trip, I often put a scarf on, even totally covered up to experience the life in full burka. This brought a mixed reaction: Finally, an Yemeni University teacher asked me to remove it: When Western women joined the hijab day and covered their head to support Muslim women against social abuse, I wonder if they are aware that the veil is a piece of garment that has too many contradictory roles. It protects women from bad-intended men, but also protects men from too-attractive women. It shows a woman who is oppressed, but also a woman who is liberated from being a sex object. It demonstrates high social status, but at the same time can be associated with conservative working class. I support their anti-abuse campaign, but I would wish to steer totally away from the message that the veil is innocent. Because it is not. Instead, the campaign should have emphasized that it is wrong to focus on the veil itself for it indicates different things for different wearers, both negative and positive. And not just the veil but many other cultural practices. I have learned that the Middle East is a world where there is one single Islam but a great diversity of interpretation and a plurality of cultures; a region shattered by treachery, mistrust, humiliation, and failure of relationships inside their own communities and with the outside world. Here, anything can be misread and anyone can be misled. Thou shalt empower thy man Poster in an Omani hospital: But alas, he also made it conditional: In many developing countries, men have lost their traditional authority under the legal pressure of gender equality and human rights. As their wives and daughters became educated and liberated, supported by systems from government, schools and NGOs, these men have been left behind in the process of emancipation, to deal with their new reduced status. While women have been trained to understand why they should hold half of the sky, it is assumed that men will automatically understand and accept the newly empowered women and just switch off the patriarchal button! Emancipation sits alongside emasculation. Therein lies the tension. Fact is, men have lost the patriarchal authority in just a matter of a few decades. My grandfather could marry as many women as he wanted but the next generation sees my mother earning even more money than my father. Abrupt change, frustration, disempowerment are all manifested in increasing rate of domestic violence and street crimes. In the Middle East, the rise of Islamism attracts even intellectual educated men because it restores their masculine dominance. Political Islam allows them to conceal their traditional machismo behind a thin veneer of

sacredness and divine recognition. To a certain extent, the revival of Islamism towards the end of the Arab Spring is an indication of the revival of nothing more than masculinity. Thou shalt fear God The Arab Spring for many means they are free to veil and practice their way of life: Islam When I declared myself an atheist, the interrogation continued: Christian atheist or Muslim atheist? All definitions can be redefined and understood in Islamic terms: Islamic democracy, Islamic emancipation, Islamic freedom, even Islamic love and desire. Like no religion, Muslim has become a cultural identity that surpasses national and ethnic identity. Being a Muslim trumps other identities, and Islam as religion trumps national culture. A particular reason I learned in this trip is because in the Middle East, secularism was imposed, not chosen. Elsewhere, the separation of church and state was a battle fought and won by people and this led to religious freedom and equality. In the Middle East, secularism was enforced by some leaders, not by separating religion and state but by placing religion under state control. Turkey and Tunisia for example banned headscarves in government offices and launched an assault on Islam. My Tunisian friend was once stopped and harassed by the police because she covered her head: Ironically, under secularism, Islam became a forbidden fruit for many Muslims in Islamic countries. The Arab Spring for many means they are free to practice veiling, their way of life: The victory of Islamism is the backfire of forced secularism. It represents the revival of not just a religion but a culture, a way of life, one that has been under pressure. As the winner, now, Islamism aims at turning the forced secular order up side down, this time placing the state under religious control. Nowhere in the world do we see this unique asset that both collective intelligence and common cultures rest upon one religion. This superlative synergy will always tie the Middle East with God, and Islam will always be a reference and inspiration for any system that will emerge in the region. Secularism the Western way? You can forget it! Thou shalt turn around Middle East! Turn around and look East! A love-hate relationship with the West. Deep inside the choice to vote for Islamist parties lies a traumatized position of being politically cornered: They rejected dictatorship, rejected Western secularism, after which Political Islam is the only choice left. You will recall the Muslim Brotherhood who won with their slogan: Islam is the solution! It was already pointed out by Edward Said, that the West has created an imaginary Orient so it can define itself on the other end of the dichotomy as the West versus the Rest, spelling out why the West has advanced and the Rest not. With the decline of the Islamic golden age, the fall of the Ottoman empire, and the colonial retreat, the Middle East mistakenly branded itself as the East. It has a burning desire to confront, to compare, and to oppose the West, in turn, using the West as the benchmark against which to define itself. Simultaneously, it has been pulled into a vicious circle of frustration because it cannot celebrate itself. Eurocentrism is emphasized by its own victim for using the very same thinking construct. The obsession with the West and the denial of its Middle stance has led to a situation of positioning itself on the East of the dichotomy, but Middle East has failed to look East. While busying itself comparing and opposing the West, it seems unaware of an Eastern repertoire from further Asia. There is no political Confucianism, political Buddhism or political Shintoism. The choice made by many Asia nations is to build a national identity through cultural elements. Thou shalt break free A culture of victimization: And the number rolls on! This is a picture taken by Larry Burrows from the Vietnam war which has nothing to do with Muslim or Islam. With the war on terror, Muslims face discrimination and some can be quick to claim victim status. The problem is, Islamism exploits this vulnerable position and fuels the idea that the whole world is set against Islam. Historically, Islamism was born out of the desire to free the Middle East from Western colonial domination. However, this approach also creates a culture of reaction, differentiation, and judgment. It casts itself as victim, creating a culture of accusation and mistrust in which whatever relates to the West would be viewed with suspicion. The mentality is dominated with a crippling notion that everything is a plot, a conspiracy, that all is controlled by dark forces, CIA, Israel, the imperialistic West. This paranoia is the worst form of colonialism because it is the most effective Ramadan. For as long as this victimization culture persists, the Middle East will be the prisoner of suspicion, and can never be truly free. Thou shalt seek guidance Freedom of thought can make on stray to radicalism When my Dutch-born Moroccan student Layla expressed concern about wearing a headscarf, she went to a university counselor and was told to research its meaning. Then she could make an informed decision for herself. Two years on, Layla has donned a black burka and convinced many others to veil themselves. She has become connected with

