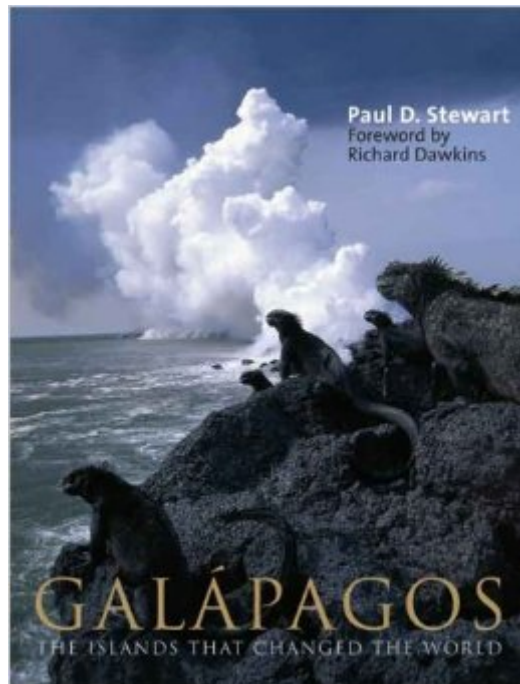


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# Galápagos: The Islands That Changed The World



## Synopsis

Rocky, fragile, beautiful, strange—the Galápagos archipelago is unlike any other place on earth. Its geology, its unique flora and fauna, and its striking role in human history intersect in surprising and dynamic ways. This book is the most wide-ranging and beautifully illustrated book available on the famous islands. Not since Darwin's *Naturalist's Voyage* has a book combined so much scientific and historic information with firsthand accounts that bring the Galápagos to life. *Galápagos: The Islands That Changed the World* describes how tragedy and murderous pirates curtailed settlement of the islands and how the islands' pristine nature, spectacular geology, and defining isolation inspired Darwin's ideas about evolution. The book explores the diverse land and marine habitats that shelter Galápagos species and considers the islands' importance today as a frontier for science and a refuge for true wilderness. The book's extensive gazetteer provides details about endemic plants and animals as well as travel advice about visitors' sites, diving, photography, when to go, and what to take. Vividly illustrated throughout, this guide is an indispensable reference for natural history enthusiasts, armchair travelers, and island visitors alike.

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## Customer Reviews

There are many books on the Galápagos Islands but Paul Stewart's work is certainly one of the most appealing and true representations of this famous spot in the Pacific Ocean. Naturally, Darwin occupies an important part of Mr. Stewart's prose, but equally impressive is the space given to extraordinary photos. This is not surprising given that Paul Stewart is first and foremost a

photographer. Whether this book can finally dispel the doubts of some people about evolution vs creation is anybody's guess but it will not be for lack of authentic facts as described by the author. The book is a real page-turner.

This book is the must for everybody who is serious about the Galapagos, its beauty and future. The book is very enjoyable because of its beautiful photographs. Also, the authors' deep knowledge about the past of the archipelago, as well as one of the most famous human visitors, Charles Darwin, will give you a fascinating journey through the time. However, one of the highlights of this book is that the authors clearly address the uncertain future of the Galapagos with special references to our programmed selfishness, which the very Charles Darwin helped us to understand.

Needed good reference for upcoming trip. This book served the purpose perfectly. History, habitat, birds, fish, mammals and geography (and geology) all succinctly reviewed. Illustrations and photography "on the money". Will take it with us for daily reference. Highly recommend this book as a single source for "the big picture" on the Galapagos Islands.

Fascinating book. Well-research and well-written. Don't go to the Galapagos Island without first reading this book. A Must!

I am going to the Galapagos Islands next month and this was a great introduction to the geology, plant, animal, and sea life of the Islands. The photos were incredible and enhanced the text. I had a general idea of the characteristics of the islands but Stewart's book provided great examples of the plants and wildlife endemic to each island and why they differ from island to island. It was a fascinating read and I feel much better prepared for my bucket list adventure to this wonder of the world.

Having had the opportunity to visit the Galapagos Islands, I wanted something in the way of a "coffee table" book to remind of that memorable trip. This book does it. Beautiful pictures and narrative about the history and life on the islands.

An excellent introduction to the geological, biological, and human histories of the islands, with wonderful explanatory material and photographs of the highest quality. Important for anyone planning to visit.

6 more days for My trip to the Galápagos Islands and I still have 50 pages left to read , so far this book is amazing, very helpful and full of details :) I am very happy to buy it ...

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