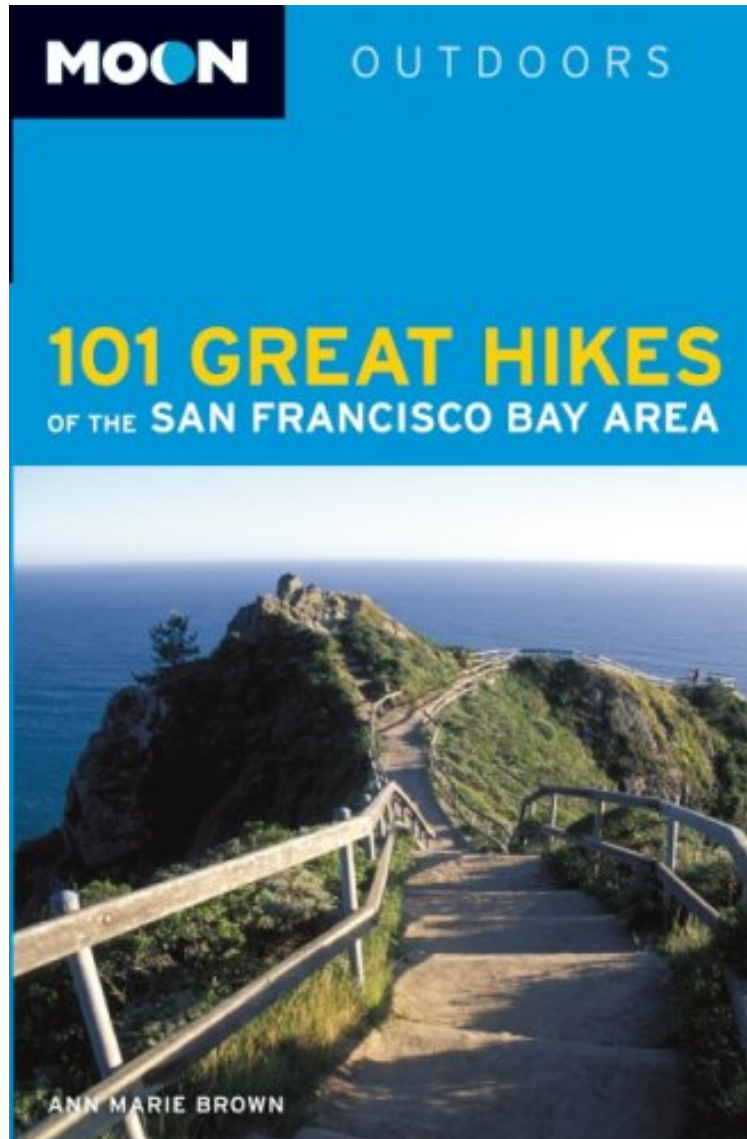


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Ann Marie Brown : Moon 101 Great Hikes of the San Francisco Bay Area (Moon Outdoors) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon 101 Great Hikes of the San Francisco Bay Area (Moon Outdoors):

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. San Francisco: Outdoor Vacation Destination By Fritz R. Ward San Francisco is the only major urban area that I consider an outdoor (hiking/camping) vacation destination. Almost all

cities have nice parks and short walks in areas where urban and wild (or at least undeveloped) landscapes interface. But the Bay Area has a lot of such lands and an abundance of trails on them. Even East Bay communities, with their thick urban development and nightly traffic snarls, have a parks and open space district that boasts nearly 100,000 square acres and contains over 1,100 miles of trail. The latter figure rivals what one can find in many national forests. But of course the Bay Area also includes towering redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the spectacular Point Reyes National Seashore. So where should you turn to explore all this wild territory that surrounds one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world? There are many good guidebooks to the region, but this new edition of Ann Marie Brown's '101 Hikes' is an excellent starting point. The older edition was the first hiking guide I purchased to the Bay Area. It gave me many superb outings and the new edition is even better. Like many other hiking guides from Moon Guidebooks, this one is long on route description, natural and local history, and includes numerous black and white photos from the author so readers can get a glimpse of the local scenery. Unlike other Moon Guides, this volume also has detailed sketch maps of the trails. The book covers wildlands from the Sonoma Coast to Santa Cruz and extends eastward as far as Napa Valley and Livermore. The four chapters cover each geographical region and the hikes are fairly evenly distributed. Most of the trips Brown offers in this book are half to full day excursions. Double digit mileage is common and hikes from five to ten miles are the norm. The author does, however, include a number of "options" for those who would like a shorter, or longer, hike. On the whole, this is an excellent book. I can never decide if I like the Santa Cruz Mountains or Marin County more, but I have walked many of the selections Brown describes in these areas and think they are, without exception, the premier hikes in these parks. The waterfall loop in Big Basin Redwoods, the excursion through Henry Cowell, and the trip to Arch Rock at Point Reyes are all personal favorites that I have done many times. Buy this book and start building some memories of the (really) wild side within the greater Bay Area.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Listing of hikes in the Bay Area
By Kathleen Meade
I've had this book since I moved to the Bay Area five years ago. I always go back to it to find interesting hikes whenever I have visitors in town.
Likes: Great list of hikes for each region. Includes "Best Hikes" list for different categories (bird watching, redwood forests, flowers, etc). Hints of what to look for, summary and difficulty info is available.
Could be better: Some of the starting points of these trails/sites is not easy to find. In these days of GPS usage it would be nice to have an address to type in to find the exact locations. I usually have to look that up on a computer before heading out.
I would definitely recommend it and have given this book as a gift a few times.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cheap and fab!
By AK Paulin
This is a great book and arrived supposedly 'used' but in excellent condition, at a price of less than \$2 I was extremely happy. The descriptions of the walks are detailed and easy to read.

Avid hiker and experienced travel writer Ann Marie Brown knows the best places to hike in the San Francisco Bay Area from ocean-front and mountain trails to scenic walks through Wine Country. This third edition of Moon 101 Great Hikes of the San Francisco Bay Area includes a new hiking tips section, updated trail maps for each hike, new chapter maps with sites plotted by region, and a new resources section. This guide also has helpful icons indicating access to historic sites, trails that are appropriate for children, wheelchair-accessible trails, and trailheads that can be accessed via public transportation. Complete with difficulty levels from 1 to 5, Moon 101 Great Hikes of the San Francisco Bay Area provides hikers with first-rate expert advice and all the necessary tools to head outdoors.

About the Author
The author of 12 outdoor guidebooks, Ann Marie Brown is a dedicated California outdoorswoman. She bikes, hikes, and camps more than 150 days each year to avoid routine, complacency, and getting a real job. Ann Marie's work has appeared in *Sunset*, *VIA*, *Backpacker*, and *California* magazines. As a way of giving back a bit of what she gets from her outdoor experiences, she writes and edits for several environmental groups, including the Sierra Club and National Resources Defense Council. When not riding or hiking along a California trail, Ann Marie can be found at her home just a few miles from Yosemite National Park.