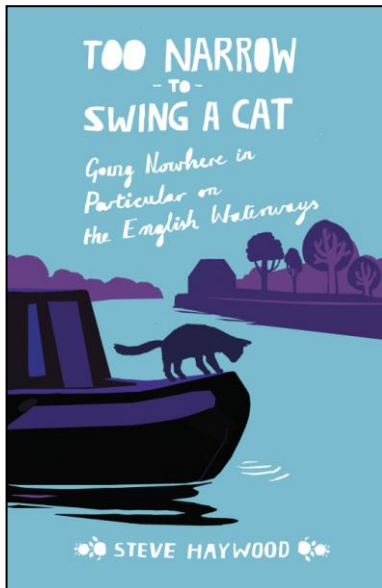


## Summersdale New Book Press Release

Steve Haywood is back with a brand new narrowboat adventure – and a new crew member. Whoever told you that cats and water don't mix .... may have had a point!

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# Too Narrow to Swing a Cat

Going Nowhere in Particular on the English Waterways

Steve Haywood

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*'What on earth is that?' she asked. Em is a woman who knows a thing or two about the world. Among the things she knows is what a cat is. So it didn't help when I said, 'It's a cat.'*

*'I know it's a sodding cat,' she snapped. 'What I want to know is how it got here? And what are you going to do with it?'*

Steve has a new member of the crew aboard his narrowboat: – Kit, an untidy bundle of fur with all the attitude you would expect from a 'sarf Lunnun' (South London) cat.

*Em looked at me and then looked at the cat. 'Just make sure it does its business in a litter tray. And if it falls in the canal and drowns, or if it runs away, don't come crying to me. Cats and boats just don't go together. You should know that by now.'*



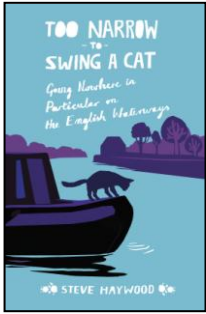
Casting aside the road maps that show the country as an interlocking web of motorways, Steve gets a different perspective on the modern world as he cruises the canals through a landscape unchanged for centuries, visiting picturesque towns and waterway festivals along the way.

But in this. Steve's third book, it is his long-suffering partner Em, who has the last laugh as she watches the new (feline) female in Steve's life effortlessly run rings around him.

**Purrrfect, entertaining informative and often laugh-out-loud reading for anyone who loves exploring the British landscape, or loves canals and waterways or, of course, for anyone who has ever been owned by a cat.**

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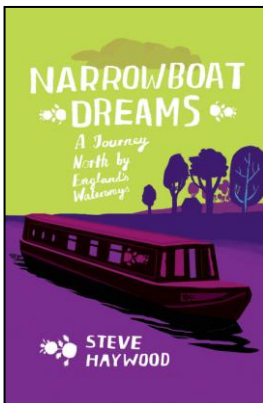


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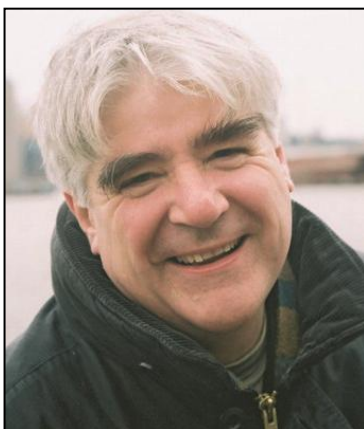
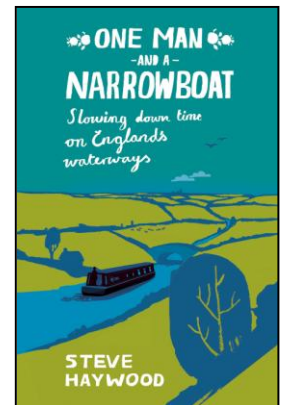
*"If you judged England by an atlas you'd be right in thinking that it was made up entirely of roads ....  
... On a narrowboat, you realise that this isn't true.  
From the canals you see a different England"*



*"This was no good, no good at all. We couldn't go on like this; we'd have to reach an understanding. I'd have to understand that the cat would do what it wanted and I'd have to fit in with it."*



**Praise for Steve Haywood's *Narrowboat Dreams*  
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*"Haywood imprints his inimitable humour on his descriptions of the people and places he meets along the way,"*  
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THE OXFORD TIMES  
*"a taste of life on modern day canals ... quietly humorous"*  
POWYS COUNTY TIMES



**Author, Steve Haywood:**

*"At home, I'm just a cantankerous old git. On the boat, after a week's cruising, I'm just a cantankerous old git with dirty hair!"*

**Steve Haywood** is an award-winning TV producer, former editor of BBC 1's *Rough Justice*, and has worked for programmes as varied as *Nationwide* and *Panorama*. He is the author of *Narrowboat Dreams* (Summersdale, 2008, £7.99) and *One Man and a Narrowboat* (Summersdale, 2009, £8.99). Based in London, he writes a lively, provocative column for *Canal Boat* magazine. Steve also gives regular talks at events such as The National Waterways Festival and The Inland Waterways Association National Rally.

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