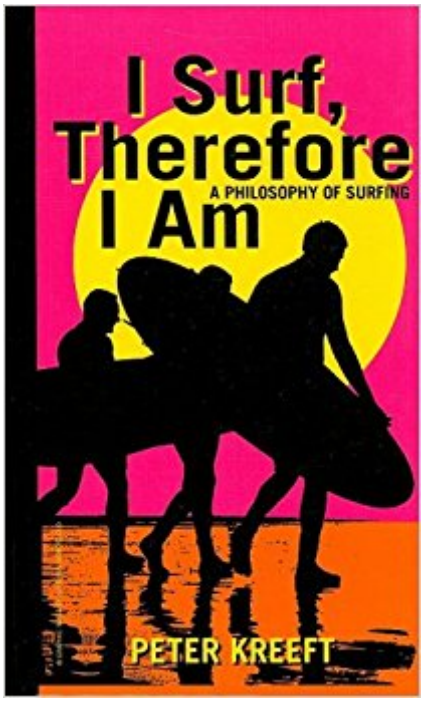
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Both surfers to whom I gave the book were happy to have a book on the sport they love. They live in southern California near a beach.

Excellent book and very funny and told from the point of view of one who has lived with the waves for a long time

Bought this book as a gift for my surfer brother. He loved the book all except for the extreme religious views occasionally

This book rocks...it confirms what I already know about surfing: a totally fun, radical and green way to enlightenment!

I am a California Standup surfer. Dr. Kreeft is one of the primary reasons I am Roman Catholic. I listen to a MP3 of one of his lectures downloaded from [...] almost every lunchtime business day.Dr. Kreeft has a lot of fun writing this book. I enjoyed reading it. It is not a philosophy book. For that read Philosophy of Jesus or The Sea Within. However, if you surf, love the ocean, know God, you will enjoy this book.As a Californian and as a Standup surfer there are issues between me and Dr. Kreeft that I am sure will be ironed out through God’s grace at our Purgatory.

Ehh.

This book is terrible, and I want my money back. This back hardly references the philosophy it say it will in the intro. If you want to read a crappy choppy book that has no value then purchase this book, but if not look else where.

This book contains some real spiritual and philosophical gems.However, the author reveals towards the back of the book that he is a bodyboarder and not a stand-up surfer. The author argues that

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