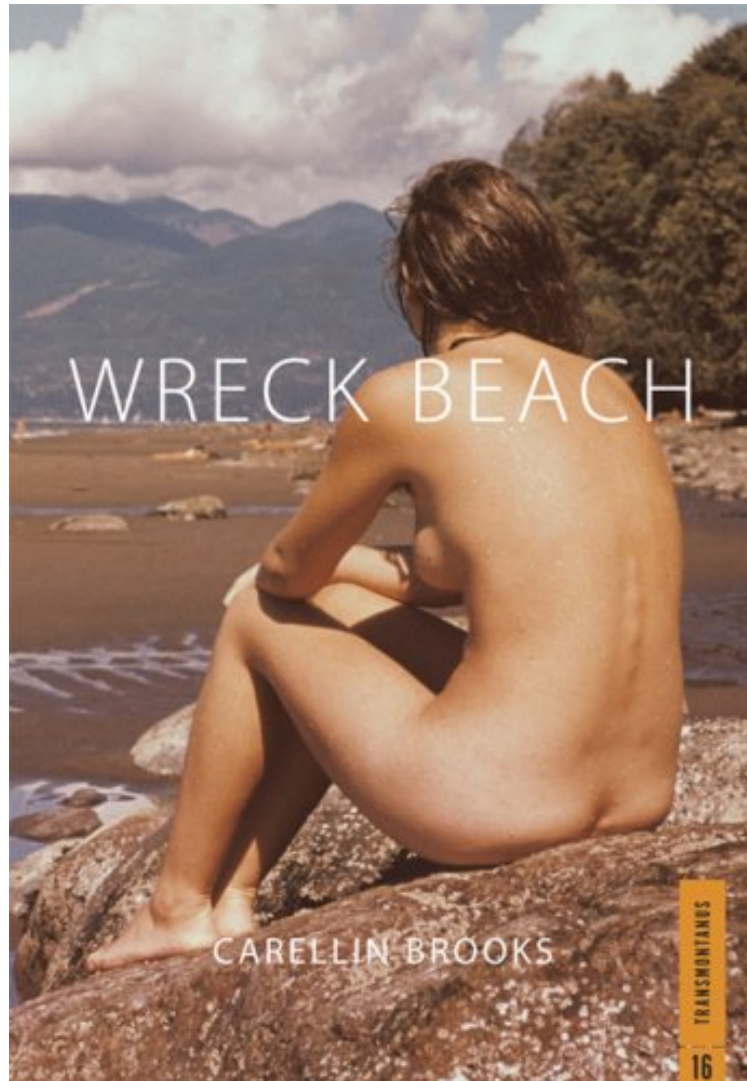


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Carellin Brooks : Wreck Beach (Transmontanus) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wreck Beach (Transmontanus):

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Land of the Lotos Eaters By Kevin Killian An eyeopening look into the history of a place I'd never even heard of before, and now, thanks to Carellin Brooks' diligence, I feel I know all about it. "Best nude beach in the world?" Maybe, but doesn't it get a few points subtracted from its tally based on the difficulty an ordinary person would have reaching it? Fully a quarter of the guidebook is spent talking about how the beach can only be reached by climbing trails that jut out from the highway or bus stops and then staircases that mount up to four hundred steps. Then the horror stories of out of shape victims who manage, finally, to make it down to the

