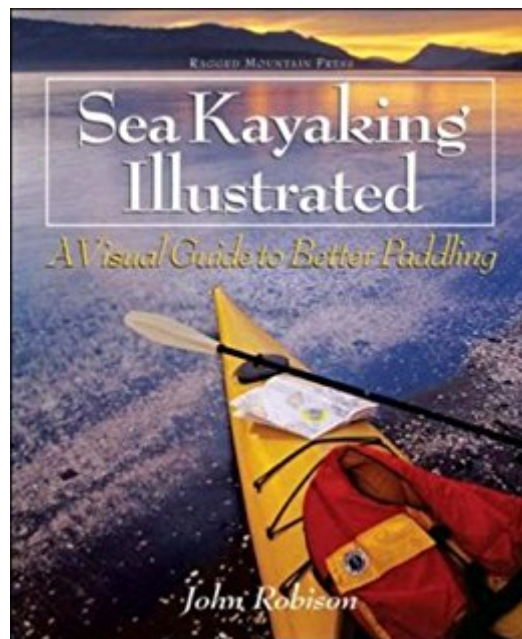




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For some learners a picture is worth a thousand words--and this lavishly illustrated volume proves the rule. The expert advice and lively illustrations combine to offer serious how-to instruction in an entertaining fashion to sea kayakers of all levels. Developed by an ACA-certified instructor over years of paddling and education, this complete program provides a visual tour of all that sea kayaking can offer, including ingenious tips on advanced paddling techniques, navigation and safety, and more.

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Customer Reviews

As a rookie kayaker I was keenly aware how much I had to learn about paddling. After a private lesson (which I highly recommend for anyone starting out... personal instruction with a qualified instructor is worth far more than its price) and lots of practice I found myself perusing the archives of a website dedicated to paddling in search of information. After asking several rookie questions one of very generous responders encouraged me to pick up a copy of "Sea Kayaking Illustrated" and

boy, am I glad I did. It's playful and light and easy to read but touches on a great many subject areas including basic strokes, safety precautions, how to empty and re-enter your kayak, how to paddle in waves, how to pack, and many that I had not even considered (just one example: how to respond to the call of nature when you have a full bladder and you're in the middle of the ocean in a tippy little boat!). Sea Kayaking Illustrated is not a replacement for instruction and lots of careful practice, but as a handbook that touches on just about everything a beginning paddler should know, it fits the bill perfectly. I can imagine that some people might prefer a book with a more "serious" tone, as this book has cartoon illustrations with a goofy sense of humor. Personally, I find myself chuckling at the drawings and appreciating the clarity they bring. Buy it, read it, and go paddle!

I'm a sucker for hand-drawn line illustrations because I think they provide more information than photos. This guide is full of them, combined with an excellent humor that conveys an attitude that compliments the lesson of the illustrations. The author's "attitude" is very entertaining. I read it cover to cover, beginning in the evening and finishing in the wee hours of the morning, which must speak to its value as entertainment, however the humorous first-person style (i.e. thinking and talking illustrations) stuck better in my memory afterwards than a more serious approach would have. This is a great beginner's book. It covers balance, strokes, navigation, how to carry kayaks to transport them, knots and all the usual stuff. I suppose the author likes "surfing" kayaks (which I have no interest in) because there is a complete section on that, but even that was entertaining and informative.

This book is perfect for anybody wanting to get started in sea kayaking. It covers the basics from paddling strokes to navigating on an expedition. The book is well organized and clear in its presenting of information. It also covers survival techniques should the unfortunate happen. The book is illustrated in a very humorous and lighthearted way but also conveys the importance of the information which makes learning easier. (I always find myself laughing when I read it!) I would recommend this book to anybody that loves to kayak. Great stuff!

I found this book to be very informative and thus a great Kayaking instructor. No book by itself is complete, and so if you were to own only two books on kayaking, this should definitely be one of them. The author strove to lighten the subject with some light humor and my only qualm is that the illustrations directly pertaining to instruction should have been done in a more serious technical manner rather than the same 'cartoon-like' drawings used for the humor.

I wanted a good how-to book on kayaking. I chose this book and was pretty disappointed. It's overly helpful (who asked for help in peeing from your kayak--but this book covers the topic). But, the pictures (cartoons?) are too simple and comical and the text is written for a juvenile. Not a very useful book.

This is an excellent book. This book not only covers the various kayaking skills, it also provides lots of information on kayak design, selection, camping tips, tips on how to read tidal charts... etc. This is all done in a humorous, non-tedious way, which kept my interest a few hours until I finished it. Very useful information and I highly recommended it. My tip - read this book and watch a video (I used the Sea Kayaking: the ultimate Guide by Ken Whiting). The combination of the two complements each other quite well.

Great beginners guide to Sea Kayaking. The illustrations may seem juvenile at first, but they depict the movements and skills thoroughly in an easy to follow guide. This is a reference guide necessity for paddlers of all skill levels.

This book has great information and is funny and enjoyable to read. The author's pictures are often more descriptive than the photos in other books. I often shy away from books that are illustrated rather than photographed, but in this case, I'm glad I went ahead and purchased this one. I wish it had been the first kayaking book I purchased, as I probably wouldn't have bought the others.

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