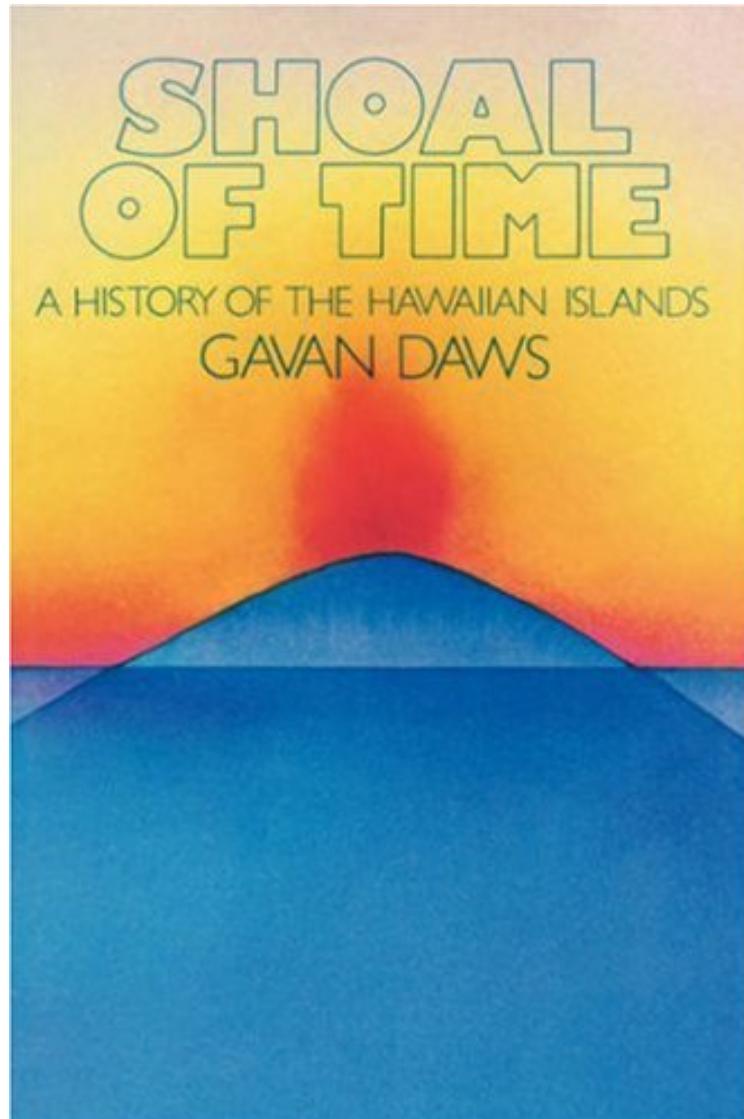


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Gavan Daws : Shoal of Time: A History of the Hawaiian Islands before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shoal of Time: A History of the Hawaiian Islands:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Chills by the endBy D. MichaelThis book was slightly tedious at times but overall I must say, is an excellent review of the history of Hawaii from its origin to early statehood. At the age of nearly 60, I was blessed with the opportunity to visit Hawaii for the first time in late February 2016. The history provided in these pages has enriched my plentiful and pleasurable memories of our visit. The author's

conclusion brings renewed hope for me to our present political scene. Hawaii is a prime example of many races being brought together, often without consent, but with eventual mixing, melding, acceptance, and progress, to the point of we, the community of Hawaiians. In our present times of great splits and disagreements, we as Americans need to figure out how we are going to move ahead together to provide our children and grandchildren with a safe and healthy future. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Engaging, wry, and illuminating

By David Eide I have had several memorable visits to the Islands. On each visit, however, I felt that my ability to appreciate what I was seeing and experiencing was impaired by my superficial knowledge of the Islands' history. How exactly did it come to pass that this Kingdom became an American state? What was life like there before the first western contact? Feeling guilty about the inadequacy of my knowledge of such matters I decided to remedy the situation. It was with that sense of obligation in mind that I acquired this book. I confess that the book sat on my shelf for a while, as I looked upon the educational exercise as something of a "chore." I was quickly disabused of this mindset. Gavin Daws is a wonderful writer with a wry and judicious sense of humor. He takes the reader from the earliest history of the Islands to the battle for statehood. He introduces us along the way to a seemingly never-ending cast of characters from all over the world. He brings these characters to life and tells their stories in a truly engaging manner. His mastery of the subject matter is self-evident. One quibble: The story of Hawaii's last monarch, Queen Liliuokalani, trails off without telling us the details of her last days as ruler, during which she penned her song of lament, "Ke Aloha o Ka Haku." Nor is anything said of her death. Those omissions aside, the author has brought us a comprehensive, but not unduly lengthy history. If you have any interest in the subject matter, I recommend this book highly. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Hawaii ... not the "paradise" I/you may have pictured.

By treeGavan Daws seems to be a good writer, but I am sorta disappointed in the subject matter. Maybe it's because it shatters even more the image i have of Hawaii being more of a "paradise." I already knew there was a lot of jealousy, corruption, sexual "immorality," opportunistic investors, etc., but this spells it out more succinctly than I even realized. I had lived in Hawaii for 3 yrs. as a kid (1960-63) when Dad was in the Army ... and they were 3 of the best yrs. of my life. I've always wanted to get back over there, but haven't been able to make it yet. I still have good memories of the landscape and native islanders. The Hawaiians we knew had generally seemed so warm and friendly. I do know things weren't "perfect," but ... learned quite a few good lessons for a kid early in life .. e.g. folks of various cultures can get along with each other ... it often pays to be more laid-back and easier going ... etc. One other thing I was sorta disappointed about with this book was that there was much of anything about the history of Hawaii before pre-European contact.

Gavan Daws' remarkable achievement is to free Hawaiian history from the dust of antiquity. Based on years of work in the documentary sources, *Shoal of Time* emerges as the most readable of all Hawaiian histories.

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