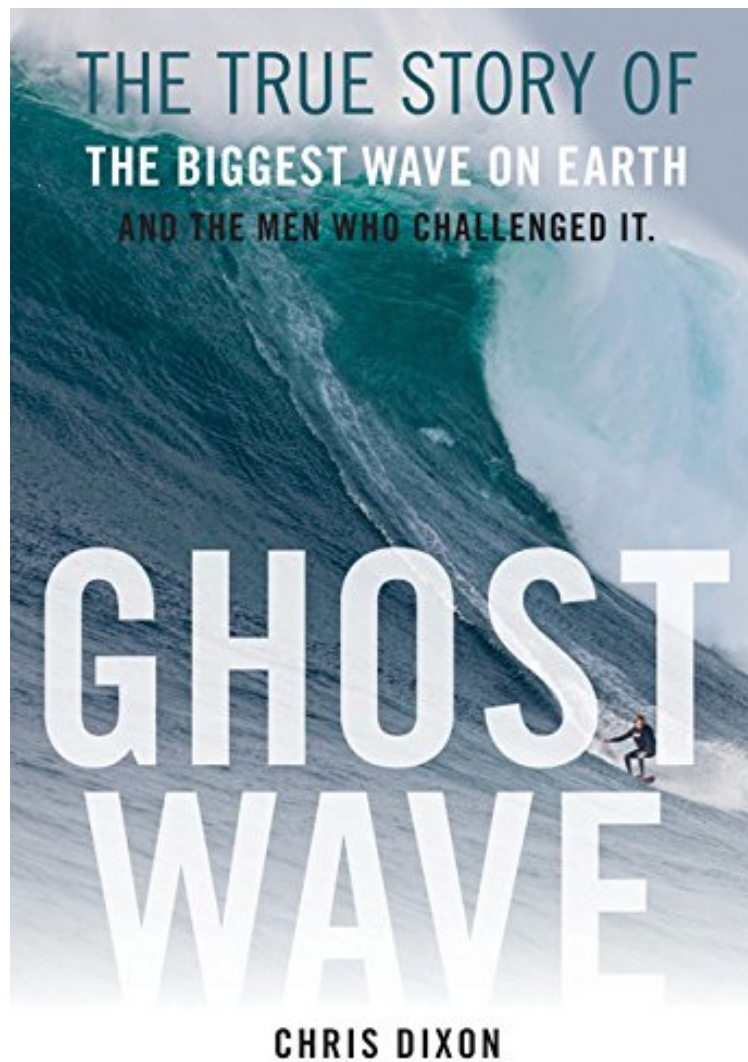


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FadetogreyI just finished reading Ghost wave and I must tell you that I am disappointed..that its FINISHED. What the hell am I to do now? I certainly dont expect a Ghost Wave 2 in 3D. I was absolutely riveted and this is the only time I was content when the doctor or dentist was late for my appointment. I carried that book everywhere and in the mornings often almost spooned mouthfuls of cereal into my ear. I shed tears in front of my family when I read out loud of Pete Davis tragic and last paddled into shore. We cracked up from the ranting of Long and Twiggs as they bobbed among 60 to 70 ft waves, I say this is my ski and you can get #\$\$#@.I paused literally spooked to turn the page as you gave a spectacular account of the January 4th Cortez session. My eyes were wide open from Captain Mac Rae's maritime journeys to page 242. You brought me close to the awesomeness Mr. Dixon. The Awesomeness of natures deep power and the power of men. I wont say you should be proud because I know you are. and you should be. THANK YOU CHRIS DIXON for the wonderful work of creative insight. PS. If you ever write about K2 or Everest or anything else that is watery I WILL READ IT.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great White WhaleBy Rodney E. GrahamHistory, Science, Psychology, and Sport; Chris Dixon's obsession to document the story of the world's biggest waves and the men compelled to surf them is clearly detailed on every remarkable page of this well researched book. One of the things this author does better than most is to explore the reasons why these athletes are driven to chase what most of us would consider to be completely incomprehensible risk. Dixon's obvious access and established trust with these modern day Ahab's helps reveal the complexity of their motivations that cannot easily be dismissed as simply adrenaline fueled insanity. Chris gets beyond the superficial bravado typically expressed by extreme athletes and shares the genuine fear and concerns created by their passion.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great BookBy ifallalotI was brought to this book as a surfer but it weaves a tale that is very interesting to non-surfers as well. I knew about the Bank from the exploits of Snips, Gerr, Greg Long and others but the nation of Abalonia and the sinking of the Jalisco was new to me.Dixon is a great writer, he is a surfer who can speak the language while being able to convey the same to nonsurfers

