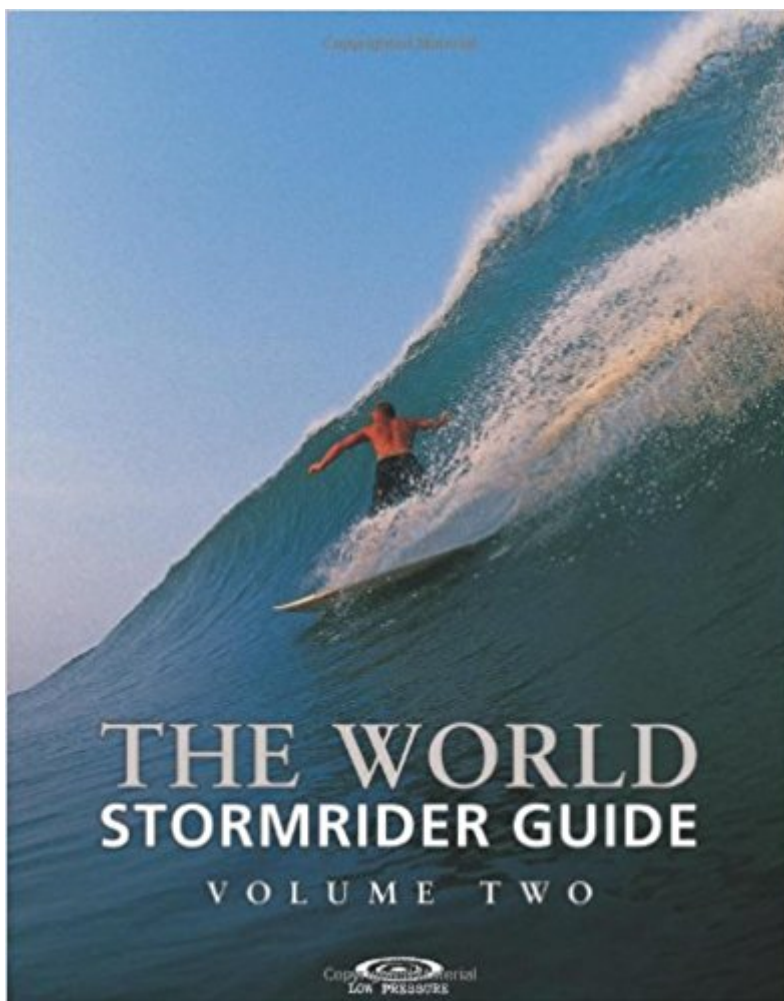


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Synopsis

The Journey Continues: Part two of the trilogy of World Stormrider Guides resumes the epic trip around the world's surfable coastlines. Exploring 80 entirely new surf zones across the established 9 continental and oceanic chapters, Volume 2 investigates the waves breaking on our expanding surfing frontiers. The Ocean Environment is studied in detail, providing an important overview of the pollution, erosion, access and hazards that affect surfers worldwide. In depth analysis of the surf breaks is enhanced by the addition of the unique Stormrider break symbols, supported by optimal swell and weather statistics, plus all the crucial travelling information. Detailed mapping and breathtaking photography ensure the World Stormrider Guides are the ultimate surf travel resource. INCLUDES: EUROPE AFRICA INDIAN OCEAN EAST ASIA AUSTRALIA PACIFIC OCEAN NORTH AMERICA CENTRAL AMERICA SOUTH AMERICA

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Congratulations to whoever is responsible for the Stormrider World Guide - it is an amazing resource. -- Tim Baker - ASL
The World Stormrider Guide Vol 2 is another inspiring and essential edition to the Stormrider Collection. --The Surfers Path

The World Stormrider Guide Vol 2 is the second book in a 3 Volume set. A completely new book to sell alongside the phenomenally successful The World Stormrider Guide Vol 1. Visiting 80 fresh surfing destinations around the world, The World Stormrider Guide Vol 2 explores some of the

planet's lesser known coastlines from Norway to Argentina. Instead of the famous breaks of Hossegor, Sydney or the North Shore of Oahu, we scope Brittany, Byron Bay and the Big Island. The Oceanographic text in Volume 1 shifts onto the Environment in Volume 2, highlighting where the worst problems occur around the world. Anyone who bought The World Stormrider Guide Vol 1 will definitely need The World Stormrider Guide Vol 2 and are sure to want to complete the set when The World Stormrider Guide Vol 3 comes out in 2006!