Tunisian Islamist groups and in charge of spreading hundreds radical speeches from Middle Eastern imams through Youtube to global audience. On top of that, she also encourages Tunisian female friends to go on sex jihad in Syria by offering their body for sexually frustrated rebels.

### 8: [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com): Customer reviews: Consolations of the Forest: Alone in a Cabin in the Middle

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No matter the amount of pain, trauma, or heartache life throws your way, the will to survive and overcome is always stronger. Yet the person who walks away from the unsurvivable can never be the same. In , one California year-old found herself in a situation no one should ever have to endure. In a split second, her life, and everything she held dear, was turned upside down. When Tami managed to climb up to the deck, she discovered there was no sail in sight. The only thing she could see was the open ocean in every direction. When she looked closer, the mainmast was missing, as was her sailing partnerâ€ Only Yesterdayâ€ [www](http://www). The California native and her British partner had spent six months in Fiji sailing around for fun and planning their future together. When planning the voyage, the couple made sure everything was perfect, including the weather conditions during the entire day trip. In an attempt to avoid the storm and any dangerous conditions, they deviated from their planned route and headed north. On October 12, less than three weeks into the trip, the pair ran into a Category 4 hurricane. After working tirelessly for hours, Richard told Tami to get below deck to watch the barometer and get some rest. Tami was unconscious for the entire thing. When she awoke 27 hours later, the hurricane had finally passed but that was about all she had to feel grateful for. Completely Alone Wikipedia When Tami climbed up to the deck, she realized for the first time that she was completely alone. Richard was nowhere to be found and the only trace of his presence was his safety line, which was severed and drifting along in the waterâ€ More Bad News [www](http://www). The only good thing was that the rudder, which steers the boat, was still working. Tami seriously considered giving up. A voice came into her head and she started to build a makeshift sail from a broken spinnaker pole and an extra storm jib. Then she pumped the water out of the cabin. Tami used an old sailing tool called a sextant, which compares the angle between the horizon and the sun, and the time of day to figure out her position. But each time the depression overwhelmed her, she chose to keep fighting. The boat was declared a total loss by an insurance company, but Tami had miraculously survived. She found love again and started a family, but the scars from the traumatic ordeal have stayed with her. While pregnant with her first child, Tami decided to write a memoir, which was a huge success and is currently being turned into a movie.

### 9: Deanna Dikeman - Home alone (in the middle of the day)

*Camped out in the woods in the middle of nowhere on a hot July day. Night came, and it was a full moon so around midnight we decided we'd take a hike around for fun. We basically hiked a trail for a bit and then turned around and hiked it back to the campsite.*

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