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"typical beauty", but no matter who you are, I believe that everyone has the potential to see and recognize the bountiful beauty that is Kansas.

No bare-bones travel guide, this fun book details 27 day trips across Kansas. Each trip is to a place of historic or natural interest in the state and is complemented by full-color photography. For those interested in hitting the backroads and doing some exploring, this is the perfect travel companion. Information on state recreation areas and hiking, biking and walking trails is also included, as is Kansas trivia that will boggle the mind.

From the Back Cover There's fun for the whole family to be found on the highways and byways of Kansas, especially with 83,000 Square Miles, No Lines, No Waiting as your guide. Twenty-seven fun-filled day trips are detailed here to help make the most of your vacation. Inside you'll also find Kansas trivia, information on hiking and nature trails, state parks, and fun facts on every county in the state. You can get away from it all in 24 hours or less - and 83,000 Square Miles will show you how. About the Author Steve Harper is a third-generation Kansan living in Newton on land owned by his family for generations. After serving as an instructor in graphic design and journalism at Wichita State University, Steve joined The Wichita Eagle newspaper as director of photography. He later became the newspaper's outdoors editor, a position he still holds today. A series of successful day trip columns inspired Harper to write more about the state he loves so that others could enjoy the beauty of its roads less traveled. Steve also serves as a guide on his own Kansas bus trips.