The first 'World Stormrider Guide' (Volume 1) to world surf spots was a little bit better than this one, primarily because both the pictures and quality of the surf breaks listed were consistently better. In this edition, it seems some surf spots are listed to sell copies based on population, rather than surf quality (eg Texas, Perth-except Rottnest Island), or because of tourism (eg Venezuela -"waves are always small"), or because that is where the compilers thought they would like to have a holiday to research the information. And this leads to the second problem-some of the pictures are not up to the standard of a surf publication-many look like they were taken on a single day-stop on a surf trip, which were obviously not even close to the better days of surf at the spot. (Crumbling 2 foot beach breaks do not exactly make a publication). Everyone knows surf pictures are usually exceptional for a particular spot, but at least they know how good it can get. The detail is as good or better than the first (ie water temperature, swell size, consistency, wind, costs, local stuff, spots highlighted in bold), but the pictures could definitely have been outsourced a bit more. (Hell, I've got better pictures on some spots on some of these-Lennox Head for example is rated as "one of the best right hand points in Australia" (in the top ten or so, along with the likes of Angourie, Burleigh, Kirra, Snapper, National Park Noosa, Winkipop, Bells, North Point, Mays)-yet the picture shows dribbly 3-4 footers-I've got pics which are better). And also, it isn't much value listing so MANY places which are at best average, or too inconsistent (eg like a number in the Caribbean-obviously for the American market, the Seychelles-"very small", Northwest Phillippines and Vietnam-"always small"). A few average spots is ok, (or a really good spot but which is inconsistent), but there is too many spots which basically show you that it isn't worth going there (at least to surf, that is). Who wants to travel around the world to surf expensive 2 foot dribblers? (I can get that on an average day in Sydney). Quality, cheap, and uncrowded is what everyone wants-as well as the all-important consistency-ie often breaking!.(Hell, I know some spots in Australia that get absolutely epic, but only a couples of times a year!). In this respect a little more attention could be paid to details on consistency in general-it gives swell consistency/month, but a bit more detail here could be useful. And there needs to be much better differentiation between the very average areas and the really good ones; listing

average ones worldwide is ok (I suppose) for completeness, but one can't easily tell from the information provided the DIFFERENCE IN QUALITY between somewhere like Nias, and the Seychelles. There is a HUGE difference if you want to go to one of these just to surf. A 5 star box system or something like it might be useful. Particularly inviting were places like New Zealand (the place in general just gets better the more you look at it-like the first place shown after the inside cover-Mangamaunu Point-looks good), Peru/Lima area, Baja California (with the 'seven sisters' stretch of pointbreaks), the 'epic' Kumari Point in the Andamans, Rapa Nui, mainland Sumatra, Philip Island (I've seen better pics), Byron Bay (I've got better pics), Garden Route South Africa (poor quality pics), and the whole pacific side of Central America. Numerous other places like Madagascar, various Pacific Islands, Oman, Brazil, Venezuela, northwest Philippines, Vietnam, northern Spain, Angola, etc didn't exactly overwhelm with quality shots. A final issue is that always difficult one, the "secret spot". I am one of those people who think the surf is for everyone, and you may as well show on the map where the spot or picture shown actually is. There are several spots described, some with pictures, but which are not shown on the accompanying maps (eg the Philippine Dream-pic looks good anyway, and "Secret Spot" South Africa). (They also say in Volume 1 that they are keeping some spots secret). There is also the annoying occasional picture which has no reference to where it is at all. Some people might like surfers to drive past 'their' world-class spot, but it is pretty frustrating to go half way round the world, spend hard earned money, get home and find out you missed the best spot, and you can't go back. And there is always the paradox that others (eg businesses) might want the spot known. Who benefits from the secret? Not you, me or the local businesses-a small group of local surfers only. Also, the world is a big place, and more world-class spots might thin things out a bit.

Great mix of locations and follow up to 1st edition. Much more efficient and coherent than internet research.*most surf shops have a copy and will loan out -or go to the library. These get dated fast - most spots I visited 10 years ago vaguely resemble my first visit.

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You will find anythin' in here : waves theory, advices, spots with maps and directions, meteo, A-ny-thing. Not all of it is always useful (because you can't travel through all the countries...) But the surfing possibilities that are described in here will be enough to fill anyone's surfing life!

If you need to prepare a surf trip, you want to go at the best (known) spot, or you're just curious to see how it looks like 10 000 miles away, go for it ! This book is really well made, nice text, all the details you need to know, beautiful pictures. You can feel it was made by surfers for surfers. The first pages will give a bit about wave creating system, weather forecasting and wind satellite map reading. Really Nice book. But don't fool yourself, the best secret spots won't be in there !

This and all the Stormrider Guides are truly great sources of information about surf travel. Cleverly put together, have beautiful illustrations, and are packed with all the necessary information you need to start planning your surf adventure and travel. Every surfer (young or old) should have all of them on the shelves of their personal library. Go ahead and invest. You'll be stoked, dude! Cowabunga, nos vemos en el agua!

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