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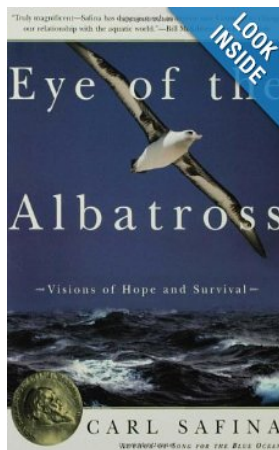
EYE of the ALBATROSS

A Seminar with Carl Safina, Ph.D.

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These immense creatures we call “albatross” are the greatest long-distance wanderers on Earth. Big birds in big oceans, albatrosses lead big, sprawling lives across space and time, traveling to the limits of seemingly limitless seas. They accomplish these distances by wielding the wondrous body architecture of creatures built to glide indefinitely. Carl Safina, President of the Blue Ocean Institute, followed albatrosses to the far corners of the world in the course of researching his book, *Eye of the Albatross*. He shares what their survival teaches us about persistence, hope, and how the oceans are changing.

Carl Safina spent months in the distant oceans of the world, chronicling the travels of one particular albatross named Amelia, whose stupendous travels were tracked via satellite as she ranged thousands of miles to find food for her patiently famished chick. Through her eyes and her journeys, Safina touches on a host of issues and breathtaking wonders of the fauna of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Safina visits Midway Atoll, where the military accidentally introduced rats, which bred voraciously and extinguished entire nesting colonies. But since control of Midway passed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the rats have been eradicated, and the birds are recovering.