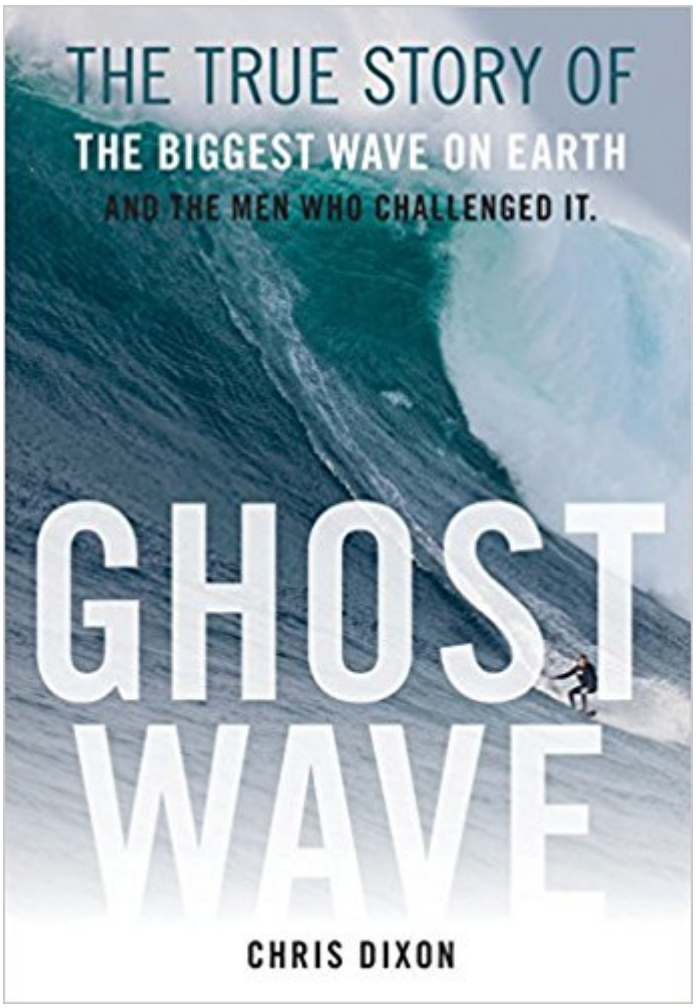
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Ghost Wave: The True Story Of The Biggest Wave On Earth And The Men Who Challenged It



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Synopsis

Rising from the depths of the Pacific lies a fabled island, now submerged just below the surface of the ocean. Rumors and warnings about Cortes Bank abound, but among big wave surfers, this legendary rock is famous for one simple (and massive) reason: this is the home of the biggest rideable wave on the face of the earth. In this dramatic work of narrative non-fiction, journalist Chris Dixon unlocks the secrets of Cortes Bank and pulls readers into the harrowing world of big wave surfing and high seas adventure above the most enigmatic and dangerous rock in the sea. The true story of this Everest of the sea will thrill anyone with an abiding curiosity ofÃ¢â ¬â •and respect forÃ¢â ¬â •mother ocean.

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Chris Dixon's work has appeared in the New York Times, the New York Times Magazine, Outside, Men's Journal, Surfer, and Surfer's Journal. He lives in Charleston, South Carolina.

I just finished reading Ghost wave and I must tell you that I am disappointedÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â|ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â|..that itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s FINISHED. What the hell am I to do now? I certainly donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t expect a Ghost Wave 2 in 3D. I was absolutely

riveted and this is the only time I was content when the doctor or dentist was late for my appointment. I carried that book everywhere and in the mornings often almost spooned mouthfuls of cereal into my ear. I shed tears in front of my family when I read out loud of Pete DaviÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s tragic and last paddled into shore. We cracked up from the ranting of Long and Twiggs as they bobbed among 60 to 70 ft ft waves, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“I say this is my ski and you can get #$%#@ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•.I paused literally spooked to turn the page as you gave a spectacular account of the January 4th Cortez session. My eyes were wide open from Captain Mac Rae's maritime journeys to page 242. You brought me close to the awesomeness Mr. Dixon. The Awesomeness of natureÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s deep power and the power of ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã ËœmenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•. I wonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t say you should be proud because I know you are. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¦and you should be. THANK YOU CHRIS DIXON for the wonderful work of creative insight. PS. If you ever write about K2 or Everest or anything else that is watery I WILL READ IT.

