



A Coast Beyond Compare: Coastal Geography and Ecology of Southern Alaska (Paperback)

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University of Alaska Press, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The southern coast of Alaska stretches over six hundred miles, its sweeping crescent studded with glaciers and beaches that connect temperate rainforest to frozen islands. While its soaring beauty attracts thousands of visitors a year, it also hides a deadly energy due to its volcanoes and a location on one of the most active earthquake zones on the planet. Salmon and bears are some of the more famous residents of this fascinating area but the coast is home to an astonishing diversity of marine and terrestrial creatures. A Coast Beyond Compare introduces the general reader to coastal geology and ecology of this majestic coastline. It starts with the basic physical processes that shaped this region and shows how earthquakes, waves, and tsunamis all had a role in creating the present landscape. It then moves through the many mammals, birds, fish, kelp, and grasses that live on and just off the coast. The guide then turns to the eleven distinct ecologies that form the state's southern border, pointing out each area's unique characteristics. It also includes suggestions of where to visit so that residents...

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