

# Reviews Manatee Press Reviews

Recent reviews of Manatee Press titles...

## Explore Costa Rica

### www.fearlessbooks.com

"Be warned: this is not your average, run-of-the-mill travel guide. Pariser gives you the lowdown on everything Costa Rican — from its volcanoes, beaches, mountains, rainforests, wildlife, and socio-political history to the bus schedules, restaurants, resort prices, tourist sights, festivals, volunteer opportunities, and local customs... whether you're an armchair traveler or the real thing, you can't go wrong with *Explore Costa Rica*."

### Bostonia

"...plenty of historical background, many useful maps and illustrations, and just about everything you need to know about traveling in the country."

### Midwest Books Review

"Costa Rica has long been a favored vacation destination offering the on-site visitor a wealth of recreational opportunities of all kinds and categories. Harry Pariser's *Explore Costa Rica* is an ideal, very highly recommended travel guide and planner."

### Costa Rica Outdoors

"Mr. Pariser capably charts the natural history... an entertaining, and deeply informative departure from the normally sanitized genre of travel guidebooks."

### Travel Weekly

"*Explore Costa Rica* devotes special attention to natural attractions and outdoor activities as well as to environmental issues and concerns. Comprehensive guidebook covers accommodations, attractions, activities, adventure opportunities, transportation options, and plenty of useful travel tips. Author includes frank commentary on various aspects of Costa Rican life and issues such as tourism development controversies, environmental conservation and destruction and social mores."

## Explore Barbados

### Conde Nast Traveler

"*Explore Barbados* will take you everywhere you need to go."

### Travel Weekly

"Pariser's updated, expanded third edition of his Barbados book is compact in size, pertinent in fact and loaded with offbeat suggestions for tours and activities. The book includes useful tips and charts, dining options from gourmet to vegetarian, colorful details on Cropover and other festivals, and loads of Web sites and e-mail addresses. The author dispenses blunt, practical advice which is a welcome change from some other guidebooks... This book is a welcome addition to any travel library."

### GetawayWeddings.com

"If you truly want to dive into a destination, consult this terrific guide. The true identity of Barbados unfolds as Mr. Pariser launches into the geography, climate, flora and fauna, history, government, and economy of the island.... *Explore Barbados* is a wonderful resource to add to your bookshelf."

### International Travel News

"Descriptions of sights are excellent and to the point and list local phone numbers as well as any admission prices. I'd recommend it as being useful and comprehensive."

### The Beat

"*Explore Barbados* is a comprehensive guide to every corner of this historic and beautiful island, containing everything you need to know about the people, architecture, geography, music and arts, food, entertainment, festivals and recreation, as well as accommodations and specifics about each town and parish."

### Caribbean Beat

"Harry S. Pariser delves deep into the island's nooks and crannies to provide detailed insights on life, culture, cuisine, and nature. He snoops the rum shops, side streets, archives and gullies, and covers everything from sealife trees, birds and insects to history, economy, cuisine, and culture. Cultural activities, events, and sights are naturally included with contact information (phone numbers and websites). Practical suggestions on a host of topics such as conduct, attire, tipping and snorkeling are helpful."

### Midwest Book Review

"... Harry Pariser's *Explore Barbados* showcases the culinary, cultural, historical, and natural treasures of exotic Barbados for the vacationer and business traveler. This wonderful little compendium offers hundreds of useful, practical, "visitor friendly" tips and charts; pertinent dining information and choices for gourmets, vegetarians, and local cuisine... The compact and straightforward text is enhanced with website and email addresses, charts, and color photography. If you are contemplating a trip to Barbados, begin your preparations with Harry Pariser's *Explore Barbados*."

# Reviews Manatee Press Reviews

Recent reviews of Manatee Press titles...

