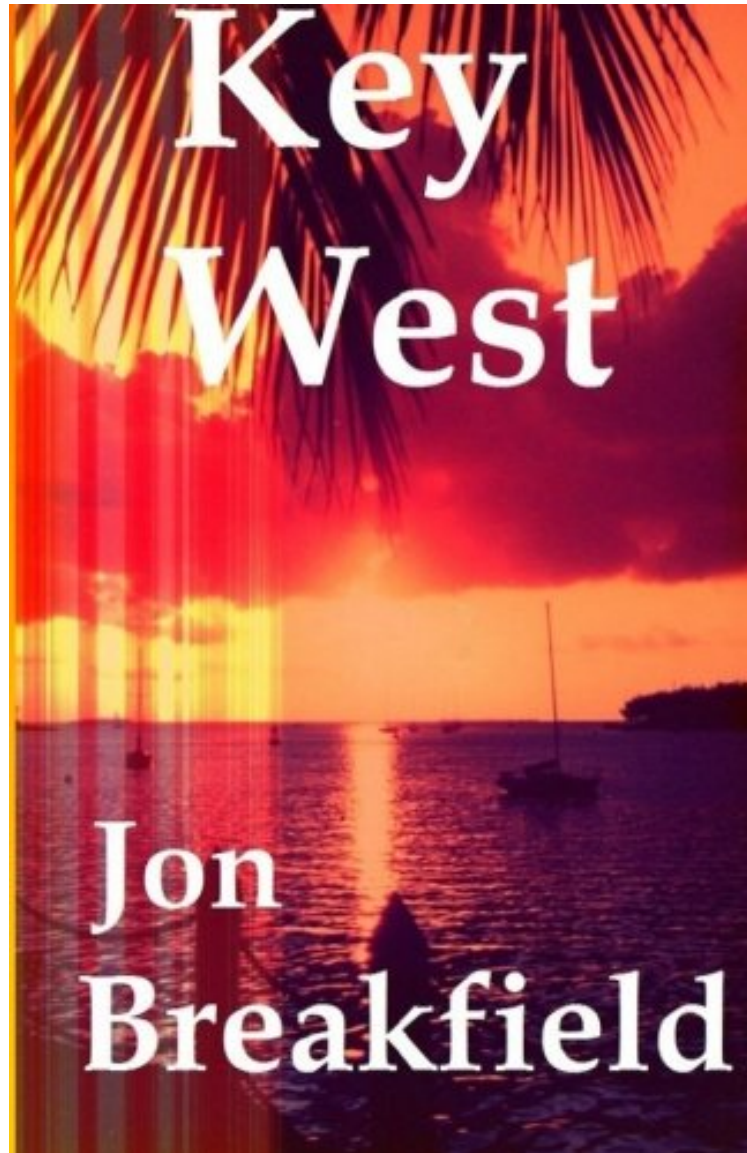


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**Jon Breakfield : Key West: Tequila, a Pinch of Salt and a Quirky Slice of America** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Key West: Tequila, a Pinch of Salt and a Quirky Slice of America:

18 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Live vicariouslyBy DaveA very pleasant and engaging story about Jon and his wife who do what many of us, especially Parrotheads, would love to do - just ditch it all and live on Key West. Live not just as in make our way in the world, but experience life, people and explore themselves. Having been

to Key West many times, it is great to read about the real locations, establishments and yes, (Key West fixtures) people. This engaging book gives a balanced view into what it really means when you leave it all behind. More than the romantic dreams of pina coladas and relaxing on the beach 24x7, it shows the realities of life on Key West, from the people to the "housing", hurricanes, crime, trying to find a way to make enough to live on (I suspect the most broke people on the island are the retirement planning consultants ;-), quirkiness of the lifestyle and (the way I've always described it) "the land that time forgot." A great escape to live vicariously through this couple and just a plain ole fun read. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Much better than I expected...By jojomorr Actually, I thought this book would be more "fictional", more of a "story". But, having been to Key West (and losing my soul to it, enough so that we're planning to move there very soon), it was a wonderful trip back to the island. As the narrator tells of his walks or bike rides through Old Town Key West, I can go back in my memory and take that trip with him! I found myself looking up spots on Google Earth (Mobster Lobster) so that we make sure to visit it, and actually tracing their steps through the back streets and alleys. If you've ever been to Key West - you'll love going back with Breakfield and his characters! I thought I'd like the book, then thought it wasn't what I'd expected - then LOVED going down Memory Lane!! It's one of those books I'll keep with me and reread on a few lazy Key West afternoon in my hammock! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Amazing True! By Stephen G. Contos I lived in Key West during the time that this book took place and though I did not know the author (although maybe I did to nod and say hello) every word is the Gods honest truth. This is a town that everybody wants to visit and once you visit you want to move there and chuck it all. I did for 7 years and it was the best time and the greatest people I have ever known. Your first year is difficult and you find out how tough you really are, after year 1 you are an accepted member, but never a true "Conch", but that is more than good enough...your friends are everyone from strippers to bartenders to delivery people to Dive instructors to boat captains to hustlers to politicians. A weird but amazing "family" that will look after you and maybe even save your life. I highly recommend this book to any one who has ever lived in, visited or wants to chuck it all and move to the Conch Republic...it gives you a really true and accurate picture of what that a wonderful town is REALLY like.

What would you do if you were on holiday and your better half said Lets not go back? Would you stay? Would you stay if staying meant giving up everything back home in the UK to live on the backwater island of Key West, Florida? Come with me to this oddball, bacchanalian corner of the world where anything goes, the closest major city is Havana and where my wife and I lead an eye-popping, adventure-filled life until it is all ripped asunder by a catastrophic hurricane. KEY WEST: Tequila, a Pinch of Salt and a Quirky Slice of America is a lyrical portrait of a couple from the UK integrating themselves on a startlingly picturesque, joyously wacky island that is more Caribbean than it is American. More neurotic than it is sane. More corrupt than it is law-abiding. And more prone to hurricanes than it should be. This book is a celebration of life, love and adventurean enchanting account of a couple who werent afraid to jump off the hamster wheel and have a go at a dream.

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Five Star for Key West: