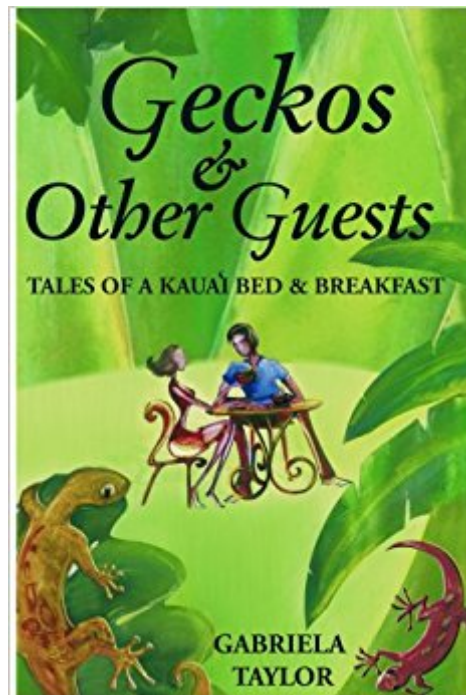




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Synopsis

Life at a B&B is often so alluring that many guest fantasize about retiring in paradise and running one of their own. With clarity and humor, Taylor tells the truth about what it takes. Over a twelve year period, she played host to a wide array of intriguing characters, including psychics, nudist, musicians, a BBC film crew, nature lovers and even a woman who thought she was Elvis's mother. As she relates her colorful tales from trapping wild chickens to the allure of the lush vegetation and waterfalls that grace the beautiful island, Taylor reveals her deep love for Kauai.

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Taylor's... breezy conversational style, matched with a gracious spirit, is like a refreshing trade wind propelling the reader through the pages. --San Francisco Chronicle
It's the perfect blend of humor, self-depreciation, revelation and change that chronicles Taylor's life while telling tales of her bed and breakfast. --Kauai Island News

Gabriela Taylor served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Brazil before beginning her career as a college instructor. She travels the world writing travel stories and lives on the island of Kauai, where she designed and built the Keapana Center Bed and Breakfast

After last visiting Gabriela in 2000, I finally had the time to read her book and it rekindled all the wonderful times I had there. As always I have come to realize with Gabriela is she always creates people coming together and a celebration of life. Reading her book is one of those book you just do

not put down. The last book I read that was as compelling was Kitchen Confidential. She is a person bursting with life and adventure as I have found out through her publications in a local paper of her adventures in Papua New Guinea, China, Egypt, Butane and I'm sure more that I have yet to find. She is as beautiful as is her book as Kauai.

Picked up the book because I enjoyed my stays at this B & B. Loved reading what went into my experience behind the scenes. Many times while reading I could nearly feel the afternoon trades, hear the rustling palm fronds and smell the fresh bread in the oven. Thanks Gabriela for letting us peek behind the curtain. May Kaua'i remain a natural haven for nature and creativity.

I have bought 7 copies of this book for friends who have loved reading it! This woman soon needs to write her own biography covering more years than this unusually lovely, funny, dramatic and ever fascinating book covers. I enjoy her travel stories which are frequently published in Hawaii. The author is a genuine distinguished heroine of mine and many others on our unique and wonderful island of Kaua'i and certainly around the world. Anything she writes I will read with enthusiasm and certainly great passion and curiosity.

An excellent portrayal of life on the garden island of Kauai and the story of a remarkable and accomplished woman. I've spent much time on Kauai over the past twenty years, but this book opened my eyes to the beauty of this island's population of creative, artistic, new age people and their contribution to the uniqueness of Kauai. I loved this book.

Had Peter Mayle gone to Hawaii rather than to Provence, he might have written this book instead. Like "My Year in Provence," this book is filled with the frustrations and humor of building a new life in a romantic place. For those of us who have visited Hawaii and dreamed of starting over in paradise, Gabriela Taylor helps us see what it would be like before we give up our day jobs. These amusing stories of eccentric guests and staff will delight you and her spirit of adventure may even inspire you to go after your own dreams.

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