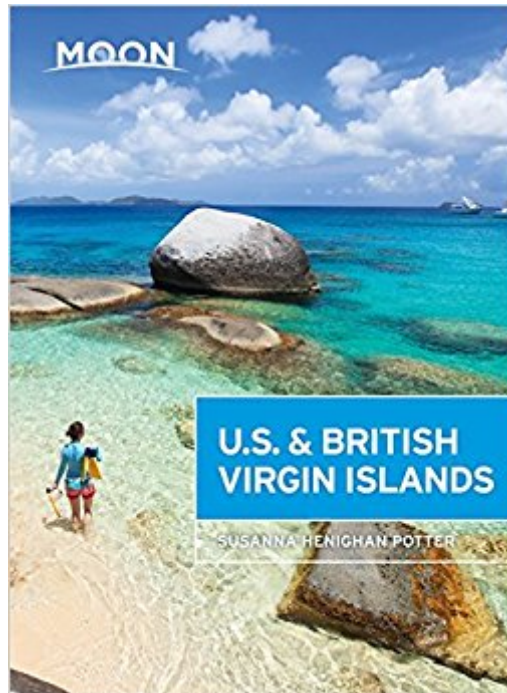




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# Moon U.S. & British Virgin Islands (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

This full-color guidebook includes vibrant photos and easy-to-use maps to help with trip planning. Virgin Islands resident Susanna Henighan Potter offers firsthand knowledge of everything this paradise has to offer, from St. Croix to St. Thomas and Tortola. Potter guides readers to the most thrilling hikes in St. John's Virgin Islands National Park, the best snorkeling spots in Cruz Bay, and the most exciting carnivals and festivals on Virgin Gorda. Including unique trip strategies such as "Family Fun on St. John," "Sunken Ships and Plantations Past," and "Caribbean Life: Authentic St. Croix," Moon U.S. & British Virgin Islands gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

Susanna Henighan Potter was born in Tennessee and raised in the beautiful foothills of the Smoky Mountains, she packed her bags after graduating from Oberlin College and headed to a cluster of tiny dots in the Caribbean Sea: the Virgin Islands. As a reporter at island newspapers and for the Associated Press, Susanna covered stories ranging from celebrity sightings and murder trials to the installation of the first traffic light in the British Virgin Islands. In between assignments, Susanna fell in love with her new home. She learned to snorkel, went on weekend camping trips, and got used to driving on the left side of the road. She took local history and cooking classes and bought a machete to explore overgrown hiking trails. She learned to grow Caribbean seasoning peppers and how to make the perfect piña colada. Moon U.S. & British Virgin Islands reflects Susanna's

experience as both insider and outsider. She lives like a local but has not forgotten the jolt of excitement she felt at her first glimpse of the islands from the window of a small airplane in 1999. Today, Susanna works as a communications professional and lives with her husband on the island of Tortola.

This travel guide was perfect for meeting my questions for my future trip to the US Virgin Islands. It was very descriptive and had beautiful photographs of both the US and British Virgin Islands. I can't wait for my trip!

Great little guide!

Not bad not amazing either

Never mind one day, or a few hours. You could spend weeks here and never get bored. In fact, some people come for years, or come and never leave at all. There's a lot here, and this book can help you get your hands around it in glorious detail. As far as travel guides go, this one has it all. Exhaustive geographic coverage, up-to-date listings, diverse attractions, pragmatic information, thematic itineraries... there's just so much good stuff here, from history to hedonism. For me, a really nice touch to this guide is that it is sensitive to the traveler who is really looking to get off the beaten track. There are many suggestions that will add authenticity to your trip. This is not just another Caribbean island group, no Sir! These islands are different. Trust this comprehensive guide to lead you in whatever direction you choose, be that into the middle of it all, or on the edge of it all.

I just wanted to learn about a few places. That and the cover (which is a photo I assume) is quite pretty. Speaking of photographs, I thought all that all of them were beautiful. Still, I thought that most of the information provided was even better because, various activities and recommended times were listed. Schedules were provided for every island. In addition, various risks were listed. (I list this as a plus because, when you go somewhere, you should learn about the good and the bad.) Likewise, there were history lessons throughout. Granted, not all of them were positive. (And there was one about religion that I disliked.) On the other hand, I had mixed feelings about the general guide section. I liked it at first because, it gave vital information. It even focused on issues the Virgin Island people are still tackling today. However, I thought the author sounded preachy when she said 'the balance between people and nature'. (I just don't put much stock into

that.)Likewise, the author sounded rude at times. Granted, it was just a few minor instances. That was one factor that ruined my reading experience, though. However, the one notable exception was when the author called Europeans impatient. I thought she sounded ignorant because, I've learned about them over the years. First, I learned in 9th grade from my English teacher that those drivers don't rush. I later learned from one of my speech therapist that they take their time serving you over there. (She also said that they consider it rude to order a to-go bag.) Last, I learned a while back that in Germany, it's considered more convenient to use cash than a credit card and PIN. (I also learned that you need explicit permission to chat with someone.)In addition, I found a few more issues with this. I spotted a few mistakes that made for awkward sentences. However, the bigger issue was the last few guide sections. Those made me so upset that I was kind of glad that I had no actual interest in visiting. In addition, any appeal that had built up was destroyed.All that considered, I encourage you to read this only if you're planning a visit. If that's the case, then you're going to need all the information you can get. You don't want to spend money on a flight, stay there for a day, get fed up, then leave the next day.

This misses out so many stores, restaurants and businesses. I live in the USVI and am in the BVI almost every week for 25 years. I am sad that the author has written such a partisan book and excluded many places that visitors to the island might enjoy and find useful.

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