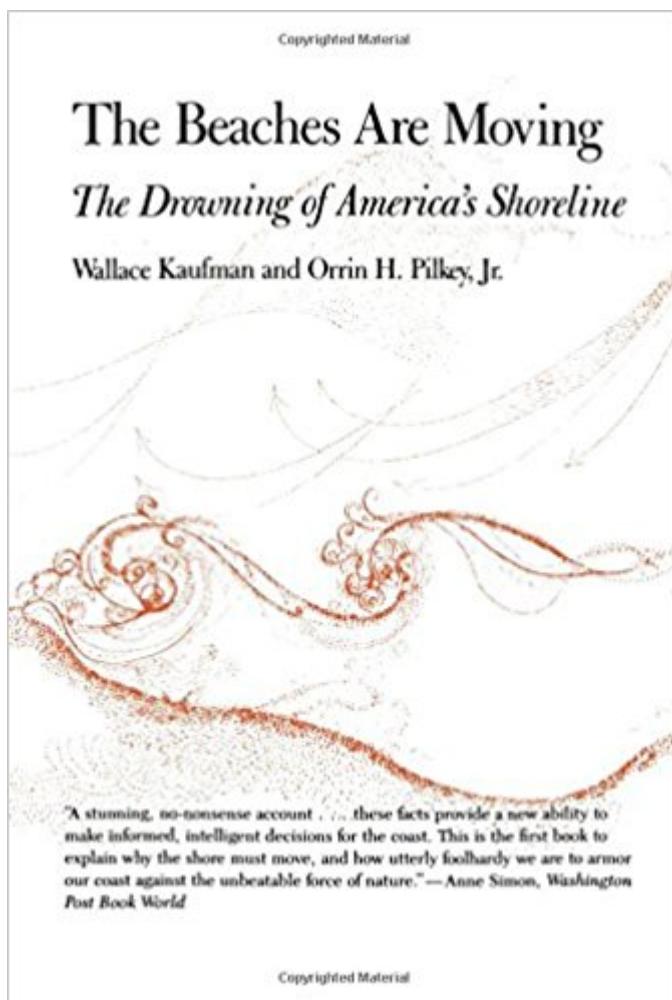


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# The Beaches Are Moving: The Drowning Of America's Shoreline (Living With The Shore)



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This is an extremely important pioneering book about beach dynamics and the proper management of beach shorelines. I utilized it in a recent presentation on beach renourishment in Naples Florida.

Really interesting. Now I understand why our beaches seems to disappear and reappear without worrying it will totally vanish.

Given Hurricane Sandy and what happened along the Jersey coast, This book couldn't be more currant. It should be required reading for any owner, planner, bureaucrat!!

Pilkey argues that barrier islands move, whether we like it or not, and that attempts to stabilize them nearly always make things worse. A wonderful read, especially for your next beach vacation. Pilkey is regarded as something close to the devil incarnate by coastal developers and their allies

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