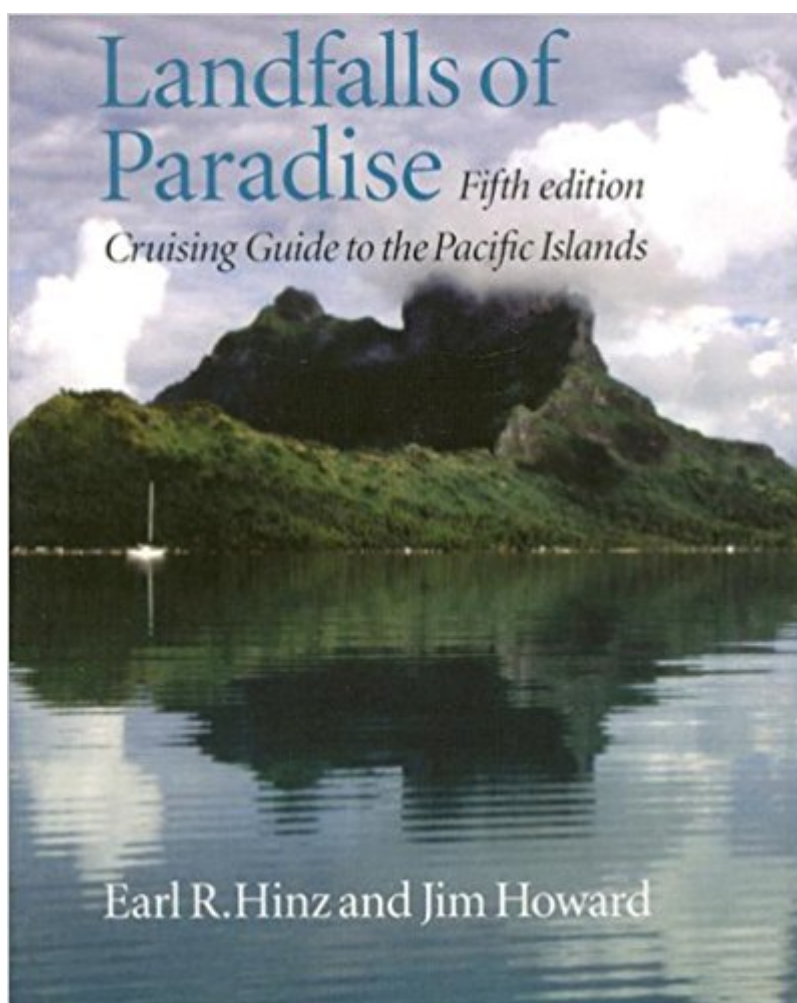


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# Landfalls Of Paradise: Cruising Guide To The Pacific Islands (5th Edition) (Latitude 20 Books (Paperback))



## Synopsis

"The only complete cruising guide to the islands of the Pacific . . . a must." *Islands* "A trove of information for the cruiser planning to set sail for the Pacific. . . A very readable, easy-to-follow guide." *Santana* The fifth edition of this sailing standard includes updated charts and text reflecting changes in regulations and facilities for most countries and specific ports of entry. New appendices include procedures for entry to Australia, which are more exacting than most Pacific landfalls, and an extensive list of information sources: cruising guidebooks, important general tourist guides, chart suppliers, and key web sites for the countries covered by *Landfalls of Paradise*.

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If you plan on cruising the South Pacific, like we did, do NOT purchase this book. If you seek anchorage or clearance information from this book you will be truly disappointed. The information in this "guide" is very old and out dated. And, the book is extremely general in nature. I.e., it will be a

waste of your time and money if you seek to use it as a cruising guide for the South Pacific. - Jason and Karen Trautz, S/V YOLO -

I have used this book as another cruising "bible" during our sailboat journey which we started in 2007 from Vancouver and are now currently in Australia. It is specifically a cruising guide with valuable information on protocols of cruising in the South Pacific. It includes extensive information on Pacific weather and planning passages. The book is divided into 4 helpful parts: 1. Polynesia 2. Melanesia 3. Micronesia 4. Islands of the Eastern Pacific. Highly recommended for any sailor traveling in this amazing area. Diana Young- World Traveler - currently sailing in the South Pacific for six months and #1 Best-selling author of Financial Fitness for Beginners.

If you have ever dreamed of sailing and cruising the Pacific Islands then this book will give you an insight into the South Pacific Islands.. another excellent book by Earl R Hinz

I had lost my old hardcover copy of this guide, and I was so pleased to get the updated book!

If you have lots of money and a big enough boat to bring every available book ever written on the South Pacific, then you should buy this book. But if you are like the majority of cruisers out there with limited space and budget, this is DEFINITELY a book you could do without. For starters, it covers far too large a geography to get into the details you would want to know information about (only three pages on the Marquesas, really?!) Additionally, the information is extremely outdated for having been updated in 2006 and has been outdone by newer books (my wife and I sailed through the SoPac in 2009 and every time we used this book we found the information either non-existent or incorrect). And finally, the book lacks the most important information you need as a cruiser, which is detailed charts and information on anchorages or passages through reefs. Without a doubt, this book would be an interesting read if you never make it to the South Pacific, but if you do get there you will want to look at the other books available on this subject. I would say this book was a complete waste of money for what we needed.

Considering the relatively small market for a book like this, it's not surprising there's virtually nothing comparable in print. And Earl's territory is vast - all of the Pacific islands from Hawaii to New Zealand and north into Micronesia. The numerous maps should prove useful for orientation and could save you a bundle on official charts (although the author and publisher disclaim any

responsibility for errors). There's lots of useful 'passage planning', yacht entry, weather, and public holiday information here, but the country intros could be shortened and the yacht facility sections beefed up. The oversized B&W photos throughout the book occupy space that could be better utilized. An appendix provides four pages outlining the use of amateur mobil radios, but no mention of communicating over the internet is to be found herein. At times, the coverage is skeletal and uneven. For example, on Tahiti only Papeete is visited. Moorea isn't included (!) and the popular Leeward Islands merit only a few lines. In contrast the seldom-visited Austral and Gambier islands receive four pages of maps and texts. In Fiji, Earl only describes facilities in the main ports of entry: Suva, Lautoka, Levuka, and Savusavu. Really out of the way anchorages are seldom discussed. All that said, these criticisms are mute as there simply isn't another South Pacific cruising guide to choose from. It's a credit to Earl Hinz that he has kept this book going through four editions, and hopefully the electronic revolution will allow him to rejuvenate his book. Meanwhile Landfalls of Paradise is a basic reference work every Pacific sailor will want to carry aboard.

Far too general and out dated. Your better off to download free guides on each individual area from the internet.

Earl wrote this book based on the voyages through the South Pacific he and his wife Betty undertook on "Horizon" their Morgan Out Island Ketch. It is a bit surreal as I sit on the deck of that same "Horizon" some thirty three years later and read of those voyages and places. The boat is still in the Pacific, granted a bit farther out on the rim, lying Kadena Marina, Okinawa Japan. The book is a great page turner even if you don't plan to voyage. It is a bit dated in some of the photos and data, but then again, the islands age slowly, in fact everything is a bit slower in this part of the world.

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