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Bill Burnham : Florida Keys Paddling Atlas (Paddling Series) 1st (first) edition Text Only before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Florida Keys Paddling Atlas (Paddling Series) 1st (first) edition Text Only:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Valuable guide that could use some tweakingBy Ken KardashThe title conveys perfectly what this slim, lightweight guide is: a collection of practical navigation charts for the recreational paddler. It more than pays for itself compared to the cost of purchasing separate navigation charts to cover its scope, which extends from Key Largo to Key West and beyond. It has just enough text to add some local tips, but most of the useful information is displayed on the charts themselves. It does not, however, go into any depth as a field guide, for which Bill Keoghs book is superior.Of course, being published in 2007, it is already outdated in some place names and access advice. Also, I found the use of go-to points, scattered GPS landmarks whose coordinates appear in an appendix, unnecessary and distracting. Maybe Im a dinosaur, but I prefer to navigate with visual cues rather than GPS, and there is already more than enough detail in the charts to allow this. What I value more as a visitor is having detailed information on free public put-in sites. It would be nice to have this detailed more clearly on each map. Maybe Im also a dinosaur whos colour-blind, but I couldnt distinguish the colours of the two types of launch site symbols. Lastly, it would be clearer to have a little overlap between the maps or at least refer to adjacent maps by page number rather than having arrows pointing to landmarks which are off the page. None of these are serious faults, just suggestions for a welcome future edition.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best Paddling Book

Florida Keys - verified paddling routes
By Aaron C. This book is the greatest. This time I purchased this as a gift for a friend. This guide has all the information you need to Kayak through the Florida Keys for a lifetime whether you are a novice or an expert paddler or new or familiar with the Florida Keys. I have used this guide now for three years and have not run into any errors yet. There is always a great trip to select in every part of the Keys even when the weather is not the best for paddling. There are lots of mangroves trails to explore and other routes to explore the magnificent keys whether it is between islands keeping out of the wind or through the canals admiring the houses and wild life. And you may even run into the author (as I did) who is still guiding kayak trips throughout the Florida keys and frequents many of the campgrounds in the Keys. This is the reason this guide is so good. All of these routes are authentic routes that were obviously tested by the Author from running tours along these paddling routes.

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An Asset When Kayaking!
By Thomas Mccullough
Having recently visited and kayaked a few locations in the Florida Keys, I find that this Atlas has incredible potential for making future expeditions easier. The maps and accompanying info seem to be super detailed. I appreciate the efforts Bill and Mary put into their book. Although the fact that the research was done prior to 2007, the maps are essentially a guide at this point, but extremely helpful in understanding the unique characteristics of each location. This is helpful to someone who may merely be visiting and has no idea what to expect!! There are many useful warnings and helpful hints that also make this guide essential to any tourist (experienced kayakers included) wishing to go out onto the waters of the Florida Keys away from the crowds.