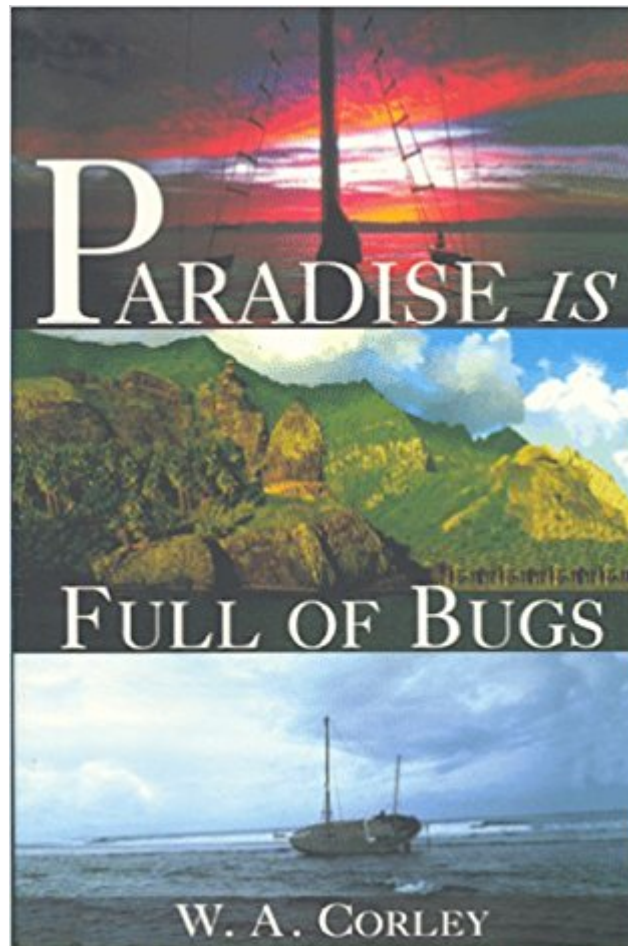




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Excellent book. Had many of the same things happened to me when I was in Pohnpei. Don't get me wrong. They're a very nice people. But a good many in the government can be very ignorant, arrogant and mis-informed at the same time.

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