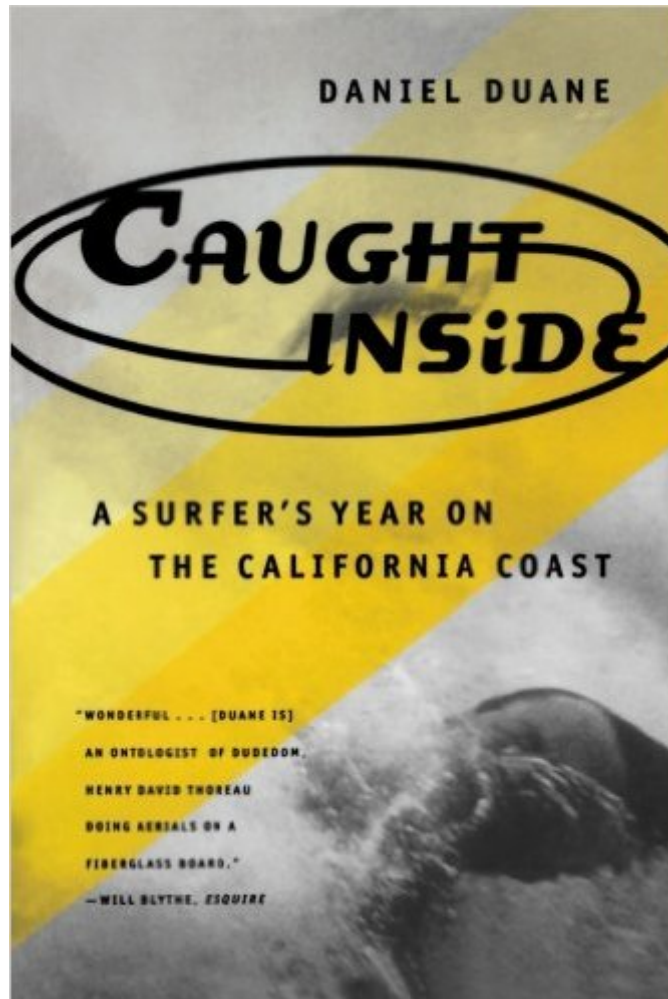


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# Caught Inside: A Surfer's Year On The California Coast



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A wondrous, uproarious, and surprisingly informative account of a year spend surfing, *Caught Inside* marks the arrival of an exuberant new voice of the outdoors. This remarkable narrative of Daniel Duane's life on the water is enhanced by good-humored explanations of the physics of wave dynamics, the intricate art of surfboard design, and lyrical, sharp-eyed descriptions of the flora and fauna of the Pacific wilderness. From Captain Cook and Mark Twain to Robinson Jeffers and Jack London, from portraits of famous (and infamous) surfers to an analysis of Gidget's perverse significance, Duane expertly uncovers the myths and symbols bound up in one of our most vibrant and recognizably American subjects.

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## Customer Reviews

The book's description on [Amazon](#) was more than enough to convince me to order a copy. I read the preface as soon as it arrived and wasn't able to put it down until reading the final, evocative pages of the epilogue. Having grown up in the S.F. Bay Area, and traveled/surfed the same stretch of coast in the '70s that Duane writes about, I can attest to the honesty and authenticity of this wonderfully crafted piece of non-fiction that answers so many questions about the lure of the world's greatest sporting adventure. This book is everything it should be and more. Duane's style and delivery has a poetic touch that deviates from the stodgy conventions of other work I've read in the memoir genre. Every passage is written with purpose with words that stimulate all of the senses. From the descriptions of the Santa Cruz cliffs overlooking Steamer Lane up toward Natural Bridges, 4 Mile, Scott and Waddell Creek and on up through Davenport and

Pescadero, Duane took me on a ride that reminded me of everything I love about that stretch of coast. The smell and taste of thick salty early morning Pacific fog and the muffled sound emanating from the lip of a thick glassy wave smacking into the flat water came to mind. Reading along in the warmth of my living room, the cold and camaraderie of surfing with friends in a secluded spot, away from the crowd, also conjured emotions of nostalgia. Duane's relationship with the people in the community of Santa Cruz and those he surfs with ring true and offer insights recognizable by anyone who's ever surfed California's Central Coast. Though local surfers probably might not appreciate it, Duane's story might just be the lure for others to come and experience the region.

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