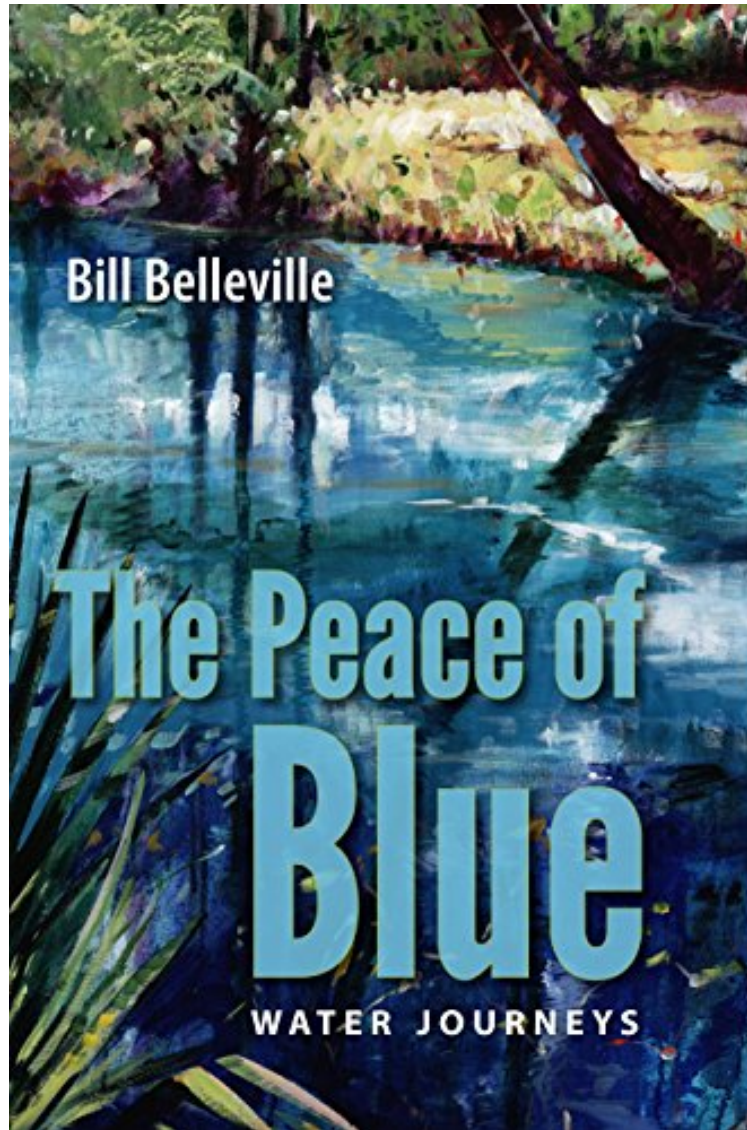


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**Bill Belleville : The Peace of Blue: Water Journeys** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Peace of Blue: Water Journeys:

0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Too flowery, too poetic.By Carol HoffmanThe poetic writing of Belleville detracts from all the interesting topics that he addresses. I had to struggle to get to the information, and I wanted to wipe out all the flowery language that he uses to talk about different sites and locations. Carol Hoffman-Guzman0 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Painful to read his descriptions of apparently beautiful Florida landscapes ...By CustomerWilliam Bartram he isn't. Belleville's writing is stunted and sophmorish. Painful to

read his descriptions of apparently beautiful Florida landscapes written in such a pretentious manner, clumsy and often in first person narrative. He obviously works very hard to tell his story but that's the problem, it's his story. He would do well to take a writing class and learn how to write good descriptive narrative. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Bill Belleville, the Modern-Day William Bartram By Teresa J. Sopp Bill Belleville is William Bartram incarnate, except that Belleville's twenty-first century prose is more readable these days than Bartram's eighteenth-century musings. For those of you who don't know, Bartram was the Georgia-era botanist who explored Florida to sample its flora and fauna--the first eco-tourist, really, and who wrote of it beautifully for those rebel colonists up north and for the Englanders who were titillated by tales of naked savages and "El Legartos" (alligators) in the Florida miasma. Belleville offers a collection of essays unified by water, and the peace it brings. In *The Peace of Blue*, Belleville recounts various hikes, floats and just plain lazings around Florida and other aquatic-based locales while giving an overlay of the environmental, historical and philosophical underpinnings of each place. From an interesting history of Florida's first water-theme-park, Woodland Park, to breathtaking recountings of dives offshore Cuba and Venezuela, and to diving with the sharks in the Bahamas, Belleville puts the reader right in the middle of the setting with his finely-honed writing designed to evoke "sense of place." It's a pleasure to linger on each page, turning each sentence over and over again, to immerse oneself in each venue. Belleville immerses his audience in all the curious details that make each foray unique--readers will definitely feel as if they are right there with him on each of his adventures and will definitely want to go on the next exploration. Luckily, there are plenty of diverse trips that make up *The Peace of Blue*, so there will be plenty of opportunity to join Bill the easy way--lying in a hammock on your porch wishing you were there!

Florida Book Award, Florida Nonfiction, Silver Medalist Away from the strip malls and the sprawl, the theme parks and the resorts, the waters of Florida are a secret blue world of wonders. Belleville's beautiful new book takes you with him on (and sometimes under) the rivers and springs, lakes and marshes and seas of this most liquid of states. Diane Roberts, author of *Dream State: Eight Generations of Swamp Lawyers, Conquistadors, Confederate Daughters, Banana Republicans, and Other Florida Wildlife* Eloquent. Belleville's passion and curiosity invigorate us and challenge us to rediscover the world as if for the first time. Ann Fisher-Wirth, coeditor of *The Ecopoetry Anthology* Belleville reminds us of the fragile nature of our springs, rivers, lakes, beaches, and shorelines while always celebrating their beauty. This book, combining the best of Henry David Thoreau and Rachel Carson, is a necessary addition to every bookshelf. Steve Noll, coauthor of *Ditch of Dreams* The Earth's surface is mostly oceans, the human body is approximately 60% water, and the human imagination has been captivated by this life-giving, life-sustaining liquid from time immemorial. According to Carl Hiaasen, Bill Belleville writes gorgeously and straight from the heart. In *The Peace of Blue*, the documentarian and nature writer guides you on a lyrical journey to the natural places in Florida and the Caribbean that have been forged and shaped by water. He poetically affirms the vitality of this most essential substance in our lives by showing the many ways in which water-driven landscapes nurture plants, wildlife and the human spirit. Experience the thrill of traveling to the remote islands of Cuba and to sacred cenotes in the Dominican Republic. Contemplate the shores of Florida's rivers and lakes, and marvel at swamps and seepage slopes. Immerse yourself in the underwater world of clear, fresh springs, and dive into the deep karst caves that are worlds unto themselves. Through adventure and contemplative excursions, Belleville shares his contagious respect and awe for the singularity and transcendence of the natural world. We are companions in his search for a distinct sense of place, fellow journeymen in his quest to discover within the watery depths a greater awareness that informs and shapes our common identity.

"The new collection of narrative essays or stories, as the author prefers takes us from one end of Florida to the other and parts of the Caribbean where Belleville finds inspiration and discovery in the pervasive power and magic of water. The connection with water, as expressed in his essays, may be realized by paddling a kayak in the full darkness of night, scuba diving or snorkeling, hiking in the bottomlands of a remote swamp or simply walking with my little sheltie along the shore of a domestic lake.--CityandShore.com