

Book Buzz

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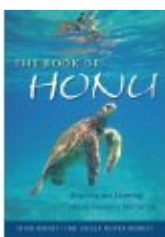
Bringing you the buzz on new, popular and good books available at your neighborhood library.

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RECENT HAWAIIANA – March 25, 2009 Column

Book Buzz this week celebrates Prince Kuhio Day, named to honor Kaua'i's own statesman Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole born March 26, 1871 in the town of Koloa. He was the grandson of Kaua'i's last *ali'i nui* King Kaumuali'i. Because Prince Kuhio was such a cute child, he acquired the nickname "Prince Cupid" which stuck with him for the rest of his life. Despite his merry moniker, Prince Kuhio kicked some serious butt during his tenure in the United States Congress, creating the Hawaii county system still in use today and most notably shepherding the passage of the national Hawaiian Homes Commission Act signed into law in 1921. A well-traveled and well-schooled man, Prince Kuhio also organized the Order of Kamehameha and the Hawaiian Civic Club. For all you many students of Hawaiiana, today's book list covers a selection of recently published Hawai'i titles. There are rich circulating and reference collections of Hawaiiana available at all public libraries on the island.

Happy Reading,



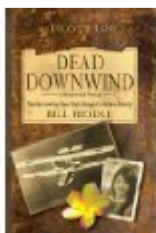
The Book of Honu

Enjoying and Learning about Hawai'i's Sea Turtles

By Peter Bennett and Ursula Keuper-Bennett

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The first guide to finding and observing Hawaiian green sea turtles, or *honu*. The authors became interested in *honu* and were surprised to discover they were the first to make prolonged observations of a marine turtle population in its natural habitat. Drawing on their extensive experience, the Bennetts explain how to find and watch *honu* from shore and while snorkeling, kayaking, and especially diving. They describe behaviors of the turtle as a species, and introduce individual animals whose histories they have closely followed.



Dead Downwind: Ten Harrowing Days that Changed Aviation History

By Bill Riddle

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In this gripping historical novel it is 1924...three years before Charles Lindberg will fly the Atlantic; and America is at a crossroads in aviation history. Commander John Rodgers takes up a death-defying challenge that will electrify the nation. The result is an incredible tale of aeronautical heroism, and provides amazingly personal insight to the days of flying boats and dirigibles. An important book for aviation history, and Hawai'i; it is also a love story, a history, and a thriller. Riddle inserts historical photographs that add to the visual history of this exciting time in naval history and 1920s Hawai'i.



Feng Shui For Hawai'i

By Clear Englebert

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From the slippers by your door to choosing the right décor, *Feng Shui for Hawai'i* is the complete guide to creating harmony and positive energy in the Hawaiian home.



Glory By the Wayside: The Old Churches of Hawai'i

By William and Susan Ecenbarger

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This is a picture book about the old hand-made churches that dot the Hawaiian Islands with an introduction to their history and architecture. Each of the 37 churches featured has a story to tell, often a story of the first immigrants to Hawai'i.



Green Hawai'i A Guide to a Sustainable and Energy Efficient Home

By Kevin Whitton

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An easy-to-use reference that explores many ways to make Hawai'i homes more efficient and sustainable. Covers home technology and design, sustainable practices for the yard, and smart community building. Packed with facts and figures, anecdotes and authoritative comments.



Hä'ena:

Through the Eyes of the Ancestors

By Carolos Andrade

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Ha'ena, Kauai is a rich and fertile land steeped in antiquity, a place of gods and goddesses. In this ethnogeography, Andrade examines the stories that identify origins and places of the *ahupua'a* (land division). He outlines unique relationships developed by Hawaiians with the environment, and the system used to look after the land and sea. Then he explores changes wrought by concepts and perceptions introduced by European, American and Asian immigrants.

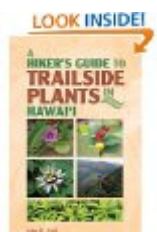


The Heart of Being Hawaiian

By Sally Jo Keala o Anuenue Bowman

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A collection of essays, articles and profiles exploring today's Hawaiian people, their culture and practices in an attempt to answer the questions, *What does "being Hawaiian" mean today and how do we appreciate the culture?* The selection of works ranges in subject from *lua* (Hawaiian martial arts), *lomilomi* (massage), *hula*, the Punana Leo language immersion school, Kaho'olawe, Kalaupapa, the experience of attending the Kamehameha Schools, profiles of several Hawaiian *kupuna* and more.

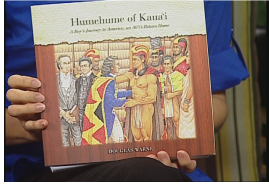


A Hiker's Guide to Trailside Plants in Hawai'i

By John B. Hall

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Covers plants you are likely to encounter on Hawai'i's trails—both native and non-native. For easy reference, plants in the book have been divided into the following climatic zones: Coastal, Dry Forest, Mesic Forest, Wet Forest, and Alpine. Each zone is further subdivided into Herbs, Shrubs, Trees, Vines, Ferns, and Miscellaneous. The book sports full color pictures of each plant and notes on historical uses in a handy size.



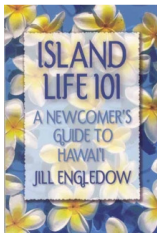
Humehume

A Boy's Journey to America, an Ali'i's Return Home

By Douglas Warne

HB Kaumuali'i

Humehume was the first-born son of Kaumuali'i, the last great *ali'i nui* to rule over Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. As a four-year-old Humehume was sent to America and promised a Western education, but was eventually abandoned. Surviving his adverse childhood, and after 16 years of separation he returned to Kaua'i with the first group of Protestant missionaries. This book illuminates a specific time and place that have received little attention in the history books and sheds light on Kaua'i's unique position in the larger context of Hawaiian history.



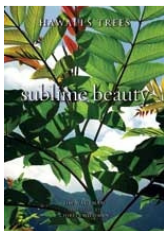
Island Life 101

A Newcomer's Guide to Hawai'i

By Jill Engledow

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This book will help newcomers connect to the history, culture, and community life of Hawai'i. It provides insights into how events of the past affect Island Life today, and suggests ways to contribute to the community, make friends and have fun. It includes survival tips, from how to pronounce Hawaiian words to where to look for information on starting a business.



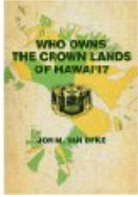
Sublime Beauty

Hawai'i's Trees

By Jim Wageman

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This rich photographic collection celebrates the majestic beauty that trees have brought to the diverse habitats and landscapes of the Hawaiian Islands. The author and photographer introduces readers to the extraordinary variety of trees that may be found in Hawai`i. Covers endemic and indigenous species, canoe plants and post-contact species. Beautiful photography.



Who Owns the Crown Lands of Hawai`i

By Van Dyke

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The 1846 *Mahele* (Division) transformed the lands of Hawai`i from shared value into private property but left many issues unresolved. The *Mahele* divided all land among the *mo`i* (king) the *ali`i* (chiefs) and the *maka`ainana* (commoners) in hopes of keeping the lands in Hawaiian hands. The king's share was further divided into Government and Crown Lands. After the illegal overthrow of the monarchy in 1893, the Government and Crown Lands were joined together; and after annexation in 1898 they were managed as a public trust by the United States. At statehood in 1959 all but nearly 400,000 acres were transferred to the State of Hawai`i. The legal status of the Crown Lands remains controversial and misunderstood to this day. In this engrossing work, Jon Van Dyke describes and analyzes in detail the complex cultural and legal history of Hawai`i's Crown Lands.