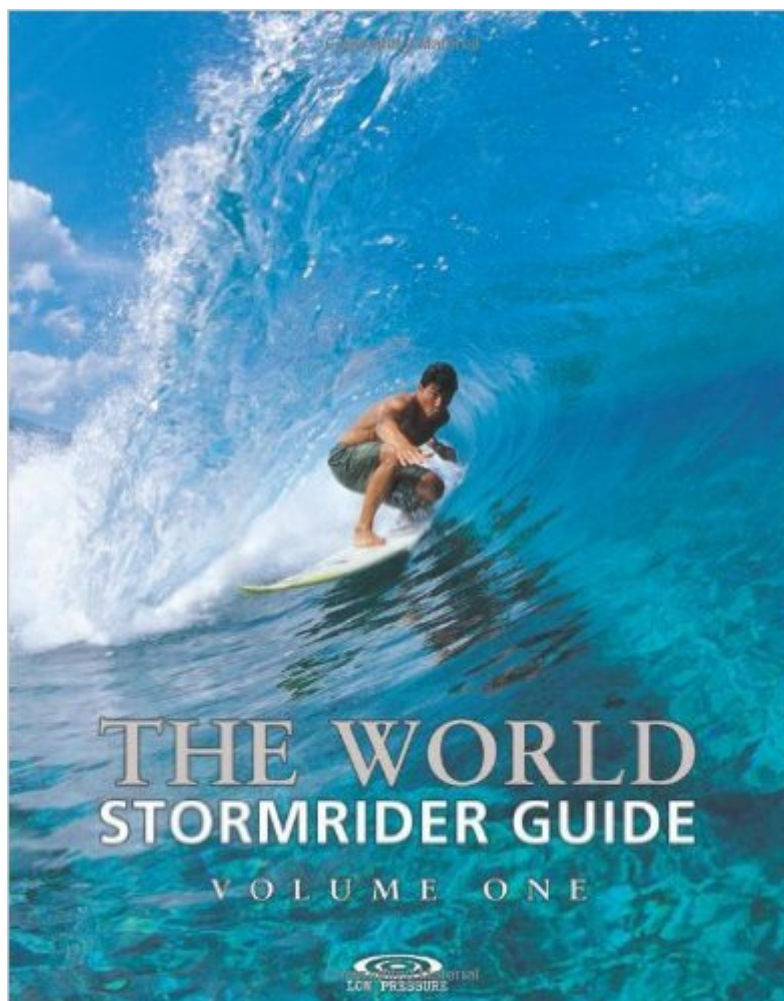


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Synopsis

The World Stormrider Guide Volume 1 is the first and only comprehensive colour guide to 80 of the planet's premier surfing coastlines. Detailed analysis of the surf spots, the optimum meteorological and oceanographic conditions, plus the lowdown on the local scene, hazards, access, getting there, accommodation and much more. A unique set of symbols and statistics make all this vital information instantly accessible. Combined with over 120 maps and 500 superb photos, The World Stormrider Guide Vol 1 is the essential tool for globe-trotting waveriders. INCLUDES: EUROPE AFRICA INDIAN OCEAN EAST ASIA AUSTRALIA PACIFIC OCEAN NORTH AMERICA CENTRAL AMERICA SOUTH AMERICA

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Customer Reviews

Given that I'm an avid surfer/traveller, I decided to educate myself on surf spots outside of the United States when I began forays into the surf beyond the west coast of the United States. I purchased Surfer Magazine's set of global surf guides as well as other guidebooks as well. My first encounter with the Stormrider Surf Guide series was with my purchase of the Stormrider Guide to Europe about three years ago. Finding the Stormrider Surf Guide to Europe infinitely helpful -- I surfed some of the most amazing spots that were revealed by the guidebook in France, Spain and Portugal -- I decided to purchase the Stormrider Surf Guide to the World when I discovered that its release. The World book is obviously not as detailed as its Europe counterpart. Given that the former covers EVERYWHERE and the latter focuses on a specific continent (and its outlying islands), the

World book cannot afford to give you as much in-depth information as the Europe book did -- otherwise it would contain more volumes than the collected words of Winston Churchill. This being said, the World book is extremely helpful in locating the general spots of the world that would pique any travelling surfer's interest. The photos, charts, diagrams and insider-information makes surfing in a foreign country less stressful and more enjoyable. Again, as the title of this review suggests, the World book does indeed do a wonderful job of providing in-depth information on the more popular (hence, "best") published surf spots around the globe. If you wish to find the "secret spots" that "go off" you'll need to spend more time in wherever faraway land you've decided to surf. Get a chance to meet the locals, enjoy the spots you surf at and hide this book underneath the seat of your rental car. The Stormrider Guide to the World is your best bet to finding fun waves in foreign places. Take care and don't forget your passport.

Cheers to the author for coming up with the first world wide surf guide book. The book includes helpful info on forecasting, how waves are created, and of course worldwide wave hotspots. It will be interesting to see a second edition of it since there are mistakes in the book. For example, for some areas the charts for best time of year to surf are off, to mention one Puerto Rico's. Also breaks are referred to by the wrong name sometimes and even the by month temperatures seem off (i.e Californias). I was eager to buy the book but once I saw the mistakes I decided to wait for maybe a corrected second edition. I recommend to the author that he researches the "hot spots" a bit more carefully. Also just for the sake of adventure a section discussing the potential of discovery around the world would be interesting to see, say the potential around the South Pacific, or Africa for new waves to be discovered. The book may work as a good beginners guide to where the waves are, but for a specific surf trip a more descriptive and more accurate guide would be invaluable.

You will find anythin' in here : waves theory, advices, spots with maps and directions, meteo, A-ny-thing. Not all of it is always useful (because you can't travel through all the countries...) But the surfing possibilities that are described in here will be enough to fill anyone's surfing life!

If you need to prepare a surf trip, you want to go at the best (known) spot, or you're just curious to see how it looks like 10 000 miles away, go for it ! This book is really well made, nice text, all the details you need to know, beautiful pictures. You can feel it was made by surfers for surfers. The first pages will give a bit about wave creating system, weather forecasting and wind satellite map reading. Really Nice book. But don't fool yourself, the best secret spots won't be in there !

This and all the Stormrider Guides are truly great sources of information about surf travel. Cleverly put together, have beautiful illustrations, and are packed with all the necessary information you need to start planning your surf adventure and travel. Every surfer (young or old) should have all of them on the shelves of their personal library. Go ahead and invest. You'll be stoked, dude! Cowabunga, nos vemos en el agua!

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