

STOKED

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STOKED tells a rollicking story of the birth of a subculture and the discovery of and indulgence in gorgeous waves and locations.

Bob and a few mates surfed away the days of the 1960s pursuing a life that rejected the mores of the day, working only enough to chase the next wave, surviving on bread, bananas and the odd ale.

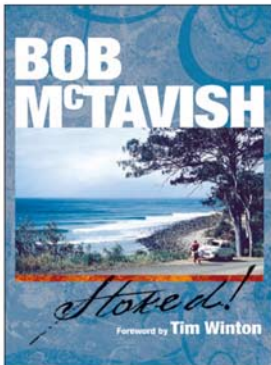
His tales of early Noosa made me green with envy, my only crime being born too late to have enjoyed such uncrowded perfection.

The adventures he takes the reader on are vivid and well depicted for surfers and non surfers alike.

It gets more technical as talk turns to surfboards and the part McTavish, as a surfboard shaper and designer, played in the evolution of the shortboard.

Versions abound of whom can lay claim to the original shortboard that changed the way surfers ride a wave to this day.

A great insight into a classic time of surfing, surfboards and the characters who made it all happen. McTavish is truly one of these characters and his escapades and insights are likely to make the reader, well, stoked!



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