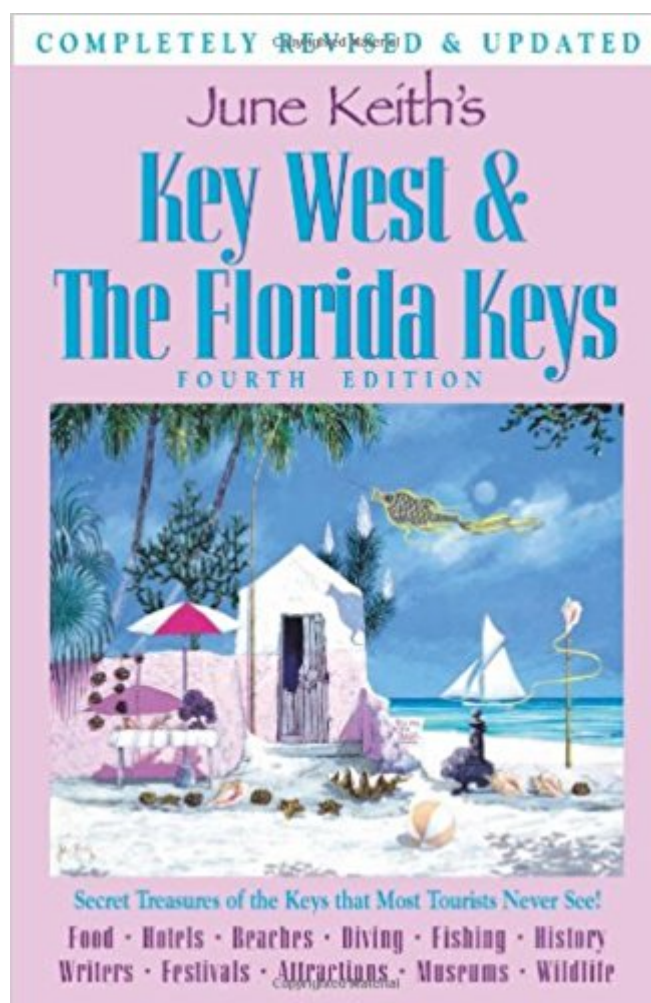


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# June Keith's Key West & The Florida Keys (June Keith's Key West And The Florida Keys)



## Synopsis

From Key Largo to the Dry Tortugas, this true insider's guide to Florida's subtropical islands, offers a comprehensive look at famous attractions such as daily sunset celebrations, historic bars, renowned restaurants, and America's only living coral reef. Supplemented with information about local hidden gems, it offers tips about secret gardens, hip diners, and beachfront bistros. The swashbuckling history of the Keys and some of its most famous inhabitants are brought to life with charming text; from Jimmy Buffett to the ever-present ghosts of Ernest Hemingway and Tennessee Williams.

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## Customer Reviews

"There are a million stories in Key West and June Keith seems to know them all." —Dave Barry  
"Keith knows first-hand that Key West has the kind of sweaty, raunchy appeal you either surrender to — gloriously — or you walk away from, shaking your head in disgust. Either way, the town stays under your skin." —St. Petersburg Times

June Keith is the author of *Postcards from Paradise* and *More Postcards from Paradise* and a columnist for the *Miami Herald*. She lives in Key West, Florida.

Want to know all you can about Key West and the Florida Keys, this is a great book for doing so. Though last published in 2005, it is a wealth of information. History of course doesn't change, so that part of the book remains informative. When reading reviews about lodging, dining, etc. choices,

just remember that this is an older book and will not be current. Other than that, I agree with another viewer that reading this book is as if a tour guide is seated in the back seat pointing things out as you drive around the area. I have no problem recommending this book in covering the Keys. Just remember it isn't a recent publication.

This I found to be the most comprehensive paperback guide of the Keys. It is 546 pages long in small print crammed with useful information about everything you would want to know about visiting The Keys. It covers topics that start with background information on the history of the area -some history stranger than fiction. It moves on to the architecture, the people, getting around the area, tours of all types, famous writers who lived here & the cultural aspect - museums, galleries & live theater. Besides the typical information about annual events, the beaches, kids activities, dining, accommodation, bars & shops, it covers a whole lot more. Whatever your interests - hiking, biking, snorkling, fishing, boating... the book covers it all. The book is divided into chapters according geographic areas: Key West, The Lower Keys, Middle Keys & Marathon, The Purple Isles and finally Key Largo. Although I missed seeing at least a few picture postcard photos to entice me to visit, there are lots of cute line drawings to break up the text. I learned a lot about the area that I didn't know before reading the book & can't wait to visit The Keys again.

it was a gift for my daughter

This book helped me to plan a fun keys vacation. It is easy to read and not only has great recommendations for places to eat, things to see and activities, June Keith explains the history of the keys which we really enjoyed. We found places that we wouldn't have otherwise found, well worth the investment in time and money.

This author really knows the area and gave great tips and tidbits of history and information to make our trip more interesting. Her restaurant reviews were right on target. We ate incredibly well the entire trip! If you go to Key West, take her suggestions - ours too, and try the following restaurants: Louie's Backyard, Camilles, Blue Heaven (a must for breakfast or a fabulous lunch). As for tours and excursions, we tried the following based on information in her book and had a great time: Tall ship dinner cruise; The Butterfly conservatory (Wings of Imagination); Truman's Little White House; Hemmingway House; Audubon House. These restaurants and tours were not all we tried but they topped the list. Go enjoy the Keys - and don't leave without this book.

This is a wonderfully detailed, thoroughly informed, often funny guidebook written by someone truly infused with the spirit of Key West. June Keith covers architecture, writers, fishing, bars, history, dining, shopping and everything else in a very breezy style that incorporates trivia, anecdote, and the essential facts. She offers a wonderful 20-page walking tour of Key West, listings for attractions, museums, and tours, and covers the usual bases concerning beaches and lodging. The first 278 pages of this 545 page book are about Key West; the rest cover the other keys, also wonderful but less strange, along the 106 miles of US #1 between Key West and the mainland. There are some errors and omissions in the listings. Curry House welcomes all visitors, and has not been an exclusively gay guesthouse for several years; and Eden House has not served food for more than five years. A few of the nice smaller guesthouses are not listed. Some of the restaurants listed have closed--or have moved to new locations. This, the fourth edition, is due for a revision. The line drawings in the book are wonderful, but there are no photos. I like a guidebook with, at least, a few photos--especially in a book this extensive. Marsh Muirhead - author of "Key West Explained - a guide for the traveler."

some outdated information, otherwise good info.

This is a good compilation of things to do, places to see, and other information.

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