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THORESON, DAVID has worked as a professional photographer, author, sailor and explorer documenting the outdoor environment locally in the Iowa Great Lakes region, and globally, sailing 75,000-miles across the world's oceans and polar regions. Exploring the Arctic Ocean led David to the issue of climate change, altering his life and work forever. Thoreson hopes to inspire others to explore their own connections to nature, especially water quality issues. David is the author of the photo book "Over The Horizon," a TEDx presenter, National Fellow of the Explorers Club and lectures at universities and institutions across the globe.

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