



# Brook Power

Los Angeles

Brook could teach a master class on “effortless cool.” She’s a killer combo of laid-back-Hawaii-tude layered with Cali-cool-chica. This is probably why she’s constantly booked to be the face of “this” brand or starring in a commercial about “that” product. I met Brook during one of her shoots and instantly felt we were part of the same tribe. She’s independent, tough, smart, savvy, and adorable, with her head floating in the stars and on planet earth at the same time.

**Interview by Paul Collins**

**Where are you from?**

I’m from the North Shore of Oahu, up Pupukea Hill, right up against the creepy jungle.

**What do you do for a living?**

I do commercials and modeling, and surf work when I’m lucky.

**What is your favorite part about the area you live in?**

I have a house here in Westchester and one in Ventura, and they’re both super chill, in un-gentrified neighborhoods close to nature and the beach. And there’s a Trader Joe’s two blocks away from each house, which rules.

**Your house looks really cozy. How did you find it and how did you come to live here?**

It’s pretty cozy. I bought it three years ago when no one wanted to live in this area because it was too close to Inglewood or some shit. I was tired of traffic, and Venice had gotten so lame and infiltrated with dorks, so I had to go keep it real somewhere. I love Westchester. It kinda blew up round here after I got this house, though. I’m looking for another house in Inglewood right now, too.

**What are your favorite parts of your home?**

We love our fireplace, like we love it. No one has fireplaces in Hawaii, so now that we have one we are amped. In the 1940s, they built houses with lots of small rooms, which I initially thought I wouldn’t like since most modern homes have very open floor plans. But I always have a lot of people in my house, so all the smaller rooms give us a feeling of privacy if we ever need it. I like having a busy household. It keeps you from being a weirdo.

**Who made all of the collage pieces around the house?**

That would be me, amigo.

**How would you define your style?**

Teenage boy meets chola?

**Who are your style icons/inspirations?**

Damn, Gwen Stefani was so fuckin’ cool back in the day. Tragic Kingdom, ese.

**Where is your favorite place to surf in the world?**

Well, Mexico... Barra de la Cruz and stuff. And Indo [Indonesia] is pretty fun and all, but I think I would rather go to Hawaii than Indo. Paddle out at V-Land [Velzyland] on a good day and be home, and then go get some poke!

**You get to travel a lot for work. Where are the top spots you’ve been for work or play?**

I get to work in South America and Australia quite a bit. I love Mexico, *mi corazón*, man, I get to work there next month and I’m stoked. I love Australia’s waterfalls—be careful for leeches, though. Shooting in the Caribbean, even though there aren’t usually waves, is always so nice. Such a dreamy zone.

**Any upcoming projects you are excited about?**

I just did a Vogue fashion film in Austin that was all sixties rockabilly chic. That was cool. And I have a Playboy spread coming out that might be cool. Scandalous!