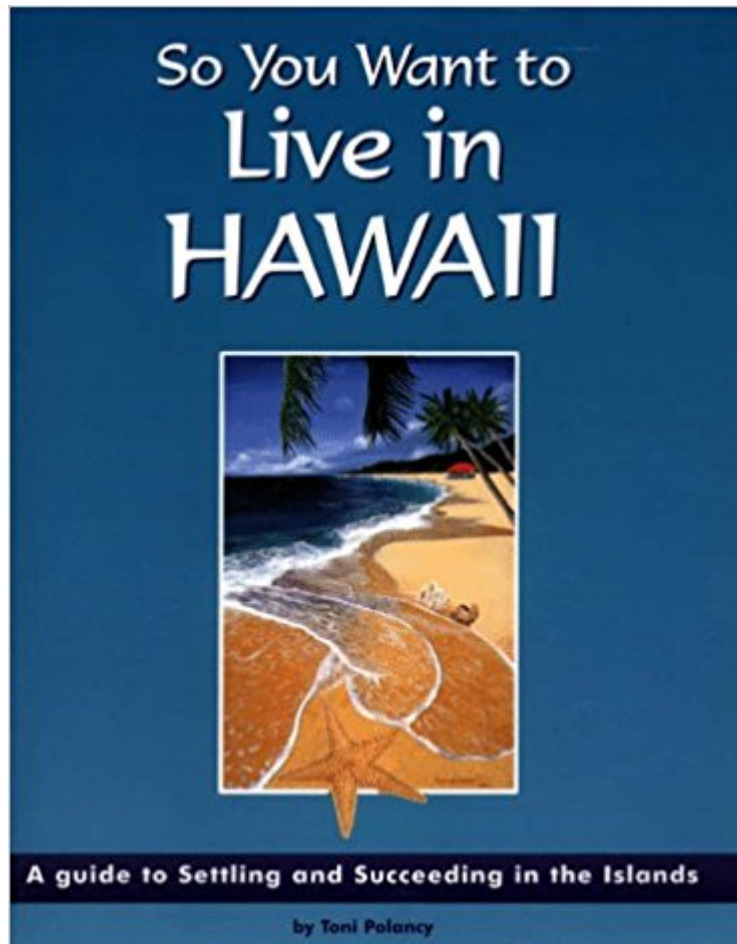




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Here's the first practical book about day-to-day life in Hawaii. A warts and wonders look at the jolts and joys of Paradise including 105 survival tips; 15 professions in search of workers now; charts, information and resource guides on schools, housing, business, retirement and even romance. Includes overview of life styles of each island. Over 100 photos and 16 pages of color photos. Concise and thorough, it's designed to help decide whether paradise is for you.

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Hawaii. Paradise. Gentle breezes, sunshine, coconuts and bananas falling into your lap, beautiful scenery, great recreational opportunities. All true (well, almost all), and all there for the tourist. But what about permanent residents? Polancy's guide is essential for anyone seriously contemplating relocation. A Kauai entrepreneur learned only after the fact that her home-operated business would be severely hampered by the limit of only one telephone line in her condo and the absence of home postal delivery, with a year-long wait for a P.O. box. While a military assignment can be considered a transfer to paradise, the financial realities, including higher rent, insurance, utilities, and food, may cause a plunge into personal bankruptcy. Polancy provides useful information on the pluses and minuses of each island, facilities for children, and such delights as tsunamis and hurricanes, rats, head lice, roaches, crime, and DUI penalties. Read this first if you're thinking of moving to paradise. Highly recommended for large public libraries. Thomas K. Fry, Penrose Lib., Univ. of Denver
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Awesome! Polancy strips away many stereotypes and provides meaningful information and specific assistance without destroying the romance and opportunity that still is Hawaii. The book is a must for visitors and kama'aina alike. -- State Senator Sam Slom, director, Small Business Hawaii
It has been a blessing to us to read such a resourceful book. The information gave us much insight into our possible move to the islands. -- Sandra Schmidt, Malibu, California

I bought this weeks before moving to Hawaii hoping it might reveal some things about island living I might not have thought of. After living in Hawaii for over three years now I can truly say this book was so accurate in its depiction and opinions of my fine island. The parts about beaches being busy early in the AM on weekends and everything about bugs was dead on. I recommend reading this whether you are coming for a visit or to stay. You'll never forget what it said. Aloha!

As a "military brat" who lived in Hawaii when my father was stationed at Hickam AFB in the early 70s and a former airline employee who has visited Hawaii at every opportunity, I have recently acquired and read several books on this subject. (I've got the bug!) This is BY FAR the best of the bunch. It gives much of the same statistical information as the others but goes beyond the raw numbers with analysis and interviews with a variety of people who have actually DONE IT. Note to military: Excellent section on "Assignment Paradise."

There doesn't seem to be all that much published in hard copy on this subject so it was good to find this guide. It contains some very good information. However I already knew about a lot of what is in the guide from hunting around on the Internet and if you are reading this review chances are that you too can find most of what is in this guide out there on the rest of the Internet too. I think the book does not provide quite enough information or enough depth of information to rate say, four or five stars. Still, for the money it is not a bad addition to your Hawaii research bookshelf.

If you're looking to move to Hawaii this covers the questions you'll want answered. It's a little out of date now or I'd give it 5 stars. For the most part it gives a heads up on what you can expect. Hopefully. We'll know more when we actually visit. :)

You've just arrived home from a vacation in the islands, your head is swimming with the fantastic scenery and island life, you're ready to pack your bags and move. This book is a must read, there is a tremendous amount of information in this book that most people wouldn't even think to find out

about before moving, only to be hit with a very hard reality. The schools vary tremendously not only from island to island but city to city. It offers great information about schools, jobs, housing, cost of living, what to take when you move, and so much more. If you are considering making "the move", do yourself a favor and read this book!

This book has very details info and statistic. It gave a realistic view of life in Hawaii. I would have giving it 5 stars if the statistic is more current (2007). It was worth my money and I would recommend it to anyone who think of moving there.

Beautifully written. A down-to-earth, obviously tried and true guide to transporting your life to Hawaii.

I think the book was somewhat outdated but very informative. A real eye opener when planning on moving to Hawaii.

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