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Despite its small size, Belize is one of the most ecologically diverse nations in Central America. Over 3,400 species of plants can be found here, within six different ecological life zones. Because of this, Belize is paradise for ecotourists, hosting over 300,000 visitors annually, who enjoy the natural habitat and friendly people of this nation. Many of the plants of Belize have a long history of being ""useful,"" with properties that have served traditional herbal healers of the region as well as modern medicinal applications. With Messages from the Gods: A Guide to the Useful Plants of Bel

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Waves washing up against the hull, a bed and a small stove, the deck hatch sealed shut - the vessel is the ultimate dwelling. How to live

together in cramped quarters? How to create a microcosm against hostile surroundings? In *Barge Life*, Florian Deroo tackles these question by looking at a mythical classic of French cinema: Jean Vigo's 1934 film *L'Atalante*. A work brimming with the energies of surrealism and anarchism, *L'Atalante* follows a young couple, two shipmates, and a clowder of cats who dwell in the belly of a river barge. Deroo offers a wide-ranging essay on the film, revealing how it invokes a small group that withdraws from the rhythm of modern life to establish a different kind of existence elsewhere. In *L'Atalante*'s most riveting moments, the river barge becomes a vehicle for a powerful fantasy: a flexible collective life, lived in sensuous interdependence. Combining film criticism, philosophy, and biography, this book reconsiders a forerunner of the French New Wave and the early death of its director. Drawing readers into the living spaces of *L'Atalante*, Deroo explores the allure of retreating into a self-sufficient shelter, along with its intractable problems.
