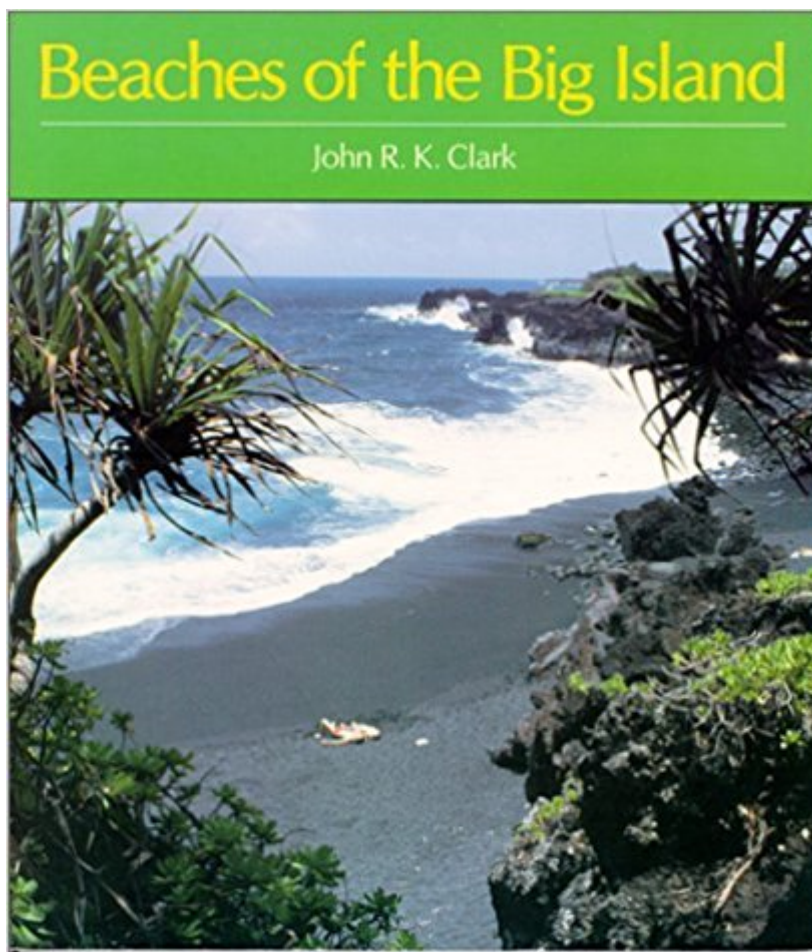


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Synopsis

The Big Island, world famous for its active volcanoes and coral gardens, has many wonderful beaches. In fact its shoreline is as diverse and dynamic as the rest of this massive island and includes more than 100 black, green, and white sand beaches. The Beaches series by John R. K. Clark include Beaches of Maui County, Beaches of the Big Island, Beaches of Kauai and Niihau, and The Beaches of Oahu. The author, an ocean recreation consultant, includes comprehensive site descriptions of hundreds of beaches in the Hawaiian Islands and shares his extensive knowledge of, and deep respect for, Hawaii's shorelines.

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Customer Reviews

John R. K. Clark, a former lifeguard and retired deputy fire chief of the Honolulu Fire Department, is the author of numerous books on Hawaii's beaches and shoreline history, including *North Shore Place Names: Kahuku to Kaena*, *Hawaiian Surfing: Traditions from the Past*, *Hawaiian Place Names: Shores, Beaches, and Surf Sites*, *Guardian of the Sea: Jizo in Hawaii*, and his bestselling series on Hawaii's beaches.

This series of books is an absolute treasure... If you love Hawaii as I do, buy and read all of them. Mr. Clark either walks or paddle-boards the circumference of all the major Hawaiian Islands. Using thorough research, including old journals and oral Hawaiian history, he pieces together Hawaii's very unique history while informing you of the realistic beach and water conditions. This is key. A

minimum of one tourist drowns per week, thinking Hawaiian waters are a calm tropical paradise. They are not -- far from it. Most of the beaches can be dangerous, and in the winter, downright suicidal. Even though these books are decades old, the rip currents and shore-breaks haven't changed. Enjoy the beach and surf with an education!

This book has great history of the beaches in Hawaii, even less known beaches. It's really fun to bring to the beach and read aloud. This isn't a tour guide book, it's just rich with information about some of my favorite places on the Big Island.

Great resource for people seeking off the beaten path beach experiences. Book predates destruction of Kalapana by the volcano so there is some out of date information but everything else is right on target. Helped us find long sought "Nanawale Dunes" and they did not disappoint. Highly recommend.

I loved this book but someone swiped it almost immediately. Now I have to find another one.

As of today, I have not received the book. Am very displeased with this vender. I did not pay much for this book so, I should expect less service?

My favorite part of this book is how the author reveals what happened to the beach along bayfront in Hilo. The diversion of the waiolama river project removed about half of the beach. If you're wondering what this has to do with a book review, it's in the details. This book gives details. It's obvious that the author spent a great deal of time here and listened intently to locals when researching his work here. This book enables you to become intimately familiar with the beaches here on the big island. If you want to learn about big island beaches from a local's perspective, get this book. For those of you just looking to visit for a few weeks, you'll also enjoy the book for its maps, directions and "what to expect" perspective. I especially like that fact that only the major beaches are covered. The private, small, secluded, beaches we enjoy locally, aren't always mentioned. When you get here, hire a local guide to reach those truly hidden spots. A local guide will get you to the 4x4 only access areas devoid of other visitors. Why 4 stars? As a surfer, I cannot give this book more than 4 stars. It deserves 5 stars. It's the best book on big island beaches that I've read (more than 15). It's just too good and it will probably cause more people to surf our already crowded surf breaks. :) Brent Norris BigIslandFun.com

This is a great book which could benefit from being updated. With the focus on just beaches, it was extremely useful and I found many great beaches I wouldn't have found otherwise during my three week visit. If beachgoing is your thing, this book will help you find plenty, especially non-resort ones that are virtually empty.

The most informative and well-researched book I have found on beaches, surfing, and snorkeling on the Big Island. The author must have spent decades finding all these places and includes how to get to them, what the conditions are and even local history of the place. The information is laid-out in what initially seems to be an unorganized manner, but soon you learn that he starts out with a brief history of each beach area, then goes on to describe how to get to it, then rates how the beach, snorkeling, and surfing is. I also bought 7 other books on the big island including a snorkeling guide and a surfing guide to Hawaii, but all of these paled in comparison to Beaches of the Big Island and have since given them away. We even used preferred this book to our map for finding directions to get around the island. If you can only take one book to the Big Island, this is it!!!!

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