beach--but then they collapse and flounder, like whales literally beached on their back, their sluggish limbs unable to move again. And further stories about middle-aged men and women who used to like to go to Wreck Beach but have given it up, it's just too arduous a hike now. What I need is some of those sherpas people hire to carry them in litters up to Mount Everest, like Jon Krakauer wrote about in INTO THIN AIR, but possibly that would be an expensive undertaking even if I could get some "nude activists" to take me there, like the King of the May by general acclaim, on their shoulders. Brooks seems to know everything about the beach, and like the best travel writing she makes you long to be there with her, and yet she points out, humorously or otherwise, the pinpricks in the bubble--the way that, when newbies arrive, they're all excited about spotting some perfect nudes and yet all they find are "wrinkled hippies." She outlines the ideology of "naturism," in which the old school nudists are vehement about the separation of nudism and eros, insisting that the two have nothing to do with each other, whereas as Brooks points out more reasonably, the two are inextricably articulated in the ordinary mind of the citizenry, and might always be. The nudists, led by First Citizen Judy Williams, are disgusted when people actually make love on Wreck Beach, and she called the police one time when she noticed a film crew shooting an X-rated movie on her beloved patch of innocence. Brooks seems to stand aloof from these debates, as though uncertain where to perch on the fence, and her writing, ordinarily lucid, witty and sharp, goes a little lackluster in these spots. But buy this one for the magic, for it takes you to an undiscovered country, one where you might reach out and lay your hand on an anemone, or on one of the pure products of Canada.

Every year 500,000 people visit Wreck Beach. What's all the fuss about? Ever wonder how Wreck Beach got its name? Or if it's always been a nude beach? What about the nudity? Is it against the law? Maybe you just want to know how to get to the best spots. Look no further: here's the book with everything you've always wanted to know about Wreck Beach, the best nude beach in the world. On any given day throughout the year, regardless of conditions, you're bound to find a spectrum of characters frolicking on the beach, in the water or alternately, huddling in that perfect sheltered spot. If sunshine and golden sands aren't enough to lure you down, maybe the amalgam of vendors will. Wreck Beach boasts an enviable array of munchies which may include Chinese BBQ pork buns, pizza, samosas with chutney, marijuana, and magic mushrooms. Entertainment includes Frisbee, skimboarding, impromptu jam sessions and the notorious male-only game of Beerball. Naturally pristine, yet indelibly ruled by the characters who sun, sell, and sign petitions there, Wreck Beach is a beachlover's paradise. The main beach at the bottom of Trail 6 is where the landscape is most beacher-friendly: sand as far as the eye can see, and ocean to boot. The enthusiastic work of the Wreck Beach Preservation Society has kept the beach relatively free of development. The Society's commitment to keeping Wreck Beach untarnished is reflected in its resistance to outside regulation and emphasis on self-policing. The first comprehensive physical and political guide and a pioneer part of Wreck Beach history, Wreck Beach is your perfect guide to its splendour whether you're a local history buff, or just like swimming in the buff.

About the Author Carellin Brooks' earliest childhood memory of Wreck Beach is mostly of the arduous trek of four hundred odd steps that lead down to the beach. An inquisitive and adventurous 18 year old, she later undertook the mission to find Wreck Beach but success eluded her: she walked around the point from Spanish Banks, getting as far as Tower Beach. Discovering and exploring what she now considers to be the best nude beach in the world would have to wait. But not for too long. Upon returning from England where she completed a Master of Studies degree in English, she rediscovered what it was that had intrigued her about the beach in the first place: the unbridled idealism nestled within its natural beauty. Wreck Beach is one of Vancouver's least commercialized beaches, where concession stands, manmade swimming pools and toilets with plumbing are nothing more than myths. It is this fantastic purity that continues to fascinate her, she says. The first time Brooks shed her clothes and swam in the nude, she recalls, was a "mystical experience. The day was perfect, sunny, glowing. It was heaven." Going to the beach is a respite from the fast paced, commercial lifestyle that's packaged and sold to us daily. Lying in the hot sun, cooling off in the refreshing ocean, reliving the utopian moment of serenity, celebrating the landscape: these are only some of the experiences that she says whisk one's soul away from the chaos of city life. Even so, she considers herself representative of the average beachgoer. Although Brooks is a great supporter of the work done by the Wreck Beach Preservation Society, her love affair with the beach is one that's highly personal, and not so much ideological. She visits the beach as often as time permits, simply to enjoy. Her favourite spot is the main beach because access to the ocean for swimming is best. What else remains to be added to the Wreck Beach experience for Brooks? Now that Wreck Beach the book is complete, and she's attended the annual Polar Bear swim on New Year's Day, she has a new goal: to visit the beach each month of the year.