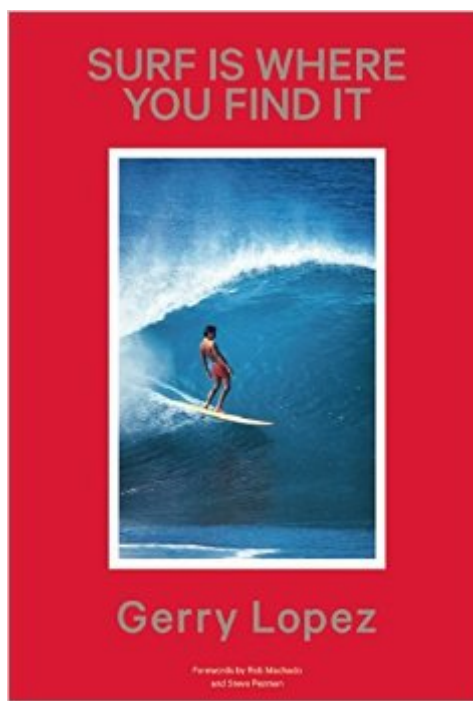


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# Surf Is Where You Find It



## Synopsis

Written by one of the most revered surfers of his generation, Gerry Lopez's *Surf Is Where You Find It* is a collection of stories about a lifetime of surfing. But more than that, it is a collection of stories about the lessons learned from surfing. It presents 38 stories about those who have been influential in the sport — surfing anytime, anywhere, and in any way. Lopez, an innovator in stand-up-paddle (one of the fastest growing water sports in the world), now shares his stories about pioneering that sport. Conveyed in Gerry's unique voice, augmented with photos from his personal collection, this book is a classic for surf enthusiasts everywhere.

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This book reads a lot like the author, one suspects, which makes sense because it is something like an autobiography as told in a series of vignettes beginning with a child playing in the waters of Waikiki Beach and closing at a Javan reef break 60 years later. In between time we are held in thrall by the story-telling ability of the author. It probably isn't accurate to say that he is a natural story-teller, but his narratives read very naturally. One can tell that Mr. Lopez is not a full-time author, but also he knows how to turn a phrase and writes with intention. These are not the ramblings of a washed up surf doggie. This is a philosophical book that happens to be told with skill and wit by a man who seems to have a special affection for 'characters'. To those of you who surf, the descriptions of getting caught inside and pounded, or thrown down upon the hard surfaces of a coral reef and held down a lung-burstingly long time will have your stomach churning. Some of his talk story adventures caused all of the anxiety I'd left behind years and years ago to leap back into

my throat from the pit of my stomach, but they also nourished long-suppressed feelings of the joy and contentment that a perfectly timed take off and bottom turn cause. The action takes place mainly in Hawaii, and mostly on the North Shore, but really everywhere: Town-side, Maui, Bali, Java, Oregon, even Chile, a little about Cali and Oz, and includes a cast of names that everybody of a certain surfing age will know and many that even younger surfers should recognize. While the stories about them are super entertaining and will sometimes have you hooting and laughing aloud, the author uses them to tell his over-arching story about experiencing life through surf: A great life.

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