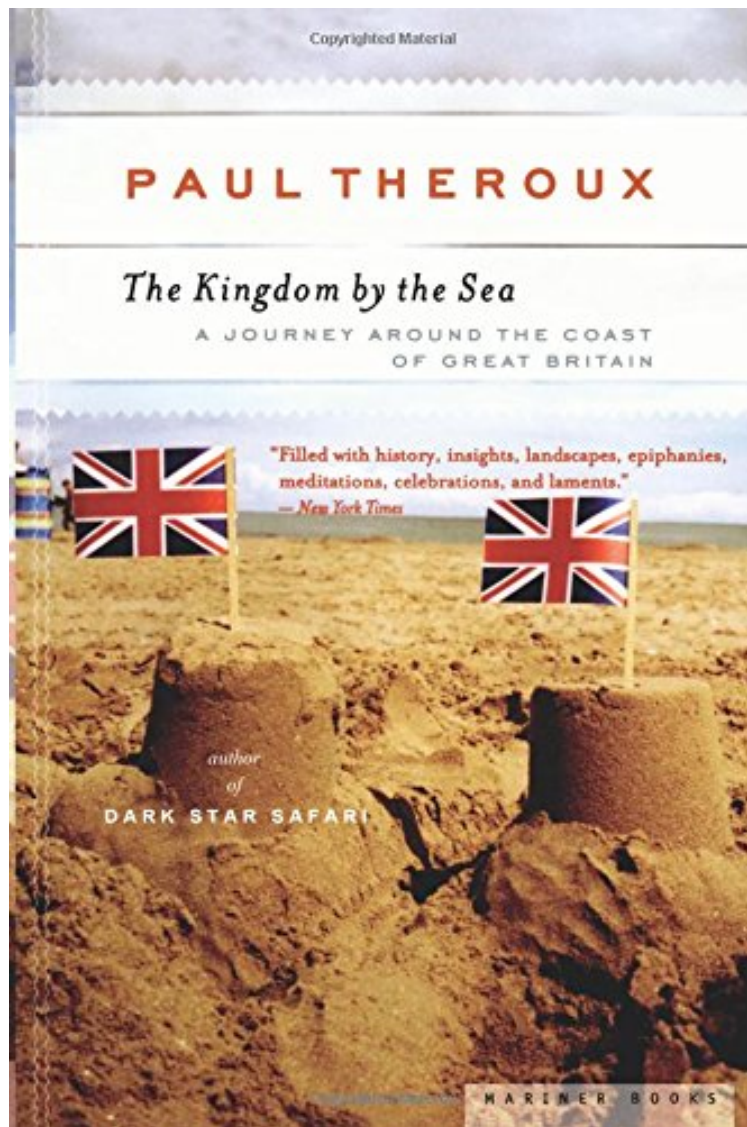


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**Paul Theroux : The Kingdom by the Sea: A Journey Around the Coast of Great Britain** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Kingdom by the Sea: A Journey Around the Coast of Great Britain:

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MayerI read this book a while back while pining for another trip to the UK. The author is not much of a fan of England and the British people, but his excursions to familiar places still rang enough of a bell for me that I ordered and read another copy after my most recent trip. Hes a wonderful writer, traveling by foot and rail through the edges of the country during a difficult time in the countrys history. I like traveling with train passes, so I particularly enjoyed the parts about the trips by rail. The creepy stories about the BBs and the moldy hotels were scary.I hope they werent too off-putting for people who would otherwise take the trip. If you do, try self-catering where one can rent a house or apartment and live like the natives, and the cost for a week will be less than two days in London.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The "Crumbling" Empire by the Sea - reviewBy QueenDIn my opinion, there are only two travel writers worth reading, and Paul Theroux still leads the way. This is a trip made by him in the 1970's and early 80's when England was in the midst of a crippling recession. Not only does he write about the change in geography of the coastline towns (not good)...he writes about how it affected the people. I left England in the late 60's so I only visited there from time to time, but no one captures the mood of hopelessness like Theroux. The scene where he meets an Indian in a train and listens to him trying to butcher the Welsh language is particularly hilarious, and Theroux manages to bring humor as well as pathos and danger (Ireland during "The Troubles") with such clarity it's hard to put the book down. I would like Mr. Theroux to review England and see the difference between this time and now and write us another of his fascinating books.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Thought Provoking Look at Life in Britain in the 1980sBy Ida's GirlAnother fine turn by Paul Theroux. In the early 1980s, he set out to walk around the coast of Britain (with some assistance from the diminishing train service and the buses.....) His rather cranky views are an interesting picture in time of a country trying to find itself in changing times. He is an excellent and engaging writer. I especially enjoyed the sections on Northern Ireland and Scotland. And, it is interesting to the current reader to think about how Britain is currently dealing with the various issues he highlights. As always, this gifted travel writer leaves the reader with much to think about.

After eleven years as an American living in London, the renowned travel writer Paul Theroux set out to travel clockwise around the coast of Great Britain to find out what the British were really like. The result is this perceptive, hilarious record of the journey. Whether in Cornwall or Wales, Ulster or Scotland, the people he encountered along the way revealed far more of themselves than they perhaps intended to display to a stranger. Theroux captured their rich and varied conversational commentary with caustic wit and penetrating insight.

About the AuthorPAUL THEROUXis the author of many highly acclaimed books. His novels include *The Lower River* and *The Mosquito Coast*, and his renowned travel books include *Ghost Train to the Eastern Star* and *Dark Star Safari*. He lives in Hawaii and Cape Cod.