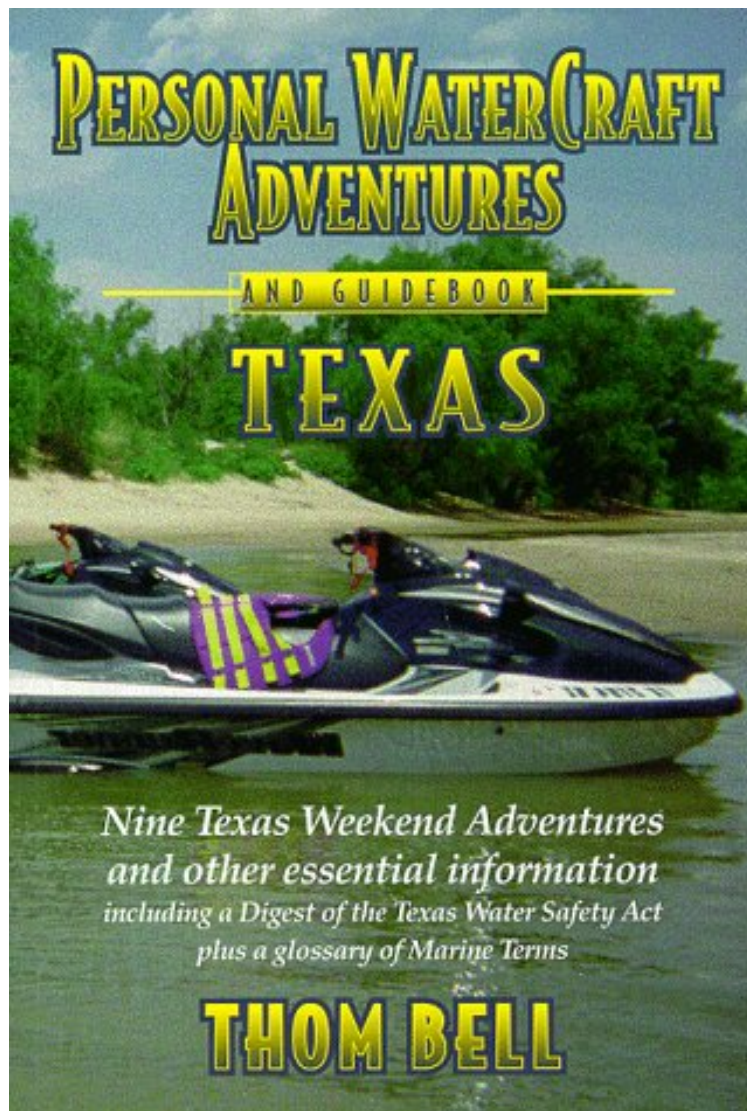


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A must read for all Texas PWCers! By A Customer This is an excellent book for anyone who wants to learn more about the safe use and enjoyment of personal watercraft. It is especially handy for Texas watercraft enthusiasts because it contains so much useful information on places to go in the state and what to expect when you get there. The author also does an excellent job in the areas of preparation and planning, equipment, maintenance, and rules and regulations. I bought the book three weeks ago and have already been on three of the author's recommended adventures. They were terrific! This book will add a whole new dimension to your personal watercraft experience. I hope that Thom Bell will follow this guidebook with another one full of even more fun trips and adventures!

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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Informative, educational, encouraging By A Customer Today I read your book ont he plane while returning from Portland, Oregon. I cannot tell you how long it has been since I read something so pleasurable as your book. I found your advice so valuable. You grought up things that i haven't even begun to think of. What a great resource. My greatest challenge is deciding which trip to do first! Thank for all the research, time and effort you must of put into this fine book. Patrick Fitzgerald
Genreal Sales Manager Federal Signal Corporation

This is an essential guidebook for touring Texas waterways on a Personal Watercraft (PWC). This book is a complete guidebook endorsed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for all PWC enthusiasts, whether they are beginners wanting to know more about the sport or veteran PWC riders that are interested in riding at new exciting places. This book is entertaining and informative with all the details needed to do nine weedend PWC adventures. Additionally, it is packed with essential information on safety, accessories, and common sense etiquette. With safety as this book's main theme throughout, you can get the "explorer instinct" out of you and make it become a reality - and safely. With detailed information on nine Texas weekend adventure sites inside, you can do an adventure a week until you drop! With the information inside you can confidently plan and execute a new exciting lifestyle for your weekends. The book makes it easy with over 50 full color photos, area maps of each adventure site, and information including names and telephone numbers of motels, campgrounds, and restuarants you will want to eat at to celebrate your days' accomplishments. Also, you will learn the historical significance of each adventure site and the role it played in the development of Texas.

