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At The Beach House: A Guest Book



Synopsis

A beach house is a uniquely special place -- a place where memories of friendship, family and wonderful times are created within the timeless sound of the surf. At the Beach House: A Guest Book is designed to save some of those memories. "A guest book is a story told by many people," the book's creator, Sandy Gingras, writes in her Introduction. "It's full of weather and salt and breezes. It's full of what the tide was and when the sun shone. It's who ate over... It's what we ate. It's little things mostly, daily things. But it adds up to a Life. You'd be surprised how it does. And what is ordinary today becomes a treasure over time." In the book's pages Gingras gives reluctant writers a gentle nudge with some suggestions, and blank pages allow for those guests with longer comments to share. An envelope at the back of the book provides a home for small mementos. At the Beach House: A Guest Book is the perfect accessory for the beach home, whether it's a week-long vacation rental or a generations-old family beach house. One of seven in author/illustrator Sandy Gingras' popular and inspirational "How To Live" series of gift books, the guest book embraces her themes of simplicity, appreciation, love and happiness. "We hope that this book is more than a record of who came to visit. We hope it's a journal of thoughts and stories, a scrapbook of memories. We left empty places for photos or doodles, a pocket for a ticket stub or a feather... there's room for thankfulness to," she writes in the Introduction.

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Customer Reviews

This is a charming book in which visitors can chronical their stay at a guest house. I purchased it for a friend who owns and lent us her beach house. I thought it was a great idea so that her family may read about how much others enjoyed their time at her place. This book allows the guest to write in

the dates they stayed, their favorite thing to do, places they visited, a personal thanks to the owner and several other items. There is even a place to insert photos. It is truly wonderful keepsake and a must for anyone who lends out their beach home or cottage.

I really wish there had been a photo of the inside pages of this guest book. While the cover is great, and the quality is quite good, the pages inside are mostly filled already with so much "cutesy" text that there's very little room left for your guests to write much. If you are looking for something that your guests only write a word or two in response to the prompts in the book, you might like this. But my guests generally write a paragraph of varying length that often fills up a full blank page... so I am returning this book and will find one that isn't so "pre-cluttered".

I saw this book at a beach rental in Delaware. It was a delight to read how the tenants had spent their time. The questions cutely solicit information from the tenants. The only thing missing is a specific question on restaurants. There is plenty of room to write, and the tenants created their own section for restaurants.

I bought this little book so friends could note their experiences while at our beach house. I love the illustrations; very beachy! What I'm missing is space where people can freely write how they feel about the time they spent there rather than answer pre-printed questions. A blank page between each visitor would be perfect. Not everyone is there for the same reason. I bought one for my sister too and she felt the same way.

Bought this for a gift when we visited a friend's beach house--has specific topics (weather, activities, who else was there) as sometimes it's hard to know what to say!

After much searching, this is the exact book I was looking for. Just wanted a fun place where visitors to my mother's house by the shore, could write down some of the highlights of their vacation. This book even has fun prompts for the "don't know where to begin" folks. Looking forward to reading comments over and over throughout the years.

This guest book was a gift and the receiver loved it. It has a cute cover and lots of pages for visitors to make comments after their visits. There are prompts to enable you to make appropriate remarks concerning amenities, restaurants, tourist attractions, the weather, etc.

I was very excited to find this book. We have an old "lakehouse" book that we have been using for our guests, but being on the beach (ocean), it didn't really fit...until we found this book. Very well designed and set-up.

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