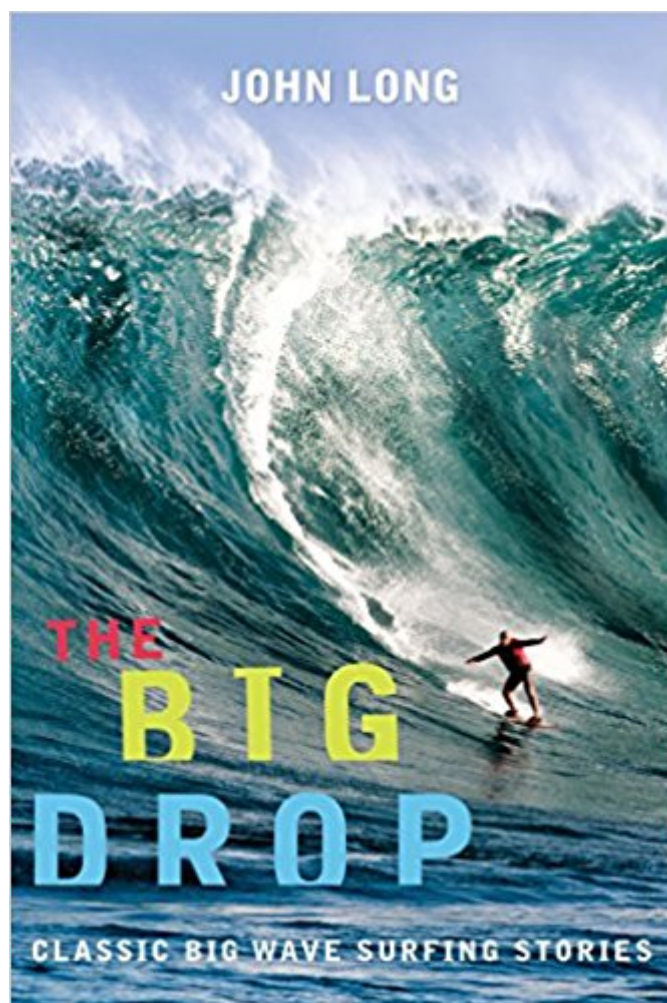


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John Long's adventure and instructional books are best-sellers of outdoor publishing--more than a million copies of his books are in print. A renowned explorer and rock climber, he divides his time between Southern California and Venezuela. A writer by trade, he is currently pursuing new adventures and a doctorate in psychology.

Not just a surfing book but focusing on the Big Wave surfing crew, that elite group of athletes that live to challenge the ocean's fury. This is a collection of short stories but it does a great job of covering the total history of Big Wave surfing, particularly paying attention to the heroes of the 50s and 60s the water skills necessary to challenge large waves. With complete coverage and analysis of all big wave sites and legends, I can't imagine what it left unturned. This exciting sport has elevated itself recently with "ski in" surfing and these stories do a great job of covering the controversy of this sport's growth and it's trailblazer, Laird Hamilton. I strongly recommend this book if you like surfing or are enthralled by the culture of these people who devote their lives to the ocean.

A great compilation from a variety of writers - many of them surfers themselves including Greg Noll, the late Mark Foo, Gerry Lopez, et al. This book doesn't pretend to be exhaustive but all the stories provide the reader with something intangible. I've never ridden anything bigger than double-overhead but with this book I can begin to imagine what it might be like. The pictures throughout the book convey the power and size effectively. If you've ever surfed, wanted to surf or know a surfer this book is a great addition to your library.

a great book by my favourite authour

I don't think it's been read yet, my husband tried to get it through a library and couldn't. That's why I looked it up and got it on lines

The Big Drop was written in 1999, which makes it a little older than some of the books but it's a doozy. I also bought The Big Juice which I'll read next and I just finished Ghost Wave which is long and rather involved but fascinating.

The Big Drop is by John Log. This book is a wonderful surfing book full of very colorful stories told by the people that had surfed the waves, or were there at the moment if the person had died. The way the people tell the stories make it feel like you are there feeling their pain. If you do not feel like reading the book then you might just want to get the movie Riding Giants. About fifty percent of the movie Riding Giants is in the book. In the book there is a colorful picture almost every chapter of the people riding the wave. I would defiantly recommend the book to anyone, especially if you like to surf. The book also teaches you a lot about surfing vocabulary and even has a couple pages at the end that are the glossary, in case you don't know the terms of surfing. The Big Drop shows the dangers of surfing and makes you wonder why people even risk their life just for a little thrill. I would give this book 9 out of 10, because there are some stories in there that aren't very interesting compared to others in the book. There is only a couple of the stories that are not as interesting, so it does not take away from the book at all.

...of Big Wave surfing - many of the stories are haunting and memorable. It was hard putting the book down once I started reading. I actually found it more interesting and insightful than watching film of surfers going over the edge - you actually get into their excitement, awe, and fear of what they've gotten themselves into - not only when they've caught the waves, but gut-wrenching accounts of what they were thinking and feeling when driven under (or saw their friends driven under) by these monsters. This is as close as you're going to get, short of paddling out yourself! BTW, I just finished reading "Caught Inside" before "The Big Drop" and reading these stories made reading CI seem like a waste of time. You won't regret reading this one - highly recommended!!!

Wonderful stories, mostly awe inspiring and some sad, of and by the surfing legends up to the 1999 date of publishing. Selected and edited by one the big wall climbing legends of Yosemite who writes (paraphrased): what I saw (huge waves) made me wish I had taken up a sport other than climbing; the next thing I saw made me glad I was a climber.

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