Rising from the depths of the Pacific lies a fabled island, now submerged just below the surface of the ocean. Rumors and warnings about Cortes Bank abound, but among big wave surfers, this legendary rock is famous for one simple (and massive) reason: this is the home of the biggest rideable wave on the face of the earth. In this dramatic work of narrative non-fiction, journalist Chris Dixon unlocks the secrets of Cortes Bank and pulls readers into the harrowing world of big wave surfing and high seas adventure above the most enigmatic and dangerous rock in the sea. The true story of this Everest of the sea will thrill anyone with an abiding curiosity ofand respect formother ocean.

1. "Ghost Wave takes us to a place of almost mythic power and tells a story that unfolds like a long ride on a killer wave. I can't imagine doing what those surfers are doing out there on Cortes-and I can't imagine a finer book about them. This is a beautifully researched and compellingly written book. I read it straight through from the first page. Terrifying."- Sebastian Junger, author of The Perfect Storm 2. "A terrific, deeply researched tale about a truly wild place. You couldn't make up Cortes Bank, or the characters who've tried to make it theirs. Chris Dixon takes us out there. He gets us amongst it."--William Finnegan, author of Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life. 3. "Ghost Wave is a first-rate account of an amazing phenomenon and the people who tried to conquer and exploit it. A great read."-Winston Groom, author of Forrest Gump 4. "After reading Chris' most excellent account of the monstrous waves of the mysterious Cortes Bank-the Bermuda Triangle of the Pacific-I never thought I would ever consider riding a wave like this. But after surviving a five foot, head first fall from the stage earlier this year, I think I might be ready."-Jimmy Buffett 5. Mystery-shrouded, invisible from shore, riddled with hazards real and imagined, the Cortes Bank is a sort of Rubicon. Only a handful of surfers have crossed to the other side. In Ghost Wave, Chris Dixon traces the Bank's maritime history, the fanciful civilization of Abalonia, and absolute madmen who chase shifting peaks in the open ocean. " - Scott Hulet, Editor, The Surfer's Journal 6. "...fascinating and expertly researched...the heart of the book is surfing, told in a manner satisfying to both hard-core practitioners and curious outsiders." -Bruce Jenkins, The San Francisco Chronicle 7. "You approach Ghost Wave expecting a story about a wave. What you leave with is a new, perhaps previously unknown fascination with indigenous peoples, and natural sciences, addiction psychology and crackpot entrepreneurialism.all presented with a positively Melvillean wrath to emphatically measure the true Everest of the Pacific against all other bathymetric monsters." - Surfline.com 8. "Journalist Dixon, founding editor of Surfermag.com, has written an engaging, multifaceted story of an obscure locale off the California coast that draws the most daring big-wave surfers in the world...his insider knowledge brings the allure and danger of this turbulent locale to life." - Publisher's Weekly 9. "This is an outstanding and riveting work that is not to be missed, and easily one of if not the best book of its kind." -Eastern Surf 10. "excellent...an expansive history of a submerged island 100 miles off the southern coast of California, as well as an in-depth study of big wave surfing and some of its most extreme practitioners." -Charleston City paper 11. "It's hard to say which is more interesting here, the stories of the surfers, explorers, divers, and sailors drawn to Cortes Bank or the history of the bank itself. Either way, terrific reading." - Booklist 12. "If you are looking for a great read that tells a story of utter devotion to the ocean, its mysteries, and its dangers, then Ghost Wave...is definitely the book for you... This is definitely a book for anyone wanting to get a grasp

on the unpredictable oceans and see into the terrifying yet exhilarating lives of big wave surfers." -PlanetSave 13. "4 out of 5 stars" - The Waterman's Library 14. "Ghost Wave is an information-packed homage to those who dare to try." - American Way magazine

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