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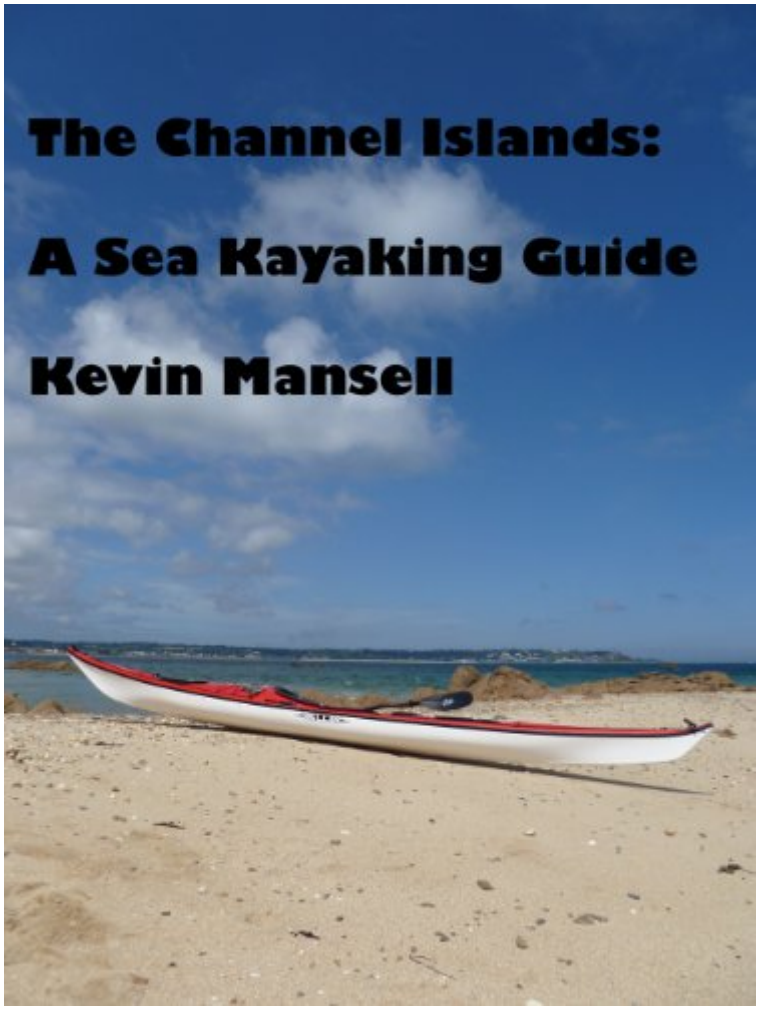

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Synopsis

The Channel Islands, located off the northern coast of France are a world famous sea kayaking destination, partly because of the range of the tide and partly because of the stunning natural and human landscapes.Tidal flows up to about 10 knots, a tidal range of up to 12 metres, exposure to the North Atlantic swell, significant stretches of granite cliffs and open crossings, which can be in excess of 30 nautical miles await the more experienced sea kayaker in Channel Island waters. However, sea kayaking in the Channel Islands isn't just for the more advanced kayaker, there are endless trips which are suitable for paddlers of all levels. Whether you are just starting out with your first sit on top or have a top of the range kevlar sea kayak there is something for everyone.Pottering along the coast, exploring some of the numerous caves, playing in tidal races or visiting the offshore reefs there are a wide range of paddling opportunities and because of the fact that these are islands there is always a side sheltered from the worst of the weather, ensuring that kayaking is a year round activity.Everybody who kayaks in the Channel Islands should aim to visit the Ecrehous as long as weather conditions and skill levels allow. Although it may appear biased many paddlers reckon that the Ecrehous is possibly the finest sea kayaking day trip in the world!Read the book, be inspired by the photographs (taken by Kevin) and start planning your next adventure in Channel Island waters.About the authorKevin started paddling on the south coast of Jersey in 1969 and has been exploring Channel Island waters ever since. He has visited all of the islands and completed all but one of the long distance crossings which are described in the book. Although he has paddled all over the world Kevin still enjoys paddling from St Brelade's Bay, where his kayaking adventures started all those years ago.

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