



Suggested Reading for Adults

Fiction

[Red Sky Over Hawaii](#); Ackerman, Sara

A historical fiction novel taking place in the rain forest of Kilauea volcano after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

[Moloka'i](#); Brennert, Alan

This richly imagined novel, set in Hawai'i more than a century ago, is an extraordinary epic of a little-known time and place and a deeply moving testament to the resiliency of the human spirit.

[Shark Dialogues](#); Davenport, Kiana

Beginning with the meeting of a 19th-century Yankee sailor and the runaway daughter of a Tahitian chief, and sweeping over a century and a half of passionate, turbulent Hawaiian history.

[This is Paradise](#), Kahakauwila, Kristiana

A visceral, poignant, and elegantly gritty work of debut fiction set in Hawaii. "This is Paradise" explores the relationships among native Hawaiians, local citizens, and emigrants.

[Written in the sky](#); Kaopio, Matthew

Matthew Kaopio's "Written in the Sky" is a compelling, personal novel that tells the story of a homeless boy living in Ala Moana Beach Park.

[Hawaii](#); Michener, James

The saga of a land from the time when the volcanic islands rose out of the sea to the decade in which they become the 50th state.

[The Tattoo](#); McKinney, Chris

Two prisoners form a bond in this "powerful" novel that reveals the darker side of Hawaii.

[The Color of Air](#); Tsukiyama, Gail

Daniel Abe, a young doctor in Chicago, is finally coming back to Hawai'i. He has his own reason for returning to his childhood home, but it is not to revisit the past, unlike his Uncle Koji.

[Behold the Many](#); Yamanaka, Lois-Ann

In 1913, stricken by tuberculosis, young Anah, Aki, and Leah are sent away from their family for treatment at St. Joseph's, an orphanage in Hawai'i's Kalihi Valley.



Non-Fiction

[Hawaiian Mythology](#); Beckwith, Martha

A classic work of folklore and ethnology, and the definitive treatment of Hawaiian mythology.

[Nation Within: the History of the American Occupation of Hawai'i](#); Coffman, Tom

Exposing the myths that fueled the narrative that native Hawaiians willingly relinquished their nation, Coffman shows how Americans such as Theodore Roosevelt conspired to extinguish Hawai'i's sovereignty in the service of expanding the United States' growing empire.

[Barbarian days: a surfing life](#); Finnegan, William

Describes the author's experiences as a lifelong surfer, from his early years in Honolulu through his culturally sophisticated pursuits of perfect waves in some of the world's most exotic locales.

[The Diaries of Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii](#); Liliuokalani, Queen of Hawaii

This collection provides the reader with invaluable insights into Liliuokalani's private life, thoughts, and deeds.

[Hawaiki Rising: Hōkūle'a, Nainoa Thompson, and the Hawaiian Renaissance](#); Low, Sam

The true story of Hōkūle'a and the men and women who sailed in the wake of their ancestors to discover pride in their culture and themselves.

[Go Native!: Your Guide to Growing Native Hawaiian and Canoe Plants Wherever You Live, Work, or Play](#); Parkinson, Hilary

Help to re-forest Hawai'i so that nature can once again flow unimpeded from mauka to makai. All you need is a garden, lanai or even a balcony with potted plants to Go Native!

[Cook Real Hawai'i](#); Simeon, Sheldon

The story of Hawaiian cooking, by a two-time Top Chef finalist and Fan Favorite, through 100 recipes that embody the beautiful cross-cultural exchange of the islands.

[Kumu Hula: Roots and Branches](#); Stagner, Ishmael W.

A combination of history, folklore, and spiritual guide, it also outlines the classic master-apprentice structure of a traditional hula school adapted to modern use.

[Hiking the Hawaiian islands](#); Swedo, Suzanne

Concise descriptions and detailed maps for 71 easy-to-follow trails that allow hikers of all levels to enjoy beautiful views, get fit in the outdoors, and learn about the islands' cultural heritage.