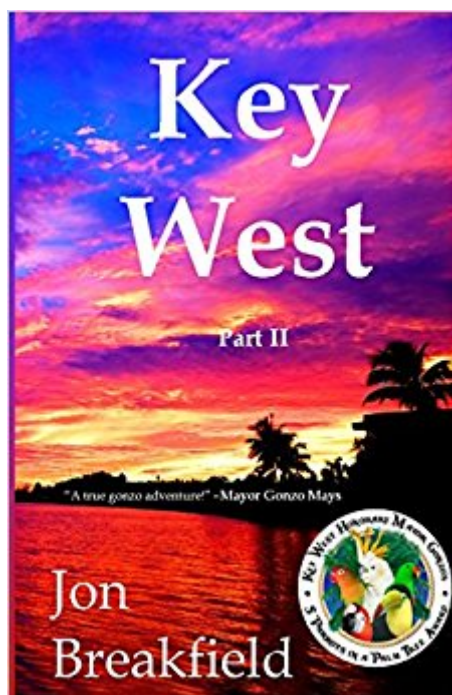


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Synopsis

KEY WEST Part II, the adventure continues ... If you enjoyed the best-selling KEY WEST: Tequila, a Pinch of Salt and a Quirky Slice of America a year in Key West, then let's head back down to the bacchanal Florida Keys for some more hair-raising adventures. Watch out for dengue-fever-carrying mosquitoes, clothing-optional bars and tourons who feel compelled to flash their privates at Sloppy Joe's webcam. This sequel has all the usual suspects and colorful and eccentric characters that you loved the first time around, including Popcorn Joe. Discover life on another planet not quite America an island with its own flag, its own passport, its own laws (which no one abides by) and where life revolves around the sun going down and the night heating up.

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Customer Reviews

"A true gonzo adventure!" -Mayor Gonzo Mays, Official Honorary Mayor of Key West and the Florida Keys

Jon Breakfield was born in the U.S. and grew up in Austria. He graduated from UCLA's Film School. Despite having survived the odd hurricane, he and his wife still love Key West and divide their time between Florida and Glasgow, Scotland. Jon is a former T.V. writer, the author of three Non-Fiction books and his first crime novel set in Glasgow, Scotland which was short-listed for the CWA Duffin Dagger Award. If he weren't a writer his only other career choice would have been that

of international beer tester where he could continue with his travels whilst endeavouring to stay out of trouble in another language

Actually 2 1/2 stars. After the first book this one is sorely lacking. It rings of an author piggy-backing off a previously successful work and trying to cash in. This volume is full of filler and non-Key West material. The volume reads like this, First 1/3 much recap of previous book, feels like he ran out of material from the 1st book and now had to juggle for the 2nd. 2nd 1/3 boring filler, i.e. (paraphrased) riding our bikes... there's Margaritaville, great burgers, you must go here, there's Fat Tuesday, hot waitress, great banana smoothie...you must go here... straight up advertising for many current businesses. Had the feel to me that the author went around town and said for this much cash you'll get a great ad in my book. I don't have any evidence that this is what happened, I'm not saying that's what happened, I'm saying that's what it felt like to me. 3 1/3 back to the style of the first book and interesting again. There are still some very funny stories and anecdotes in the volume. I would recommend...read the 1st book and don't expect much from the this one. Or DON'T read the first book and JUST read this one.

I bought this (and Key West also by Breakfield) as research for a book I am writing. I loved this book. After only a few pages I forgot that I was doing research and just read it for absolute pleasure. Since I know Key West pretty well, I grinned and giggled as I read through. If you like Key West as much as I do, you will enjoy reading it. Now I'm reading my copy of the fiction (semi-true story) by Jon Breakfield, "Death by Key West" that I purchased from "Popcorn Joe".

I loved the first "Key West" novel. Jon Breakfield's style is conversational and an easy, funny read. I would give it a 5 star, but the sequel was a little disappointing, being more of an advertisement for local Key West businesses and seemed to have been put together to cash in on the popularity of the first one. I enjoyed it, but it did not compare to the adventure of the first book.

I'm putting my dobber down This quirky sequel to Jon and Gabrielle's first year in Key West (she as an illegal immigrant for much of it LOL) is a great read. The imagery from the narrative is 3D and as vivid as it gets. It is the most hilarious travelogue I've read yet.

As a book it is sadly not as good as the first volume. It reads more like a disconnected series of anecdotes and guidebook entries, however if you love Key West and the quirky characters who live

there then you'll still want to read it. I wanted to give it a better review, because I can relate to the life that the author and his wife have chosen and the bravery they had to turn down a 9-5 life in Scotland. Would I buy the book again, knowing what I know now? Probably, especially if it were a cold gray winter day and I needed the scent of Jasmine and a fruity rum punch to put life in perspective.

We read the first book, I wanted to get the second one for my boyfriend. It's always been his fantasy to retire in the Keys someday. I think the writer has a wonderful style and great sense of humor. We appreciate being able to continue sharing in his Key West adventures.

Really entertaining and at the same time, some good information that I did not know. I have quite a few friends that travel to Key West with us and they are all looking forward to reading it. Jon and Gabrielle have done something that a lot of people would love to do, that is to experience life in a tropical paradise. This book give great insight into that, especially for those of us who will never get the chance to experience that.

Very interesting book! I love the facts and history. I would recommend this book to everyone. Will read this again!

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