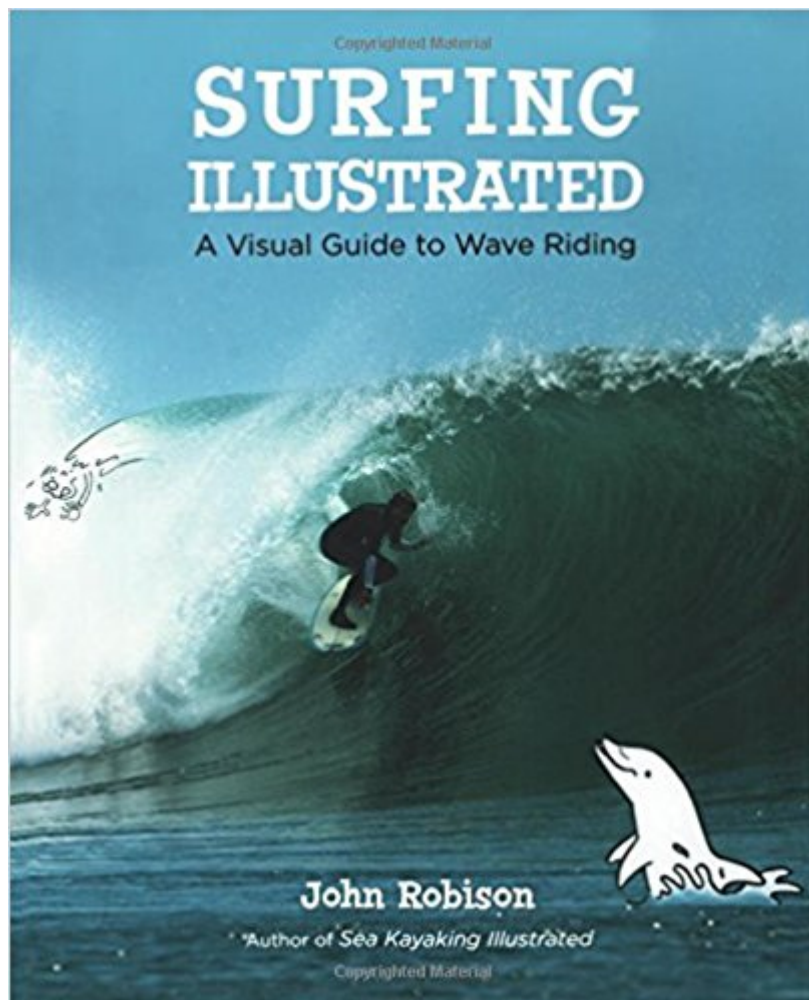




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Surfing Illustrated: A Visual Guide To Wave Riding (International Marine-RMP)



Synopsis

Expert instruction you need to take your skills from kook to boss Author John Robison uses hundreds of pictures-- comical, cartoon-like drawings--to clearly illustrate every aspect of surfing: wave dynamics, riding techniques, etiquette, logistics, and more. This entertaining, easy-to-understand visual presentation makes it easy for you to pick up his techniques and use them on the waves. Robison covers every aspect of the sport, from paddling out through the surf zone and catching and riding that first wave to nose riding, acrobatics, shortboard riding, and to equipment repairs.

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Customer Reviews

John Robison is a committed surfer and the author of the successful and similarly formatted Sea Kayaking Illustrated: A Visual Guide to Better Paddling.

This book seemed a little cheezy at first with the corny illustrations. I think when you buy a surfing book, you want a lot of awesome photography of surfers, surfboards and beaches. Not this one. What it DOES have though is a lot of really valuable information. Page after page. Some of it I'll go back to later because it does get pretty detailed, especially with weather, currents etc.. Do buy this book if you're a beginner or novice surfer looking for something to read in between learning.. I think you'll get something out of this one.

A fun book that explains the science of surfing and surfboard design. If you want to get your kids up to speed on the lingo without having to paddle out in the cold winter surf, stuff this book in their faces. My son read it and then put together a research paper that earned him an A as well as earning my admiration. All from the warmth and comfort of my sofa.

I bought this book to read up on "how to surf" before taking a lesson and it was very helpful. However if all you wanted to know was that, you need to skim the first 100 pages and just read the basics. On the otherhand I found those first chapters interesting and when I get my surfing act together I'll go back and study up before buying a board. Also if you've never surfed, I recommend a lesson first before renting a board and just trying it. You'll be much happier. And if you get this book and practice "pop ups" at home on the carpet you'll be even happier at your first lesson. Recommended.

This is an indispensable book on surfing. It is packed with all the essential information about surfing that anyone needs to know when learning to surf. It is also really easy to read with fun illustrations. I loaned mine to a friend who never returned it so I decided to gift it to him and get a second copy. Every chapter has useful information. In particular the chapters on wave dynamics and surf etiquette are excellent. The book contains a lot of subtle tips and should be read again and again. On a side note, Ed Guzman, the surfer on the cover, was my first surfing instructor and the writer's instructor when he learned. How cool is that? Ed and Club Ed are great. Look them up if you are in Santa Cruz and want to learn to surf.

Solid book, fun and easy to read. Maybe I'll re-read it after some more experience and get more out of it. Not a huge game-changer, but certainly won't make you a worse surfer. Can only help. (Also worth noting: This book is for beginners. If you're carving barrels, you've already surpassed what this book has to offer.)

Absolutely the best guide for novice to intermediate surfers, covering every topic that's required to get someone going on the sport as well as improving one's understanding of the water and waves. The drawings are whimsical but very easy to understand, and the text is written in a very straightforward and clear manner. Highly recommended.

Have taught a few friends how to surf, this is hands down the best book I've found. Includes pretty

much everything you need to know without being condescending or overwhelming. The humor and illustrations are a perfect compliment to the fun of surfing. Highly recommended.

Purchased for my grandson's 12th birthday. I think he'll enjoy the illustrations and pictures. He just had his first surfing lesson in Maui this past summer, so I got the idea to send him some surfing themed gifts.

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