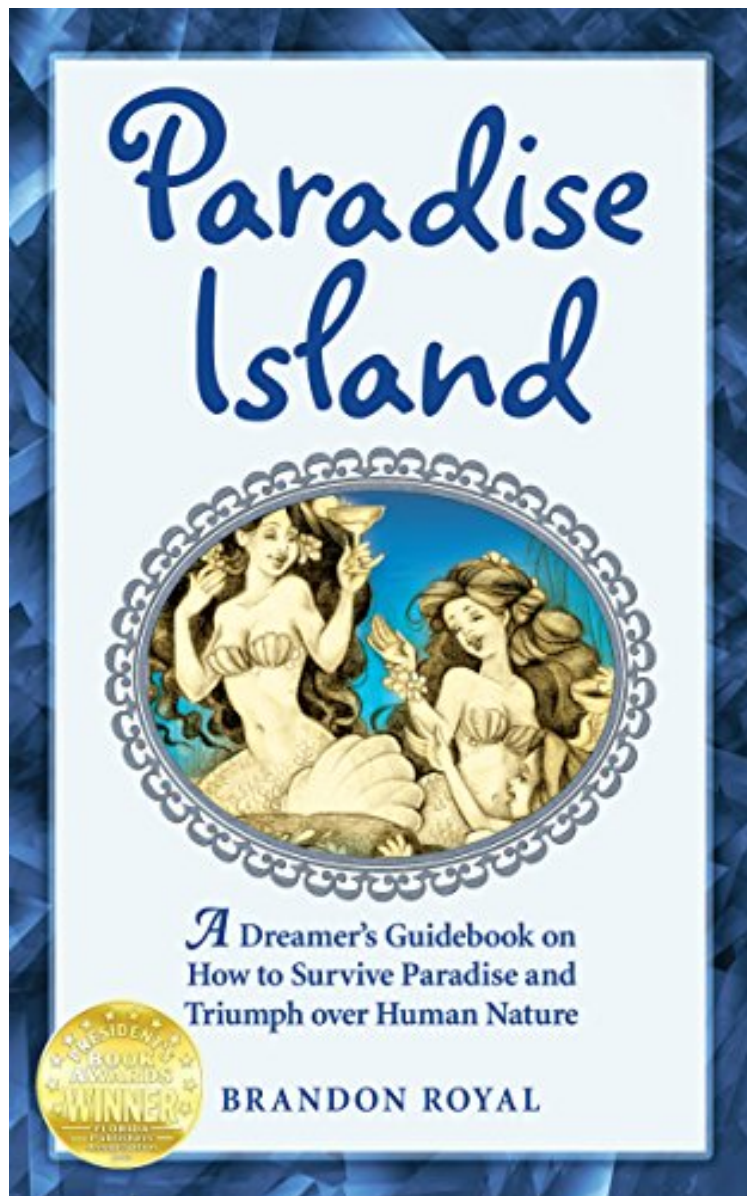


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. How long can reality maintain the mirage of Paradise?Von Mysti5dHow wonderful it would be to live in a locale such as Paradise Island where just stepping outside renews your soul. How exhilarating it would be to lay claim to that Paradise as a part-owner of a successful Island bar. How liberating it would feel to buy your very own island on which to build your dream house. And, how idyll it would be to exist with your exotic island love among the locals for a flavorful experience.So how did the expats -- "those die-hard, no frills foreigners who have been on Paradise Island since the beginning of time" -- slip into a "state of apathy and decay?" Does it have something to do with not coming to grips with the "subjectivity of truth and the relativity of reality"?This book will really have you thinking. Where I am now was once my dream for a perfect life, so why doesn't it feel so perfect now? Maybe it is but I just forgot.Book your next quest to Paradise Island, and chart out the map of your soul.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Is it just me...?Von Meks LibrarianThe subtitle reads "An Armchair Philosopher's Guide to Human Nature (or "Life Lessons You Learn While Surviving Paradise")".Admittedly, the lessons and alleged philosophical guidance of the book were quite lost on me; I read it as a story, and was in vain trying to make real hand and foot of it.Still, it was a pleasurable read during my train trips to and from work and in the doctor's waiting room, because the writing style is elegant and sometimes witty. Also, it is short enough not to feel like a waste of time or to become so boring as to be put aside.The book starts with the narrator making the acquaintance of The Map Maker, an old man who draws and occasionally sells maps. Some of the maps are accurately representing the real geography of places, while others are fantasy maps, adorned with vignettes and shown only to select customers. This has high potential for a really great story, but the book does not actually follow up on the fantastic idea. I have seen, though, that there is a book "The Map Maker" by the same author... it is tempting, but I fear I'll be in for disappointment if I download and read that one..When the Map Maker dies, he leaves his journal to the narrator, and the rest of the book consists of excerpts from that journal, with additional philosophical comments by the narrator.When the Map Maker was a young man, he travelled extensively, and somehow found his way to Paradise Island, where he drank, talked, listened, loved and lived long enough to co-own a bar and build a house.So far, so good.However, I do not feel like recommending this book as I maybe could have done, for one reason: In my opinion, it idealises and romanticises (does such a word exist in English?) prostitution and drinking.Those who know me personally know that I am far from being a prude; I don't mind explicit scenes (there aren't any here, really) in a book when they fit the story and are well written, and you all know that I do love my cocktails. But.....I don't think it is all that "romantic" for young island women to work at bars where their job is to make rich travellers fall for their exotic beauty and spend a lot of money on drinks for them and themselves, and perform enticing dances and take the bar-goers as lovers who then are obliged to finance not only their girlfriends but also their entire, numerous families. It's prostitution, plain and simple, not love or romance.So, in spite of those aspects that made the book pleasurable enough, I only give it 2 out of 5 stars. Maybe I was just being too stubborn to pick up on the philosophical lessons, and viewed the whole book too much from a female perspective (hardly surprising, none of the rich travelling bar-goers are women).From the author's website I gather he has written several educational books (non-fiction) which sound far better than what I happened to come across here.

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