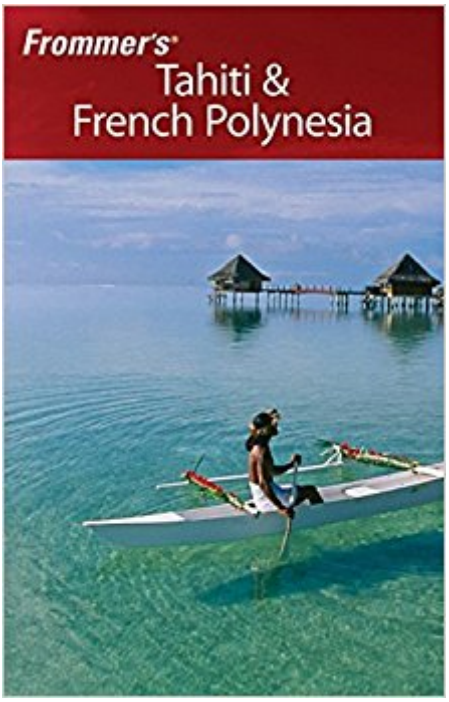
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Bill Goodwin began his writing career as an award-winning newspaper reporter and then served as legal counsel and speechwriter for two influential U.S. senatorsÃ¢â ¬â •Sam Nunn of Georgia and the late Sam Ervin of North Carolina. In 1977 he and a friend said goodbye to office life and sailed a 41-foot yacht from Annapolis, Maryland, through the Panama Canal to the Marquesas Islands, the Tuamotu Archipelago, and Tahiti. He left the boat in Papeete and, with girlfriend and backpack, explored Tahiti, Moorea, and the Society Islands for as long as the local immigration authorities would allow. He has returned for extended visits many times since, most devoted to researching and writing FrommerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s South Pacific. At home, he also is the author of FrommerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Virginia.

Frommer's Guide was current and accurate.Restaurants, bars and cafes were open and very much as described.Currency conversions were accurate.Common Language, stuff to do, where to find stuff, who to ask... Everything right off the page.Third day into the trip we were so giddy shouting, "Where's the FromMersch???"It started becoming a hunt for something Frommer's didn't have.. (There wasn't anything,)Any trip I take, I will be getting a Frommer's to guide me.Could not have been more detailed or useful.

Great travel guide

It appears this is the first edition of the Tahiti and French Polynesia guide, and the only version I could find on was the Portable version. Maybe a more full version will come out in the future, but for now I just picked up the portable. We're planning our honeymoon to Tahiti, and the book has been invaluable in doing so. You can kind of tell it's a first edition though -- there are even some typos I've come across! Also, there is definitely a lot less information than other guides I've used from

Frommer's, but I'm guessing that is the point of the "Portable" line of guides to keep them more travel-sized. Some of the information is a little outdated (already!), but using it as a starting point allows you to take what you learn from there and do the rest of the research online. For example, the exchange rate between XPF & USD is already off by about 10% (not in the favor of the USD), and the Sofitel Moorea they speak of was closed through all of 2006 for renovations, making me think even though this is a first edition, the information was put together in 2005 at the latest because there is no mention of the renovation -- and the hotel would obviously need to be re-evaluated by Frommer's after re-opening.All in all though, there are some great money saving tips, a lot of information about places to eat, foods to try and sights to see, all in one portable book that we will definitely be taking with us when we go in July. Can't wait! Thanks, Frommer's for helping us save money by planning this ourselves instead of enlisting the help of a travel agent.

Purchased the kindle edition during a 5 week visit to French Polynesia. Although its clear the author has visited the islands, we found the information in the book to be quite high level and not giving us much information we had not been able to find out ourselves from simply being at the location. We found Lonely Planet to be more informative in terms of recommending more off the beaten path restaurants, hotels, etc.

This is a helpful tool, except fot the fact that some of the inforamtion is not up to date, i.e. hotels/restaurants closed, hotel name changes. I realize that bewteen the time of print and sell is a couple months, but wouldn't it make sense to add a notes page of any changes before putting out for sale. Also some pictures of locations would be good to help in directing someone to the locations listed. Condsidering they have never been before.

The price I paid was about double what I could have bought a new one for in the book store. I'm sorry I trusted that a used book would be cheaper than a new one. Other than that, it was fine.

Informative.

It lacked a lot of information I would have liked to have had about local businesses and people. I was very disappointed with this issue of Frommers

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