

# Mai-Kai: History and Mystery of the Iconic Tiki Restaurant

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**Tim Glazner : Mai-Kai: History and Mystery of the Iconic Tiki Restaurant** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mai-Kai: History and Mystery of the Iconic Tiki Restaurant:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Quintessential Mai-Kai Book (the only really!) By RTAL Time did a great job, the archival photos are awesome. Love the inside "stories"! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Paulie Mendonca Highly recommended for Tiki enthusiasts. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beautifully illustrated with historic photos and ephemera By Customer Beautifully illustrated with historic photos and ephemera, an exhaustive historical look back at the grandest surviving Tiki temple of them all - the Mai Kai.

In 1956, a few brash young men created the Mai-Kai Restaurant and bar in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by poaching key staff from Don the Beachcomber's, a Polynesian-themed Chicago restaurant. The Mai-Kai became the playground of celebrities and playboys, and the beautiful women working there used it as a jumping-off point for adventure and fame. Through first-hand stories and more than 400 images, this book documents the history, allure, and enduring legacy of the mid-twentieth-century Tiki era. Focusing on the period 1955 to 1971, it is the story of how the Mai-Kai and its iconic elements came to exist, and the men and women who shaped it and went on to shape the world. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Mai-Kai is the only place on earth that still serves the "Rum Rhapsodies" that kicked off that indulgent era.

If you have a passion, pursue it. And if you then share the results of that passion, its energy will transfer on the recipients of your work: Any true labor of love WILL find those who have eyes to see and hearts to feel that love. Tim Glazner followed the call of the Tiki to show and tell the story of one of America's most extraordinary Tiki temples, and the results will boggle the minds and widen the eyes of the readers, irrevocably casting the spell of America's mid-

century god of recreation over them. -Sven Kirsten, author *Book of Tiki, Tiki Modern, Tiki Pop*The Mai-Kai is the quintessential Tiki bar. It encompasses every element of classic Polynesian Pop from a dramatic public opening to family ownership to celebrity history to longstanding traditions. It now stands as the lone preserved testament to the golden era of the Tiki restaurant and bar. Whether it's mixing a perfect tropical drink while wearing a cabana outfit or overseeing the precise production of replica Mai-Kai mugs, Swanky is a stylish fixture of the Tiki scene. He stands as the expert archivist of Mai-Kai history. His knowledge of details of Mai-Kai artifacts, personnel, and architectural elements is unmatched - even by the owners of the Mai-Kai! -Otto Von Stroheim, Event producerThere is no one else I trust more to tell the story of the Mai-Kai. Swanky has been a huge supporter and friend for over a decade. My family has been steering the Mai-Kai for more than 60 years and we are glad he is telling the world how special this place truly is. He has created something we can all be proud of. -Dave Levy, Mai-Kai ownerGlazner's book is also a love letter to the Mai-Kai, a time capsule of Polynesian culture, which opened on Dec. 28, 1956, in Fort Lauderdale. The restaurant hosts Polynesian shows, and its Molokai Bar boasts an exhaustive menu of rummy creations.- South Florida weekly.What was it like inside the midcentury Tiki splendor of the famed Mai-Kai restaurant in Fort Lauderdale? A new book, *Mai-Kai: History Mystery of the Iconic Tiki Restaurant*, paints a vivid picture through photos, memorabilia and stories from insiders.The book is written by someone who knows the restaurant intimately: author Tim "Swanky" Glazner, the co-founder of annual Tiki extravaganza *The Hukilau*, has been hosting the event at the Mai-Kai since 2003. He spent more than a decade researching the book.-Liquor.comFrom the AuthorI have been learning about the Mai-Kai and collecting its ephemera for over a decade. As co-creator of the Hukilau event, I had complete access to the people and their stories and the trust to tell them. This began as me simply being a huge fan. As it became a more serious project, it was my quest to tell the world about the amazing people in and around this remarkable place. This book represents many hours spent in back rooms and basements scanning images, countless hours tracking down old timers and interviewing them, and a ridiculous number of hours turning all these disparate stories into a book. I am excited to share what I have learned. As the Mai-Kai's biggest fan, I can tell you, no matter how much you love it, your wonder and admiration will be greatly increased after reading this book.From the Back CoverRare images