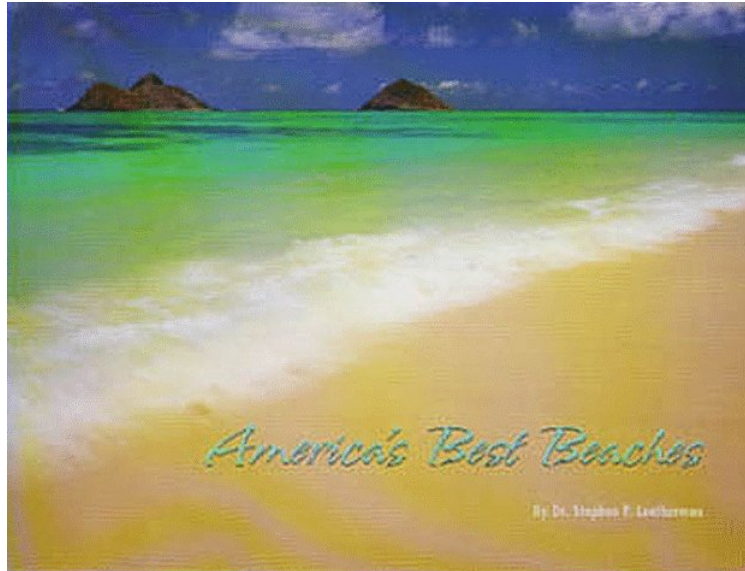




## America's Best Beaches

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**Stephen P. Leatherman : America's Best Beaches** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised America's Best Beaches:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One Star By NE Ohio Buyer bad choice on my part.....7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Over promotes Florida Beaches / Wierd selection. By G.V. Rossi Having shot many of the best beaches in Hawaii, California, Florida, The Bahamas, Virgin Islands and the Caribbean, I have been to most of the beaches on his lists. About half of them deserve the awards, the other half has no reason. For example St. George Island has a brownish beach which turns the greenish water into greenish brown. It's rugged and interesting, but not what you'd imagine a 'best' beach to look like. If you really want to see what the best beaches look and feel like, check out the "Best Beaches" under DVDs here on .com. 12 of 22 people found the following review helpful. Terrible Dribble! By Mr. Slabbaert This is a terrible list of recommendation's "Best Beaches in the US". 1. Kaunaoa, Hawaii 2. St Joseph Peninsula State Park, Florida 3. Poipu Beach Park, Hawaii 4. Hanalei Beach, Hawaii 5. Kaanapali, Hawaii 6. Caladesi Island State Park, Florida 7. Fort Desoto Park, Florida 8. Hamoa, Hawaii 9. Cape Florida SRA, Florida 10. Ocracoke Island, North Carolina 11. St George Island State Park, Florida 12. East Hampton Beach, New York 13. Westhampton Beach, New York 14. Perdido Key SRA, Florida 15. Siesta Beach, Florida 16. Cape Hatteras, North Carolina 17. Hanauma Bay, Hawaii 18. Coast Guard Beach, Massachusetts 19. Carpinteria City Beach, California 20. Long Beach Island, New Jersey Hanalei Beach, If that beach rates in the top 50 (And it doesn't) I would be surprised. Long Beach Island, New Jersey in the Top 20 Ha, There goes your credibility. I have been to many of your so called best beaches and they are NOT! This is a disservice to those who would plan a vacation based on this lousy group of "BEST BEACHES". I would be greatly disappointed if I thought I was standing on the top #1-20 beach's in the US. I would then plan my escapes outside the US., In search of the perfect Temp., Water, Sand and Waves "BEACH". From the looks of this list anybody can write a book, I guess you can tell I think the list stinks! Take my word and find your own Beach Paradise, these guys don't know what the HECK they are talking about! Hawaii at least has the top 10-15 beaches in the US., If I wrote a book I would put more thought into what I would recommend! Mr.

"Evidence that beautiful beaches still abound along Americas coastlines. . . . The book is filled with great photos that just might make you start planning your next excursion to the shore."--Honolulu Star-Bulletin "A beautiful, full-color tribute to the beaches and their seas."--Miami Herald

Travel with Stephen P. Leatherman (a.k.a. Dr. Beach) along the U.S. coastline to discover hundreds of spectacular beaches--from the wild and rocky shores of Maine to the jewels for swimming and surfing in Hawaii--one of them bound to fit your personality. Americas Best Beaches, a full-color illustrated guide to 650 major public recreational oceanic beaches, describes all the national winners of Dr. Beachs famous annual list of Top 10 Beaches. It also surveys the best beaches regionally for various activities: swimming, walking, surfing, sports, wilderness recreation, city action, and novelty events. More than an access guide, this book helps you compare key features--such as water temperature and quality, surf, and sporting opportunities--of beaches on the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts, recognize less obvious advantages (city access, good beachcombing) and disadvantages (overcrowding, dangerous "rip" currents) of individual beaches, and identify the best beaches for you, using Dr. Beachs 50 rating criteria. Leatherman also provides state by state and beach by beach local contact information for access to detailed tourism materials. Grab your towel, put on some sunscreen, and join the nations top "beachologist" for an invigorating tour of Americas Best Beaches.

Stephen P. Leatherman, professor and director of the Laboratory for Coastal Research at Florida International University in Miami, Florida, is an internationally recognized expert on beaches. He has written 14 books and more than 200 scientific articles on his lifelong passion. Each year he announces his list of the Top 10 Beaches on the NBC Today Show during the Memorial Day weekend. Dr. Beach has been featured on Travel Channels Worlds Best Beaches and on more than 60 television programs, including The Oprah Winfrey Show, and Live with Regis and Kathie Lee, and on the Discovery Channel and Travel News Network and has been profiled in such magazines as People, Life, and Southern Living.

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There is a complete range of water activities, and swimming is great in the calm, clear waters of Clearwater Beach. Pier 60 is quite long in order to span the wide beach and reach deep water for fisherman, but it is also great for girl and boy watching. Clearwater offers the visitor a wide variety of accommodations from historic to modern hotels and motels as well as good but very reasonably priced restaurants. The local seafood is highly recommended, especially shrimp and stone crabs when in season. Clearwater is a beehive of activity and rated the Best City Beach in the Gulf. To the south of Clearwater Beach is Sand Key Park, a natural oasis among skyscrapers that dominate this shoreline. Caladesi Island State Park, just to the north of Clearwater Beach, is one of the Top 10 Beaches in the country. The waters are nearly placid, being protected by Honeymoon Island to the north. The white sand is soft and cushy at the water's edge, inviting one to take a dip in the sparkling clear water. Wooden boardwalks take you across the sand dunes and past the palm trees so that you can explore some of the inland trails or get a bite to eat at the snack bar on this offshore island which is only reachable by boat. Caladesi is a real getaway beach; it is the closest beach as the crow flies from Tampa, but few residents here have ever heard of it. This means that the beach is never crowded like the city beaches of Clearwater or St. Pete.