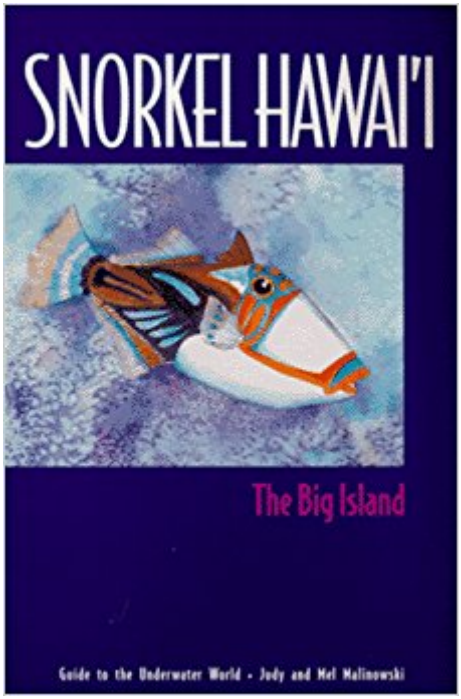
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Synopsis

Snorkel Hawaii: The Big Island is the first guidebook exclusively devoted to snorkeling on The Big Island of Hawaii. From a colorful cover to dozens of detailed maps of snorkeling sites, it draws you into the fascinating underwater world that shouldn’t be missed by anyone touring the Big Island. As Dave Barry says: "When you finally see what goes on underwater, you realize that you’ve been missing the whole point of the ocean--it’s like going to the circus and staring at the outside of the tent." It is the first in a series of guidebooks that provide more detailed snorkeling information than ever before available for each of the Hawaiian islands in an attractive, easy to carry package. Snorkel Hawaii: Maui and Lanai, also available from .com, provides the same detailed coverage of these beautiful islands. Our website, www.malinowski.com, provides detailed information, updates and more.

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Customer Reviews

Funny thing about Judy and Mel Malinowski. They live in Northern California, and are certified scuba divers who have traveled to more than 50 countries around the planet. Yet they prefer the freedom of snorkeling, and they keep coming back to Hawaii. The result of their love affair with Hawaii is a series of exceptional guidebooks to the best snorkeling sites in Hawaii. With simple prose that is eloquent with aloha, their books are extended love letters to Hawaii’s best reefs. The authors preach respect for moana and aina, and gush over the more extravagant snorkeling sites while warning of problems. Detailed and accurate maps and charts can put even a hopeless twit in

the right spot for a delightful diving adventure, and the text leaves readers with a sense of history, Hawaiian culture, geography, oceanography and aloha. They have achieved a rare balance in presenting essential elementary information to help beginners, and insightful revelations to keep experts interested. Their series includes books about the Big Island and Maui/Lanai, but the Malinowskis are happily plunging into field research to cover the rest of the islands. -- Honolulu Star-Bulletin Greg Ambrose December 15, 1997

An active vacation is memorable for adventure as well as relaxation. Hassles and missteps finding out where to go can raise your blood pressure, and waste your time. Our research will help you quickly locate appropriate sites that fit your interests and abilities, saving your valuable vacation hours. Snorkeling sites in Hawaii are trickier than some calmer parts of the world, so it’s best to get good advice before heading out. Everyone’s had their share of unpleasant experiences due to vague directions, as well as outdated or inaccurate information. We have created the Snorkel Hawaii series as that savvy snorkeling buddy everyone needs. We hope you’ll enjoy the personal stories we’ve included; see About the Authors on page 126 if you want to know a little more about us. We have personally snorkeled all the major sites listed. Few of these sites are well-marked. The challenge lies in knowing how to find them quickly, as well as how to enter and exit, and where to snorkel, so you’ll have a safe and rewarding experience. Our detailed maps and instructions will ease the uncertainty, saving you time and effort. The Big Island offers some of the clearest water and finest snorkeling sites in all of the Hawaiian Islands. Less developed than the more crowded islands of Maui and Oahu, it retains much of the Aloha spirit even today. Most residents of the Big Island are friendly, relaxed and willing to talk and share their love of this remarkable place. Try to visit it at least once in your life, and by all means don’t miss the underwater world. Aloha!