From the Author There is an "explorer instinct" within each one of us. Many of us suppress it, but not necessarily on purpose. Most of the time it is suppressed by our hectic lives and our demanding time schedules. Then when we have a little time off, we really just want to stay in our most comfortable environment - home. There is, truly, some awe-inspiring benefits to be derived out among Mother Nature. There is something magical that takes place when you are within or among the peace and serenity of the great outdoors. I know what you are saying, how much peace is there on a PWC zooming down a river or intra-coastal waterway? Well the exhilaration of riding down a river is part of the benefits. The other part is when you stop your PWC and lay your tired mind, body and soul among Mother Nature for rest and rejuvenation of your innermost spirit. When you get out of your home and work environment, your whole state of mind changes for the better. You are able to refocus your life's efforts to better direct your destiny. By breaking away on weekends, your attitude improves, your work week becomes less stressful, and you become encouraged because you know another adventure awaits you on the next weekend. You find that you are able to re-focus your efforts and that you have a better ability to position yourself for tomorrow's challenges. These adventures are more than an activity, they are a means to become a better, happier, more fulfilled person. I am continually stressing that people stop making rest and relaxation a quest. Most of our lives are series with one quest after another. Seldom, if ever do we allow ourselves to totally relax. I remember one time last summer when I stopped along the Big Creek Bayou near Jefferson, TX and sat along the shore. The quiet was so strange to me that I actually became scared. You will experience this also when you stop along the river and "chill out." When you have reached this point, you have been without Mother Nature too long. Never forget how important it is to go and receive these benefits out among Mother Nature. They are there just waiting for you to accept them.

From the Inside Flap

- * Lists over 42 different accessories, equipment and gear necessary for a safe and enjoyable adventure and where to acquire them *
- * Provides the reader with detailed information on how to accomplish nine (9) Texas weekend, river, lake and intra-coastal waterway adventures *
- * Provides important web-sites on the Internet to help the reader plan their adventures *
- * Provides campground, motel and resort locations plus their telephone numbers to make reservations *
- * Provides the locations of marinas that offer gas so you don't have to find them *
- * How and where to find the lake levels on most lakes in Texas *
- * Provides important information you should know before and after you buy a PWC and a trailer *

Saves the reader 100's of hours of research Educates * Includes a Digest of the 1997 Texas Water Safety Act * Includes a glossary of marine terms * Gives the history and significance of each adventure location * Explains the Global Positioning System (GPS) * Explains Intra-Coastal Waterway navigation * Explains Intra-Coastal Waterway lock and swing bridge radio procedures * Provides pre-trip and pre-operation checklists * Provides tips on how to back up your trailer and common boat ramp etiquette * Provides important preventative maintenance tips that will insure proper and continued operation of your PWC * Explains water safety tips (more than the law), riding techniques and waterway etiquette * Is a resourceful reference book for all PWC enthusiasts Encourages * Know what to expect on each adventure * Tells where to start your adventure and where to end it * Includes many color photographs and maps of each adventure * You will gain the confidence and courage needed to complete a PWC adventure that you may not otherwise go on * Explains how a PWC adventure will "Put Yourself In Neutral" * Explains the value of being among Mother Nature so you can gain insight, realize a sense of purpose, and become aware of where to position yourself for tomorrow's challenges * You will learn how you can embrace Mondays with a new sense of purpose and self-fulfillment * Plus Much, Much, More!

About the Author Thom's love for nature started as a young six-year old child. He has been involved with the operation of watercraft most of his life. He is an avid Personal Watercraft (PWC) user with the belief that the sport can be safer and more enjoyable when one has a better education about the sport. He is active in many other outdoor sports such as snow skiing, water skiing, scuba diving, golf and backpacking. Thom took to the skies when he was 15 years old and currently holds a multi-engine private pilots license with an instrument rating. He is passing on his appreciation for Mother Nature to his four children. He has been a Texas commercial real estate broker for 18 years and lives in Plano, Texas. Thom received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas in Economics and Finance. He graduated summa cum laude. He is a self-published author sharing his experiences with others so that they may benefit from the knowledge and experience he has acquired over the last 40 years.