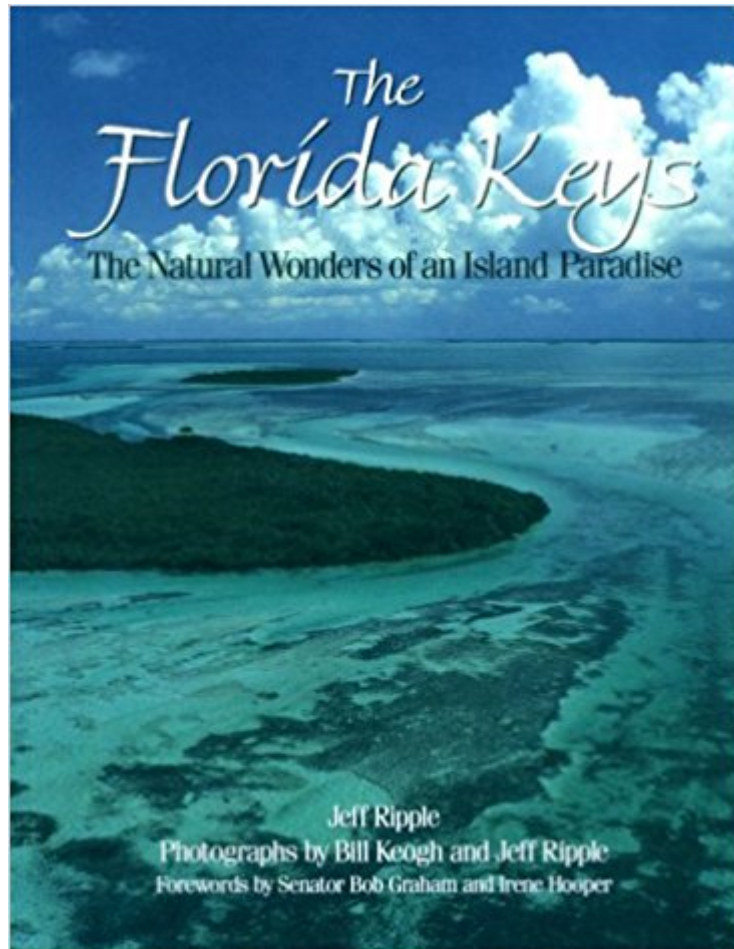




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Those who think of the Florida Keys as miles of sandy beaches have much to learn about our southern Florida archipelago. Each year, about four million people visit the Florida Keys, a 150-mile chain of tropical islands known for its diving, seagrass beds, mysterious mangrove forests, lush hardwood hammocks, rocky pinelands, and both fresh and saltwater wetlands (but not miles of sandy beaches). The Florida Keys explores the extraordinary beauty of this ecological treasure in stunning color photos as well as threats of over-development and pollution. Chapter topics include formation of the area, geology, impact of climate, ocean currents and hurricanes, living things in each ecosystem, and human impact. Also recommended: Florida: The Natural Wonders, The Florida Everglades, Sanibel Island, Sea Turtles, Alligators & Crocodiles.

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Natural history writer and photographer Ripple and adventure travel photographer Keogh have combined their talents to produce a factual and photographic journey through the Florida Keys. Their work focuses on the ecology of the Keys and the natural and human threats to the survival of plant and animal life on these islands. The authors detail life among the coral reefs, mangrove forests, wetlands, pinelands, beaches, hardwood hammocks, and nearshore habitats of the keys; they stress the importance of maintaining an ecological balance to preserve the wildlife, which in turn affects the economy and quality of life in the Keys. Thoroughly researched and filled with outstanding photographs, this work is recommended for anyone concerned about Florida's environment. ?Lucille Corbo, MLS, Scranton, Pa. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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