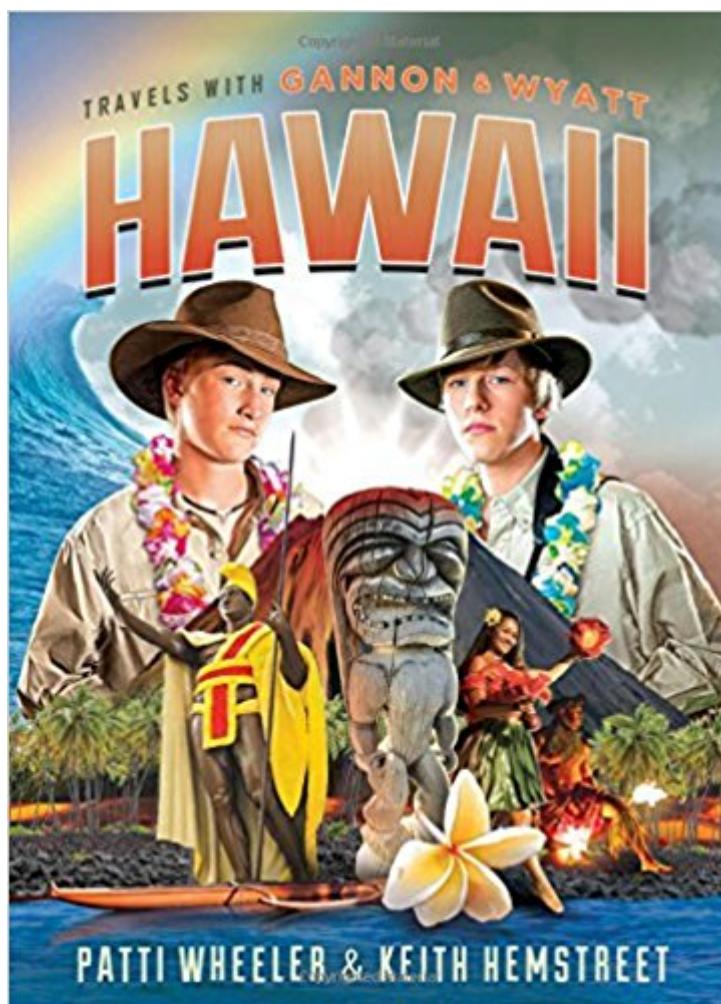


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Travels With Gannon And Wyatt: Hawaii



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Gr 4—6—Gannon and Wyatt are a jet-setting pair of Hardy Boys-like brothers who solve mysteries while learning about different parts of the world. When not saving the day, the boys are homeschooled by their international flight attendant mother, though she and their painter father make only brief cameos in their adventures. In Hawaii, the boys meet a local guide, see some

sights, and rescue a man from drowning. Before going into a coma, the man gives them a top secret map to the remains of King Kamehameha. The boys must find these remains before the evil developers take the land for a new hotel. Along the way, readers encounter characters who offer information about the natural sciences and the history of Hawaii. Material is so crammed into each of these scenes that characters often speak more like encyclopedias than real people.

Unfortunately, some of the secondary characters fall into the stereotype of "magical Natives." The mystery plot makes a complete arc and includes plenty of detailed action scenes. The brothers take turns narrating, as though writing in a journal. This occasionally makes tense confusing, but overall the first-person narration is easy to read. Minor grammar errors ("less than fifty people") and lots of slang ("All righty, then. Time to get some zzz'z.") add to the casual adolescent tone. VERDICT This book will be useful for families who are studying Hawaii in their homeschool curriculum or for readers interested in learning new facts while taking in a breezy mystery. —Amelia Jenkins, Juneau Public Library, AK

