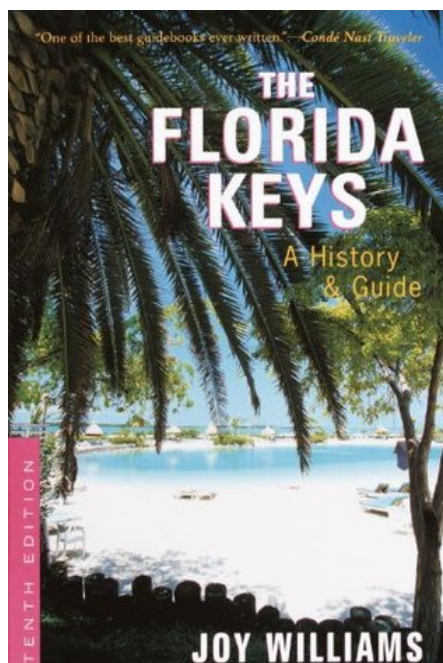




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The Florida Keys: A History & Guide is an engaging handbook to the unique coral and limestone islands that curve southwest off the tip of Florida. Acclaimed novelist and Florida resident Joy Williams traces U.S. Highway 1 from Key Largo to Key West, combining the best of local legend—colorful stories you won’t find in other guidebooks—with insightful commentary and the most up-to-date advice on where to stay, eat, and wander. Along the way, you will:

- explore the exquisite underwater world of North America’s only living reef
- discover the beautiful bridges that span the Keys, the forts, and the distinctive “conch” architecture of Key West
- experience the eerie serenity of Florida Bay’s “backcountry” and the unique ecology of the Keys
- visit the Key West cemetery and learn about the lives of some of the Keys’ eccentrics—writers, madmen, and entrepreneurs with various delusions
- find the best (and avoid the worst) cafés, inns, and other establishments that the Keys have to offer

Here is the most thorough and candid guide to the Keys, one of the most surprising locales in America. With insight and style, Joy Williams shares with us all of the region’s idiosyncrasies and delights.

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Nick Moran says

So much more than a guidebook.

Beth says

Joyless and hectoring, yet thorough.

Toni says

This book was written in 1987 so it isn't much good for finding hotels and restaurants today. If it's history you are looking for - this is the book. Find out how Key Largo got its name, who is buried under the Hurricane Monument, why was Indian Key the County Seat of Dade County, and so much more. I live in the Keys and this book told me things I never knew.

Kara says

It was okay. Very opinionated author.

Scott Gilbert says

Excellent detailed and nuanced guide to the Florida Keys and especially Key West circa 2003. Williams lays out the history of the area and curates the most interesting flavors and facts about the Conch Republic, the tourists, the railroaders, the salvagers, the writers, and the nuts down at the tip of America's dong.

Anna says

Joy Williams does what very little can: write well.

One of the best guidebooks I have ever encountered.

Kaia says

Parts were interesting, but did not understand the need to put down the tourists and cruise passengers so

much. Tourism is the only way to support the economy. I did enjoy the history and descriptions of the quirky people.

Alyson Hagy says

This "guide" to the Keys is not like any travel book you've ever read. Williams, one of our finest fiction writers, knows the Keys in her bones--and her keen observations and mordant wit make this a very memorable read about one of the continent's most unique landscapes. Yes, the specific information about hotels and historical sites may be a bit out of date, but phone numbers and business hours can be acquired via smart phone. What can't be conveyed so well on a digital device are the wonders of the natural world and eccentricity of place, which the Keys exhibit in spades.

Tatiana says

This book was so shockingly good that I couldn't keep it to myself. Literally, I read the whole thing aloud to whomever would let me until they begged for more.

Valerie Kite says

I got this book because I have been to Keys. It is a learning experience still. Almost a criticism of overpopulation.
