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Kick Ass gave Hiaasen fans a jump start. Now they get another slice of Hiaasen heaven in *Paradise Screwed*: a wide-ranging safari of South Florida's wildlife in its natural habitat-from fat-cat politicians to migrating mobsters, drowning Dolphins to stray chads. This collection of *Miami Herald* columns-written with a satiric wit and biting humor-offers a glimpse of the facts that inspire, and prove far stranger than, Hiaasen's frenetic fiction.

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Tracey says

975.938 Hiaasen 2001 -- Ginnie recommended
Checked out started 5 Oct 2008;

Skimming most of this - am not familiar with most of the politicians/movers & shakers Hiaasen skewers; more interested in columns of national interest - Elian Gonzalez, Disney, Hurricane Andrew etc.

I think I like his fiction better.

patty says

South Florida-centric.

Dennis Willingham says

A collection of Carl Hiaasen's columns. Yes, south Florida is a different world and it's a wonder Carl is still alive.

Erin says

A couple of amusing columns, but mostly a lot of nonsense. I agree with Carl about the environment, but I think he needs to be less opinionated and more factual on some subjects, since his prejudices show through.

John of Canada says

I've read most of Carl's fiction, but it all started here. Written as editorials from the Miami Herald, he is absolutely fearless when going after crime, greedy developers - yeah you Disney world, cheats and rogues. It is very easy to see how true to life his fiction is. A terrific writer. It's an older book, but still makes fascinating reading.

Fred says

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Andrew says

Fans of Carl Hiaasen's novels, which humorously point out some of the foibles of living in southeast Florida, may not realize that the author sharpened his wit (and various spears) by writing about the real-life escapades of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties (with occasional forays into Palm Beach county, Tallahassee and even Washington D.C.).

“Paradise Screwed” collects some of Hiaasen's columns from the Miami Herald during the late 1980s, the 1990s, and early 2000. Most Americans will not have heard of the politicians, public officials, developers, and other assorted, uh, let's politely say “civic leaders” rather than the “goobers” that the author would probably prefer. However, the fact is that everyone can picture a greedy developer who cares more for his bottom line than for the environment – or for the laws designed to protect the latter. Everyone has an image of a low-paid politician who has managed to stretch his income to allow for custom-made suits, luxury automobiles, and exclusive housing. And everyone in the country of a certain age remembers the fiascos of not being able to determine who won the 2000 Presidential election due to a confusing ballot – think “hanging chads” - in Palm Beach county.

Fans of Hiaasen's fiction will likely enjoy his take on the events of the day – even if “the day” occurred 20 years ago. However, I found that I needed to read this book in short doses – there's only so many short stories about corrupt politicians I could absorb without diverting my attention in another direction. At 418 pages, and columns taking about 1 1/2 pages each, it did take me quite awhile in real-time to reach the final column in the book.

RATING: 4 1/2 stars, rounded up to 5 stars (which is rare for me to give to a collection of reprinted materials).

Colin Kemmis says

Great book. Very funny. These article were a little more recent and I could relate to them a little better.

Terry says

I adore Carl Hiaasen. I rated this one a “3” not because his wittiness wasn't present or that is somehow lacked his usual charm, but just because it was so depressing! That and the stories are 15 years old. This is a collection of his columns for the Miami Herald. I purchased this one because I really want to read everything the guy has written – that's how much I LOVE Hiaasen. I decided to read this now as am preparing for a trip to Key West. While the writing is excellent, it's just a dated work. I'd only recommend this to Florida residents and environmental historians. Honestly, while I am looking forward to going to Key West, I don't think I'll ever visit Florida again unless I absolutely have to. What a Freak Show!

Andrea says

This is a great collection of essays and opinion pieces.

Laurie Stoll says

This book is a selection of column articles that range from topic to topic. By looking at the cover, this book was not what I was expecting.

Sutter Lee says

First heard of Hiaasen through his wonderful columns. Read this so long ago, no idea of date. Then I read most of his novels. Just now getting them onto my Goodreads list, don't recall why haven't before. I friend just discovered his novels and thinks they are hilarious, so reminded me to look at my list and realized hadn't added so did so today.

Rhonda says

I always find a look into a culture different than my own exciting. This look into Florida's political and environment issues through Hiaasen's essays, is humorous and outrageous. These editorial essays are a bit outdated since they were written in the 80's but they still are a great look into the history of Florida and the everglades. And never discount the humor of Carl Hiaasen.

Donna Davis says

I have always been a fan of Hiaasen's...until now. His outspoken and often edgy humor has been used to good effect in educating his readers about the importance of preserving Florida's fragile ecosystem. I don't know how much it has slowed developers and oil barons from their profitable havoc, but he's given it his best shot.

Today I saw another side to Hiaasen. He shared (extensively) his reactionary perspective regarding the Cuban revolution. It pretty much ruined the book for me. I was ready to scrap one or two of the entries, since each is between two and five pages in length, but I kept flipping and after the fourth one, I got pissed and slammed the book shut.

I wonder whether Hiaasen thinks the people of Florida would do half as much for people who test HIV positive, and particularly for people who actually contract AIDS, as the people of Cuba do!

CD says

I may have skipped a column or three while laughing so hard and jumping back and forth in the book!

Author Carl Hiaasen captures much of the craziness that is the South Florida reality. From politics to sports to the dreaded Florida land developers he writes about the unbelievable that give full credence to the old

saying, "truth is stranger than fiction."

Snakes, guns, money, fast cars, and the those moronic individuals that seem to get into trouble with some part or all of those inhabit much of this book of *Miami Herald* newspaper columns from the 80's, 90's, and into the 21st century.

A reader who has any interest in the world around them as a source of entertainment or has not ceased to be amazed by the lunacy that is on the front doorstep will have a great time with this goodread.
