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Surfer Magazine's Guide To Southern California Surf Spots



Synopsis

Surfer Magazine offers the ultimate guide to catching the best waves from the pristine points of Santa Barbara to the sunny beaches of San Diego. For more than 250 spots, this sturdy manual sporting a water-resistant cover delivers a clear assessment of wave quality, prime wave conditions, and local hazards (both natural and manmade). Informative text answers the burning questions that surfers often pose: What tide? What wind? What swell? How are the locals? Are they worse than the sharks or the traffic? With helpful maps, photos, and directions, this Surfer's Guide is sure to become the gold standard for anyone looking to score the perfect wave.

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Customer Reviews

Surfer Magazine is the world's largest and most influential surf magazine. Launched in 1960 by filmmaker and artist John Severson, Surfer is widely regarded as "the bible of the Sport."

It's an okay, basic book highlighting spots and areas down the social coast, but there's a few things that bother me about it. It reads like it was written by a hormone riddled surf bro college student who takes every opportunity possible to mention the bikini babes present in specific areas. He also has an obvious hard on for various pro surfers and shows his idolization for them. I got this book wanting a simple informative text, but mixed into it was this guys diary. It doesn't mention tide, and that's a downer too. Aside from that, it mentions swell, wind direction, crowds, access, consistency, size, and occasionally various other things necessary.

Bought this book for my surfing son who has had it on his list for years. It was not discounted even though I bought it from Goodwill. It was the same price as being new. I was disappointed in paying so much, but the book was in very good condition and he was happy to get it.

I found some things are not too accurate... like in Norcal "Pedros" is a.k.a. "Linda Mar," but it's "Pedros" with the locals especially surfers who have been surfing long time... it implies the "Pedros" spot is a spot for experienced... which is not true.

This book provides a 10,000 foot level summary of southern California surf spots without providing enough information to really be a useful planning tool. The maps especially are worthless. The Stormrider Guide to the same area is far better.

This is a relatively comprehensive guide to Southern California surf spots. The book includes maps and descriptions of the ideal swell direction for each of the breaks it lists. Unlike other guides, however, it often omits crucial information about how tide levels affect many of the breaks it lists. Although some will be upset by the editors' inclusion of "secret" spots like Hazard Canyon and the Indicator at Lunada Bay, the rest of us are smart enough to realize that these spots haven't been secret since about the time surfboards were carved out of balsa wood. One of the best features of this book (and its companion guide to NorCal) is the waterproof paper it's printed on. All in all, this is a fine edition, and a slight but significant improvement over its predecessors.

nice that the author rates the level you need to be at before surfing the break. I highly recommend this book

Great guide to many of Southern California's waves. The author does a great job of covering everything you would want to know about the spots while still keeping many secret spots off the radar.

Local color, lots of major breaks but avoids divulging lesser secret spots, entertainingly written. A good read when out with a cold, or a hotel room heading down the coast.

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