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# Key West Color



## Synopsis

Award-winning photographer Alan S. Maltz has captured the spirit of the Island City, from the solitude and serenity of bone-fishing to the inundation of sights and sounds at the annual Fantasy Fest Parade. Voted "Best Coffee Table Book of the Year" by the National Association of Independent Publishers. 235 color images.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Big price, but big book--a gorgeous one, in fact. Maltz's album of color photos of Key West aren't somber, sensitive mood shots, but bright, sprightly celebrations of tropical existence. This out-of-the place, this island called Key West, possesses a legendary status that is way beyond its small circumference; it's a place where life isn't cheap but is certainly unbridled. Maltz trains his experienced eye on the flora, fauna, architecture, and other physical attributes of this Caribbean locale, but equally arresting are his shots of the people who live there or come to play--and anyone who's been to Key West knows that the fascinating characters who congregate there contribute as much to the allure of the island as its beauty. One photograph, of men in drag parading down Duval Street, is entitled "Self Expression." That about sums up what goes on in Key West. Brad Hooper

I wanted a book of Key West photography to use as the guest book for my wedding -- a great idea from my planner who says otherwise your guest book will end up in the back of a drawer or closet. I set out to find something that was both display-worthy and had cool enough pictures that it would entertain my guests and me. This book came up over and over again but I hesitated, feeling that it

was dated, especially the cover. The scribble on the front and some of the 20th century clothing on the subjects gave it away as something published more than 15 years ago. And yet, I searched all over and there is no better choice. Nothing else seems to capture exactly what I wanted it to about Key West, which was everything from the beautiful landscapes, to the history, to the unusual characters (he has a big emphasis on this), and all the quirky celebrations, attractions, restaurants, and homes. My guests were able to flip to and sign whichever page "inspired them", which resulted in some pretty interesting messages. Yes the pictures are older, but stunning and still relevant to the Key West of today. The cover is not that bad after all, and underneath the slick jacket is a very neutral looking hard cover, that's almost soft to the touch. It's a dark navy color with a slight embossing of the same scribble that appears on the front. But the jacket looks good enough that I've kept it on. I definitely recommend Key West Color as a coffee table book, guest book, or gift for Key West lovers.

Nice

Beautiful photos

This pictures in this book represents a great slice of Key West life. The pictures are nicely done. Loved it.

My husband and I lived in Key West for four and a half years being stationed there with the U.S. Coast Guard. There were some points about Key West itself we didn't like but that comes with any town, but this book will bring back some fond and beautiful memories we will share long after our military days are over and a couple of wonderful friends -Tracie and Pete. You can't describe Key West in so many words, a book like this would be the only explanation of the eccentric lifestyle in this paradise haven. It will be something we can show our two little girls when they get older and tell them that this is where they were born. Thanks for a majestic memory.

Alan Maltz's photography is truly breathtaking. If you visit Key West, stop in at the Alan S. Maltz Gallery. The photos hung there represent the most remarkable images of Key West people, weather, water, sunsets, architecture, birds, the plants and animals. No other photographer captures Key West, in all its heartbreaking beauty and strangeness, like Maltz. This book won a "Best Coffee Table Book of the Year Award." It's been on my coffee table for ten years, and when

I'm not visiting Key West, it's the next best thing to being there. Marsh Muirhead, author of "Key West Explained - a guide for the traveler"

Book was amazing in condition and the pictures were beautiful!

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