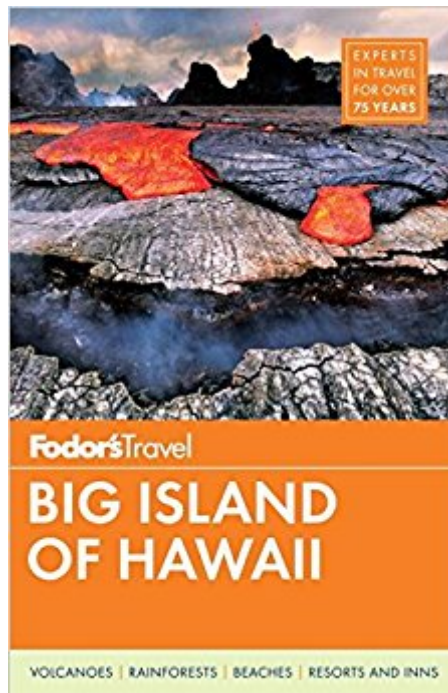




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I hated this book once I was on our Big Island vacation. It is worthless and got us actually lost multiple times. It has not been updated for any road changes, such as the changes to Saddle Road completed in 2013. Therefore the mile marker directions were off. Overall the maps included in the book were worthless. The organization of the book makes it so difficult to use. I consistently had to be flipping between sections when visiting one area of the island because top highlights, beaches, shops, food, etc. are all separated than organized by location by rather than location first. The food section recommendations were terrible and price ranges for those recommendation were incorrect. I hated this book so much I tossed it half way through our trip. Even our tour guide recommended the Hawaii Big Island Revealed and recommended just downloading the app.

Has everything I need to find out about travel to The Big Island. I bought another guide first but it contained lots of opinions and essays about specific locales, when I really just wanted the facts, which Fodor's clearly provides. I like that this guide doesn't just refer you to another source...you can take this along and be reasonably informed without having to use your smartphone or computer. The only thing I didn't find helpful was the sections on Hawaii in general. I wasn't interested in reading about other islands since I purchased a book about the island of Hawaii specifically.

Lacks detail and doesn't have a lot of useful information. Most pages were similar to or the same as information in other Fodor's Hawaii guide books (eg. Oahu edition - which I also bough) so, if you're going to multiple islands, skip this book. It was actually very frustrating to use. I wish I had bought the blue 'revealed' series of books instead.

The maps in this guide are totally useless. There is not enough detail in them to get you even close to your desired destination. Additionally, we found the restaurant suggestions to be incomplete. Example: we went to one seafood restaurant based on the guide's good review of the food. while we found the food to be excellent, it would have been nice to know that the restaurant's open-air seating was located directly across the street from a busy commercial seaport with large fuel tanks, container-ship loading docks and a lot of noise and no view of the ocean.

I found the book was already outdated and often couldn't find information on the areas I was interested in. I would rather have a brief mention saying that an area is not worth pursuing than to have to decide if it is missing because it isn't any good or because they didn't get to it (or it is too

new). I ended up using the free booklets provided by car rental company much more than this book while in Hawaii.

found many great places to visit on our trip to the Big Island

GREAT book. Filled with loads of information and tips!

Great Guide! Used it daily on our trip.

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