"Explorers and twin teenage brothers, Gannon and Wyatt, are off on another adventure, this time in Hawaii. These experienced explorers are teaming up with a local teenage explorer, Alana Akaui, to learn more about Hawaii. What was considered to be a "normal" expedition suddenly turns wild and dangerous: rescuing a drowning man in rough seas who entrusts them with an ancient map. Upon some investigation, it appears that this map holds the key to the long-lost location of the burial site of King Kamehameha. But danger abounds as it becomes quickly evident that someone else wants that map in a bad way. While a work of fiction, this book and the others in the Travels with Gannon & Wyatt series are all loosely based on the real life travels of the twin teenage brothers, Gannon and Wyatt. Chock-full of adventure, history, photographs, journal entries, environmental issues and more, kids will rip through this fast-paced novel, start to finish." --Kendal A. Rautzhan

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Great book

Travels with Gannon and Wyatt is a series for middlegrader readers to learn about places around the world through the travels and adventures of twin brothers. They keep a journal of their trips and you can find Gannon and Wyatt's blog, photographs, and video footage from their real-life expeditions at travelswithgannonandwyatt.com. Wyatt loves science and Gannon enjoys the

humanities. Both of these interests come into play in this book. This journey takes them to Hawaii where they are going to explore the islands with fellow adventurer and guide Alana Aukai. Their adventures take them up a mountain during a snowstorm (yes, they get snow at high altitudes in Hawaii), to the lava fields, dangerous beaches with rocks and high waves and to an area that has gone back to the wild. All this while searching for the remains of King Kamehameha. The parts of the island that they explore and write about will give you a great overview of the big island as well as learning about some of the culture. The adventure is sure to hold the interest of even the most reluctant reader. The story is told in alternating points of view of the two brothers and each highlights the things they are interested in. They each have different strengths and different fears. If you have young adventurers, check out this series, it is a winner. This series should be in all school and public libraries.

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Told in alternating points of view allows the reader to see the different prospective of the characters. The two brothers travel and explore the world. Sometimes finding themselves in hot water or as in the opening of this novel in danger of a

cold death by hypothermia. Like two young MacGyvers they always manage to find a way out. This is a wonderful series that while is aimed more to the male young reader, can appeal to either girls or boys. It is one of the few such series I can share with my great nieces and nephews together. All the books can be read as a stand alone which is a good thing as they are so popular with the young readers in my extended family. If you are looking for a new adventure series check out Travels With Gannon and Wyatt. It appeals to readers of all ages , Adventure, travel, suspense and a bit of humor, it is all there. My rating of "Travels with Gannon and Wyatt: Hawaii" is 4.75 out of 5.

Travels with Gannon and Wyatt: Hawaii by Patti Wheeler and Keith Hemstreet is an adventure and mystery book for middle school students that also passes on some great information about Hawaii in a very fun way. Young Explorers Wyatt and Gannon accompany their parents, Mom who is a Flight Attendant and Father who is an Artist, on a trip to the Hawaii. While they are there, they are keeping journals to document their trip as part of the Young Explorers. They soon team up with a fellow explore and Hawaiian native Alana Aukai to explore the island. When they rescue a drowning archeologist, they find a map that might lead them to the ancient burial place of Kamehameha the Great. However, they are not the only ones looking for the burial site. Following the clues and avoiding danger they explore the island trying to solve the mystery. Interspersed within the story are many facts about the origins of the Hawaiian Islands, folklore and myths along with the history of the Islands. Beautiful descriptions of the plants and locations are also incorporated within the story as well as the natives' love for nature and their culture. This book is a great way for a reader to learn more about another place and culture disguised as an adventure and mystery. Since this book is one of a series, I would think the other books, along with this one would make an excellent addition to a library, either at home or at school. I received a copy of this book from NetGalley and The Greenleaf Group in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Travels with Gannon and Wyatt: Hawaii was a decent adventure story. Some exciting parts and some that were a little lacking. Overall a good book, with interesting facts about Hawaii. Probably best for middle school ages. A good book to read if you are wanting your children to learn more about Hawaii in a fun way. I received this book for free from NetGalley for my honest review.

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