## Explore the Virgin Islands

### St. Thomas Source

"Ask me if I've read a good book lately, and I'll tell you about a Virgin Islands visitor guide. As a travel contributor to the *Source*, I was asked to comment on the new 5th edition of *Explore the Virgin Islands* by Harry S. Pariser. Two hours after sitting down and opening the book, I was convinced I had a good read. The guide offers thorough insights to the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. This new information has me looking forward to revisiting many of the islands and cays. The book is a treasure trove of e-mail addresses and telephone numbers for restaurants, accommodations, charter services and other tourist-oriented locations throughout the islands. If for no other reason, resident adults should get the book to fill in the holes in their knowledge of the wonderful and unique environment we live in."

### Travel Weekly

"What I like best about this very thorough guide to both the US and British Virgin Islands are the charts and sidebars 100 of them — sprinkled throughout the 340 pages. They contain info and tidbits that readers are not likely to find in other guidebooks. The main focus of this guide — and others in the same series (Barbados, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica) — is recreational activities, balanced with maps, cultural insights, environmental concerns, history, and candid observations. It's definitive — and very welcome in guidebook land."

### Midwest Book Review

"Now in a newly updated fifth edition, *Explore The Virgin Islands* by veteran travel expert and author Harry S. Pariser is a compact, versatile, illustrated, and 'user friendly' guide to making the most of one's stay in the tropical paradise locals of the Virgin Islands. Individual chapters cover the attractions of each island, as well as the basics of history, government, sailing, sports, and practical concerns for an unforgettable visit to a singularly beautiful land. Packed with street maps, website addresses, flora/fauna information, history, and much more, *Explore The Virgin Islands* is highly recommended."

### St. John Weddings

"Having lived on St. John for 20 years, it was fun to learn new information about this special island from *Explore the Virgin Islands*. Mr Pariser has hiked the trails and met the people. His book is the most personalized and comprehensive guide I have read. It is a must for anyone visiting St. John. Pariser's most complete guide is unique and fits easily into your beach bag or backpack." — Anne Marie Porter, United States Virgin Islands resident and wedding minister.

### www.Fearless.com

"The fifth edition of *Explore the Virgin Islands* showcases a plethora of useful and fascinating information concerning the U.S. Virgin Islands and their British counterparts. This guide provides... what tourists want to know about: geography, the best restaurants, travel tips, hotel prices, reef locations and taxi rates. If it's in the Virgin Islands, it's covered in this handbook."

### Martin Public Relations

"I will definitely recommend to anyone looking for a comprehensive guide to the USVI." — Luana Wheatley, Martin Public Relations' United States Virgin Islands account executive.

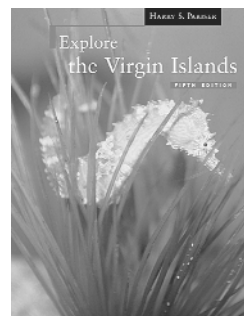
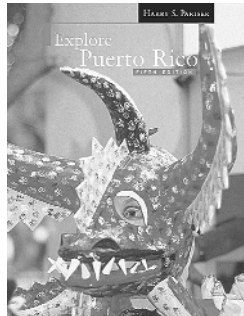
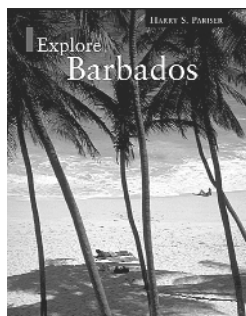
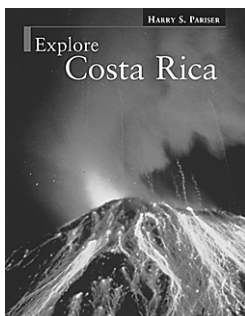
## extraordinary guides to extraordinary places

Explore Costa Rica

Explore Barbados

Explore Puerto Rico

Explore the Virgin



- maps, tips, color photos
- cultural information
- nature & activities
- web sites and e-mails

**explore &**  
**get more** *out of going there*



Distributed in the UK and Europe by Gazelle

Gazelle: Tel. + (0)1524 68765 Fax. +44 (0) 1524 63232