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Pierce's one great passion, a fifty-foot fishing boat called *Spartina*, lies unfinished in his back yard. Determined to get the funds he needs to buy her engine, he finds himself taking a foolish, dangerous risk. But his real test comes when he must weather a storm at sea in order to keep his dream alive. Moving and poetic, *Spartina* is a masterly story of one man's ongoing struggle to find his place in the world.

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