History, Science, Psychology, and Sport; Chris Dixon's obsession to document the story of the world's biggest waves and the men compelled to surf them is clearly detailed on every remarkable page of this well researched book. One of the things this author does better than most is to explore the reasons why these athletes are driven to chase what most of us would consider to be completely incomprehensible risk. Dixon's obvious access and established trust with these modern day Ahab's helps reveal the complexity of their motivations that cannot easily be dismissed as simply adrenaline fueled insanity. Chris gets beyond the superficial bravado typically expressed by extreme athletes and shares the genuine fear and concerns created by their passion.

I was brought to this book as a surfer but it weaves a tale that is very interesting to non-surfers as well. I knew about the Bank from the exploits of Snips, Gerr, Greg Long and others but the nation of Abalonia and the sinking of the Jalisco was new to me.Dixon is a great writer, he is a surfer who can speak the language while being able to convey the same to nonsurfers

My first real exposure to Cortes Bank came courtesy of Dana Brown's movie, Step Into Liquid, showing Mike Parsons endlessly dropping into a ridiculously large wave. I had heard of the Bank before that, but nothing really captured the dynamic nature of the place like that clip. Over the past decade, there have been articles here and there about the Bank and that session in particular, but it's Chris Dixon's new book, Ghost Wave, that really pulls the wave and its history into clear relief.

Dixon’s book is a well-written, engaging history of the Bank from its possible early Native American "discovery", to its role in the sinking of ships, and on through to its performance in some of the most exciting water theater around. Readers not interested in some of the book’s drier history would do well to at least pick up the book at the point where, in 1965, a couple of audacious, and slightly nutty, entrepreneurs attempt to scuttle a boat and establish a new nation named Abalonia on top of the Bank. Moving past that bit of hilarity, Dixon begins chronicling the Bank’s recent surfing history, and the book’s pace and intensity accelerate. In particular, Dixon does a great job delving into the psyche and motivation of the surfers who ride the Bank. In fact, unlike in Susan Casey’s book The Wave where the surfers are described ad nauseum as fearless, almost godlike, hellmen, Dixon’s approach is much more honest, portraying the surfers` in stark HD, capturing their glory along with all their warts....and there are plenty of warts to go around. Whereas I couldn’t see Casey’s book appealing to surfers or scientists, I can say with a high degree of confidence that Dixon’s fine book is one that all surfers will enjoy. More reviews at The Waterman’s Library.

All my life I’ve been a student of surf culture and related topics. I’ve picked up every book I could find on the topic and made a few piss poor attempts at mastering the longboard, (Think bear on a bike in the circus) needless to say, there’s a reason why I’m landlocked in West Virginia. Big Wave surfing has always been a interest of mine and up until a few years ago, printed subject matter was a bit hard to come by. Ghost Wave by Chris Dixon is without a doubt, the best big wave book I’ve read yet. It captured me on three levels, surfing, the science of rogue waves and it was character written so well, I felt as though I was there with everyone mentioned in the book.Ghost Wave would make an incredible documentary film or even an action film based on these events. This book will stay in your personal library. You will want to re-read it over and over. You may, as I did, research the events and people in the book to entertain and educate yourself on the topic of Big Waves. I look forward to Chris Dixon’s next book whatever it maybe, I’ll buy it. The guy can write!I hope you enjoy Ghost Wave as much as I have. Money well spent and reading time enriched.Beau SmithThe Flying Fist Ranch

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