Get this if you want to snorkel the Big Island (I’d recommend Hawaii: the Big Island revealed for everything else). There are more than enough sites listed here to keep you busy for weeks. We just returned from the Big Island and found the book to be very useful to narrow the sites to visit; the maps and gear tips were also great. If you go to Hawaii, don’t miss snorkeling the Place of Refuge site!

Book condition was quite good. Good product, good service, good value. Everything was done on time. Thanks for taking care of this well. I would recommend this to others without reservation.

We spent two weeks on the Big Island, snorkeling beach after beach. Our general guidebook was helpful, but not that useful for getting us to snorkeling spots.This guidebook, on the other hand, has detailed, clear maps that made getting to places easy. We found them to be clear, accurate and pretty foolproof. It helps take the stress out of getting there.We didn't expect the Big Island to be a great beach destination, and were pleasantly surprised at how many fine beaches there are, and how much snorkeling adds to the experience. We especially liked all the insider advice on how to snorkel properly. Snorkeling is fun and easy, and not beyond the capabilities of youthful seniors like us.All the pointers on where to enter the water safely, and what hazards to watch out for, made us feel more confident.We especially enjoyed Kealakekua Bay, a spot we probably would have overlooked if not for the enthusiastic review. It is the finest snorkeling we have seen in Hawaii.Now that we have good equipment and training, we look forward to returning to the Big Island and snorkeling more. We'll take our well-thumbed copy of Snorkel Hawaii The Big Island with us. We recommend it highly.

Only 40 of the book's 126 pages cover snorkeling sites, and the site reviews are usually half a page or less. Access information is sketchy and incomplete, which is too bad since the most important part of snorkeling the big island is knowing how to get to the sites, which are often poorly marked. One map shows the Mauna Lani Bay resort located adjacent to a famous bay and beach (Anaeho'omalu Bay), when it is actually miles to the north. Also, the authors continually refer to the Ritz Carlton Mauna Lani, when it has been called the Orchid at Mauna Lani for years. Only 22 sites are listed, although the jacket claims 26, which is still a superficial look at the many snorkeling sites. The rest of the "book" is basically a primer for snorkeling generally. This was purchased at the same time as "Hawaii-The Big Island Revealed", which might be the best guide/travel/scuba/snorkeling book available

I go to Hawaii just about every year, and especially love the Big Island. I'm an experienced snorkeler, and thought I knew it all. Wrong! This book taught me things I had never learned about snorkeling technique and gear. I loved the little feature boxes with tips. I get seasick easily, and the tip on how to avoid that blew me away, it was so easy and it worked! I also found snorkeling spots I had not heard of anywhere else. The maps are clear, uncluttered and detailed. I'm enthused about the Big Island all over again. Wish there were more books like this that cover just one thing you like, but do it super well. It never let me down, and was worth every penny. I recommend it highly.

This book comes through on the most important criterion: It gives useful and specific information on a variety of snorkeling sites and snorkel/dive boat operators. It gives maps, driving directions, and advice on the best way to enter the water at a given site. There is a useful chart that classifies the different snorkel sites as to how good the snorkeling is (water clarity, fish variety) and how easy water entry is. I wouldn't want to snorkel the big island without it. .... If you go to the Big Island equipped with this book, and with "Hawaii: The Big Island Revealed" you will be well-prepared!

Handy and cleverly detailed, the Malinowskis sure know the Big Island. There were enough listings to keep me diving every day for two weeks. You have to go underwater to really appreciate this place. You should also buy a surfing rashguard top to stay warm because you'll be underwater more than you ever thought. The Big Island Revealed pales in complexion and is not a contender when it comes to knowing anything about snorkeling.You won't need to sign up for a pricey professional tour if you have this book. Snorkeling Hawaii takes you to the same places the tours tout as hidden and private.

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