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What would you do if you were on holiday and your better half said 'Let's not go back'?

Would you stay?

Would you stay if staying meant giving up everything back home in the UK to live on the backwater island of Key West, Florida?

Come with me to this oddball, bacchanalian corner of the world where anything goes, the closest major city is Havana and where my wife and I lead an eye-popping, adventure-filled life until it is all ripped asunder by a catastrophic hurricane.

KEY WEST: Tequila, a Pinch of Salt and a Quirky Slice of America is a lyrical portrait of a couple from the UK integrating themselves on a startlingly picturesque, joyously wacky island that is more Caribbean than it is American. More neurotic than it is sane. More corrupt than it is law-abiding. And more prone to hurricanes than it should be.

This book is a celebration of life, love and adventure—an enchanting account of a couple who weren't afraid to jump off the hamster wheel and have a go at a dream.

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Nicole says

Such a fun read! Love the humor!

Judy says

So glad I read this right before another key west visit. The descriptions made me remember all the wonderful things I love about key west

Dani says

This book is a fun escape, just like what the author was trying to accomplish in his real life adventure in Key West. Part of the fun for me, of course, was reading about places I have been. It's a fairly easy, breezy read, most of it light-hearted and conversational. The author and his wife get through any of their trials with creativity, humor and a liberal sprinkling of alcohol. Oh, just read it and have fun!

Mary Kruft says

GREAT to read before your first Key West trip.....and I even met "popcorn joe!" Great story (except for the British slang I didn't get) about two who take the chance to leave it all behind & chase a dream!

Regina says

This novel reads partly like a travel guide disguised as an escape-the-daily-grind island adventure novel, and partly like a detailed Key West history book. It brings back vivid memories for those of us who have traveled to this magical place, and incites a deep desire to flee the "real world" for a rum-drenched life by the sea. When a couple travels from the UK to the Keys on holiday, there seems no better way to make the memories last forever than to simply stay! The year-long depiction exposes the reader to a variety of unique challenges faced by the couple, from the possibility of deportation to the landfall of a major hurricane. Strong personalities shine through the writing, making the characters seem more like old friends than words on paper (or on a screen for those of us who are e-reading!) I truly enjoyed every moment of this read.

Gail Kenney says

I am not sure what to say about Key West. I like it, mostly, because, having been to KW several times, I enjoyed revisiting the places mentioned through the eyes of the author. In some ways, his writing is "too cute" as if he is trying to hard to be humorous. I am not sure I would recommend this book to another, yet, oddly, I find I want to read his book about Europe. So, if an author's goal is to make the reader want to read more of his work, then Breakfield is successful.

Deanna says

A fun, quick read with a little adventure, a little history and some intriguing Key West characters. I'm happy that I already have a return trip to scheduled, or I might be busy making travel plans right now. I did have a little trouble with some of the lingo (author is from the UK), but that didn't keep me from enjoying the book.

Philip says

Just finished this book. I like Key West and I liked this book. Humorous and tells about an aspect of the island we tourists don't know about. I recommend it.

Carston Wagner says

Amateurish writing.

Poorly written with implausible anecdotes! We spend lots of time in Key West and very little of this book rings true. Couldn't finish it! I want my \$3.95 back.

Jenn says

Really enjoyed this book. It was an easy read that kept me entertained start to finish.

Deanna says

A fun read before we make our way there in 2 days!

Nicole says

I bought this book on my Kindle since it was on sale, and I'm headed to Key West for the first time next week. Not impressed with the book at all. But it did however get me a bit more excited for my trip just reading about the sunny scape!

Allison says

Fun! As someone who goes to KW yearly and has often thought about what it would be like to just not come back- I could live out this little fantasy via this book:)

Scott Kennedy says**Enjoyable**

Unfortunate that this well written amusing book has at the beginning a lonely one star rating...it's so much better even though it does read a bit too much like a travelogue.

Peggy says

My husband and I go to KW every year for a break when we just can't stand the winter "up north" any more... and every year we wish we could pitch it all and stay there in paradise. This book describes the adventures of a brave couple with more courage than we have - they really did it. It was better than a travel guide for learning about some of KW's fantastic real-life characters and locals' haunts. We just got back from our trip this year, and saw KW in a whole new light, and we even met Popcorn Joe!
