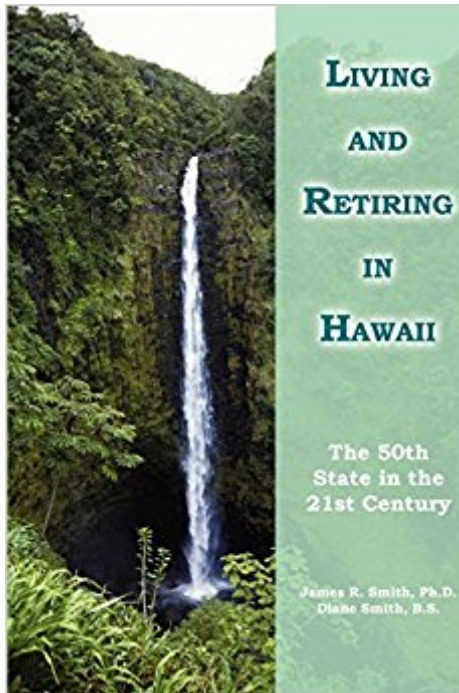




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# Living And Retiring In Hawaii: The 50th State In The 21st Century



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

James R. Smith, Ph.D., philosopher, writer, arrived from Missouri in 1963. When he left with two degrees from the University of Hawaii, he uttered the now famous words, "I shall return." Co-author and spouse Diane (aka Dianalee), a nice Jewish girl from California, is a humor consultant and standup accountant.

This book was not helpful to me because the information in it is so outdated. It was written in 2002-2004 and the statistics regarding cost of living, buying or renting a home, etc. were not changed to meet current prices. I would not recommend this book to anyone who is considering retirement on any of the islands. It needs to be updated by the author in order to be helpful.

The author(s) tend to say about 200 words for about 50 words of information. We've been researching our retirement (ten years away) for about six years and three vacations to the Big Island. We found a few good tips and some helpful information, though the material is somewhat intentionally generic. I guess the best thing for us was the confirmation our information was correct and our strategy fairly sound. I'd say excellent for someone with no information, less for those who have been researching.

This book is well written, and gives one the information needed if you are considering moving and retiring in Hawaii. We are, and this book has helped us tremendously. It gives the reader details that are needed to make the move step by step. I wish it could have a more current update however. Nonetheless, I do recommend it.

I feel as if I wasted my money. I don't know how the 2004 copyright version had such old data—mostly from 1999. I found the commentary to also be superficial. The book may be of some help for people who have never visited Hawaii and were looking for some preliminary background. I cannot recommend for anyone seeking in-depth analysis or anyone in need of current information. Unfortunately, much of the book does focus on numerical data such as costs of housing, healthcare, taxes, living expenses that the 14 year old data is not useful.

Good information but outdated because it was written almost a decade ago. Would have liked a few pictures and maps of the various locations would have been beneficial,

The authors of this book obviously conducted a lot of research and cared a great deal about their subject. As other reviewers have said, it does contain a lot of useful information for someone thinking about retiring to Islands. Unfortunately, however, the book suffers greatly from two serious flaws. First, it is incredibly poorly proofread; it is replete with distracting and annoying spelling and typographical errors. (One wonders what the publisher was doing!) Second, large portions of the

book provide information about matters that change very quickly. In particular, the prices cited are already wildly out of date. I think it would be great if the authors, perhaps with some help from an editor, updated the information and cleaned up the text.

Fantastic book! We are moving to Hawaii so this is a great book to have. We found lots of helpful advice.

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