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From Brand: Commonwealth Editions : 4 Go Mad in Massachusetts: Adventures with the Mitchell Family from Boston to the Berkshires before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 4 Go Mad in Massachusetts: Adventures with the Mitchell Family from Boston to the Berkshires:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Kooky fun travelogueBy A CustomerJohn Mitchell can't quite decide if 4 Go Mad in Massachusetts is a travelogue or a travel book, but therein lies its perfection. A series of short stories about his family's travels all over the state make more fun reading than a bland travel book, while imparting the kind of hidden information about attractions both offbeat and obvious that often goes unsaid (like that when visiting 'The Butterfly Place' his twin boys get more excited about an infestation of mealy bugs they find, or how the boys' 'Uncle Biz' accompanies them to a historic site and meets a man in period costume portraying his Mayflower riding ancestor but all he can think to ask him is "Where is the bathroom?"). From the Thermometer Museum to an Anatomical Museum, to the Freedom Trail and Edaville Railroad, Mitchell paints a portrait of the state with equal parts sarcasm, wit, and wonderment that goes far outside the lines yet entices the reader to delve deeper into finding the Massachusetts that lies just outside the box. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Catcher In The Rye of Massachussets Travel LiteratureBy Andrew MyersContrary to the opinion of senile, old hacks from Norwell, MA (a town famous for its proximity to high-tension power lines and twitchy, disaffected children) I found 4 Go Mad to be a thrill-a-minute-laugh-riot. I marveled along with Harry Hugo at the ability to make electricity at the Charles River Museum of Industry, I felt MY temperature rise at the Porter Thermometer Museum and oh how I have dreamed of seeing a real Capybara since reading of the Harvard Museum of Natural History. Bravo John E. Mitchell, bravo. And kudos indeed to the clearly talented Miss Christy Mitchell. I think this book should be a must read for every family. I gave three copies out to friends with infants just to encourage their sense of adventure. May we all "go mad" in the same fine fashion as the Mitchell's. Let's just make sure we avoid Norwell in our travels; those people are creepier than George's island. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A smart and funny look at some most unusual worldsBy Steve D. Throughout the nearly 200 pages of this book, John Mitchell finds himself facing an age-old dilemma: can a family find places to visit that won't leave at least one side of the parent-child team screaming for mercy? How do two young hipsters entertain their kids without hooking them up to the corporate theme park teat? It's a tribute to the Mitchells' parenting skills that they and their children derive as much fascination and enjoyment from talking to hens at the zoo as they do from wandering through a World War II-era submarine (although the boys get as much pleasure from crawling across the lined-up bunks and pretending to be moles). Between John's smart, clever prose and Jana's gorgeous, fluid illustrations, 4 Go Mad will make you want to visit more places and spend time examining their beauty, their pathos, and how different age groups derive different meanings from them. A smart, fun read.

Offbeat daytrips with children in Massachusetts.

Funny, quirky, highly personal, this book is for every family ready to discover something completely different in our wonderful state. -- Parents and Kids June 2003 Want to build togetherness, while learning about Massachusetts? 4GMIM's zany descriptions and playful illustrations will pique your family's wanderlust. -- Salem News March 27, 2003 Will whet any family's appetite for adventure. As families are staying closer to home, it may prove a worthwhile resource. -- The Patriot Ledger April 19-20, 2003 Witty and wise--a great book for the glove compartment, because you never know where the road might take you. -- Boston.com Travel April 6, 2003 About the Author John E. Mitchell is a freelance writer. Jana Christy Mitchell is a self-taught artist and illustrator. Separately, their work has appeared in the Boston Globe and other leading publications. Together, they collaborated on the comic book Very Vicky. They live with their sons in North Adams, Massachusetts.