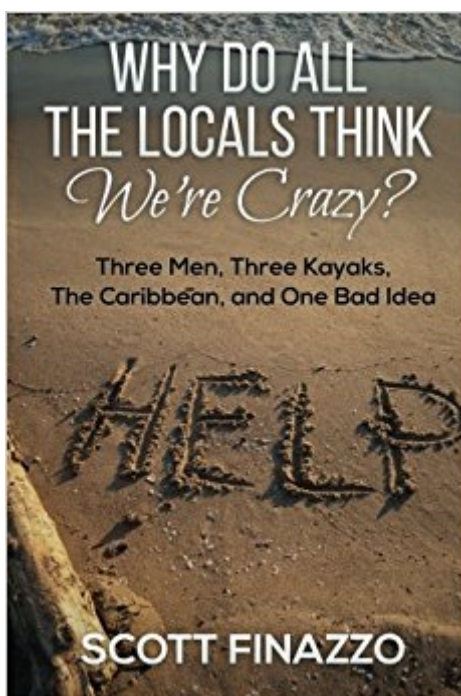


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Why Do All The Locals Think We're Crazy?: Three Men, Three Kayaks, The Caribbean, And One Bad Idea



Synopsis

Do you ever get the feeling that you are stuck in a rut? Routine can sneak up and take over your life without warning or apology. Thoughts of breaking out and escaping for a while become a distraction. Doing something fun and crazy begins to engulf your daydreams. Most of those thoughts are dismissed and cast aside as quickly as they arrived. But what if, just one time, you hold on to it? You step out of your comfort zone and go after that dream. It could turn out to be a failure or it could be legendary, but you'll never know until you try. That is how it began for Scott Finazzo. *Why Do All the Locals Think We're Crazy?* is the true story of three firemen from the Midwest who decided to break out of their mid-life routine and take their mischievous humor and their inability to back down from a challenge to new limits. Their kindred love for tropical locations, along with an insuppressible desire to be anywhere but Kansas, led them to extend their reach beyond the borders of the continental United States. They, with a combined total of zero boat building experience, constructed their own kayaks. Then they, with a combined total of zero sea kayaking experience, planned to spend a week paddling among the picturesque U.S. and British Virgin Islands. From day one twists, turns, setbacks, and obstacles hindered any romantic notions of a cinematic triumph over the confines of mundane suburbia and personal limitations. Yet, they took the trip, risked their reputations and lives, and managed to avoid becoming a pointless maritime tragedy. Through perseverance, humor, and rum they conquered the literal and metaphorical mountains they encountered: personal conflict, delays of every kind, kayak failure, separation, a night alone on an uninhabited island, and a rescue by a yacht chartered by drunken Dutch airline pilots. *Why Do All the Locals Think We're Crazy?* chronicles the entire journey from idea inception through their return to the mainland. It combines adventure and humor with sprinkled in dime store philosophy that will leave you captivated, laughing, and glad to be on dry land.

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Customer Reviews

Scott Finazzo has been a professional firefighter for seventeen years and is currently serving as a Lieutenant for the Overland Park (KS) Fire Department. He has been writing in various capacities for much of his life. With years of experience both preparing for and responding to disasters, he has developed a keen interest in survival. Scott maintains an intrinsic connection to travel and adventure. His self-reliance skills have been honed by undertaking ventures such as exploring the Rocky Mountains and several excursions into islands of the Caribbean. Scott co-authored *The Prepper's Workbook*, which quickly became a national best seller, with Scott B. Williams and followed it up with the narrative of his kayak adventure through the Virgin Islands with two friends in self built sea kayaks titled *Why Do All the Locals Think We're Crazy?*. In the summer of 2015 Scott continued on the topic of public safety with the release of his third book *The Neighborhood Emergency Response Handbook*. Most recently Scott released *Prepper's Survival Medicine* and *Prepper's Guide to Knots*. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Management and Human Relations and two Associate's Degrees. He currently lives in Lenexa, Kansas until he can relocate somewhere under a palm tree. Follow Scott at scottfinazzo.com.

A great book for anyone who likes adventures... or reading about adventures while sitting on your couch eating popcorn. Fans of Bill Bryson, J. Maarten Troost, and Jon Krakauer will enjoy. It's fun to sit around with friends and dream about adventures, but it's really fun to see that some crazy people put actions behind their words. An awesome reminder that sometimes the best times you'll have in life are the times you strayed off the path and got into a little trouble. Also good to remember when you are going through hard times that they will make a really funny story someday. Scott writes with honesty, humor, and paints a perfect picture so that you almost feel like you are actually in the ocean trying to balance on a kayak and paddle for your life. Looking forward to reading about more adventures!!!

I spent the time reading this book alternating between chuckling and gasping. The introduction to the book sets the mood for the entire thing. Men who have little or no ocean experience build their

own kayaks with no training in boat building and take off to travel around the Virgin Islands. Why? Well, because they can, or want to, or have temporary insanity. Probably all three combined! What could possibly go wrong? Nothing, right? *cough* I won't give spoilers away, but plenty can and does go wrong. On the other hand, plenty can and does go right. The book is a good one, written in an easy to follow tone. I can almost hear the author, Scott Finazzo, reading to me. Yes, it is that kind of book.

Fun story, easy going, and enjoyable read. As an experienced kayaker I really had a good laugh in places, and any adventure story with a happy ending is a pretty good deal!

Great read....a great adventure.

I picked this book up a few days ago and could not put it down until I was done. Once the story takes off and they move from dream to action it is quite entertaining. I tried reading this book while stuck at the DMV and was stuck doing the "silent shake" laugh that everyone has done when they aren't supposed to laugh out loud (school, meetings etc.)

Awesome read ... he is much braver than me!

Wit, humor, drama and determination make up this book and you can't put it down. Scott takes you right in the middle of it all as only he can. Great read and great writing...I highly recommend this book!

A great read! Outstanding combination of wit and adventure! Makes one want to start planning their own misadventure. Looking forward to the next title from this flamboyant author.

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