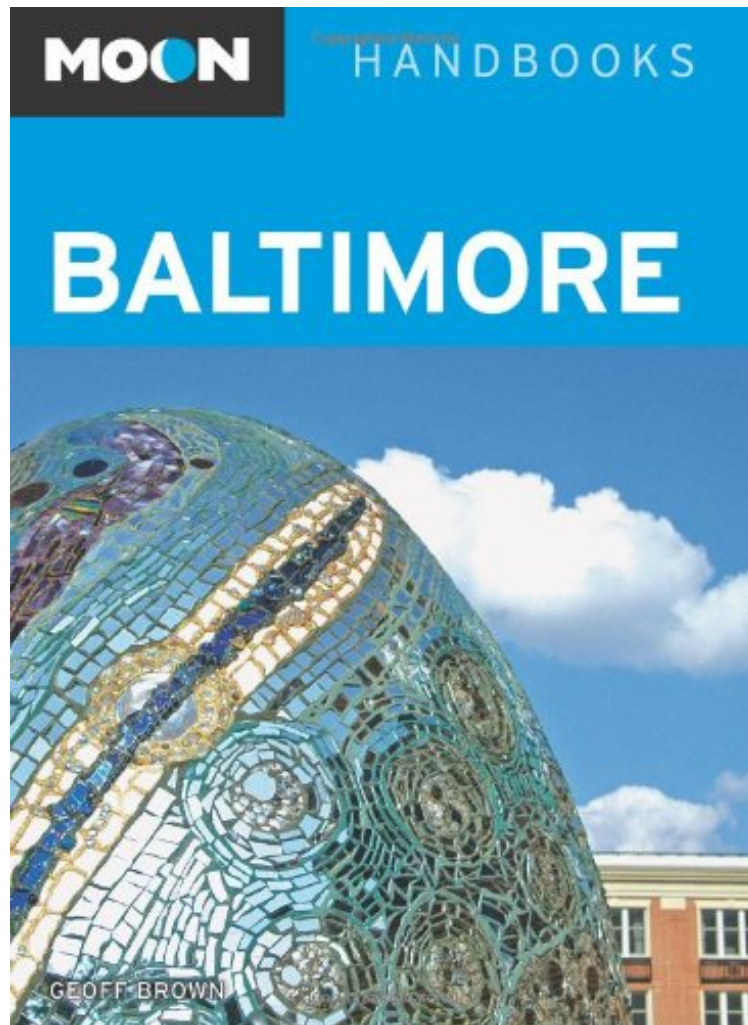


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Geoff Brown : Moon Baltimore (Moon Handbooks) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon Baltimore (Moon Handbooks):

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. for local and out of townersBy woganGood tour guides for areas where you live are notoriously hard to find. The Moon Handbook written by Geoff Brown , who lives in Baltimore solves that problem; but it also makes an outstanding guide for out of towners.There are many interesting takes on the normal tourist attractions including where you can find places that have appeared in John Waters films, and others such as Diner and the location of Ace of Cakes. Festivals and events are included. The beloved local dialect known as Bawlmerese and Hon is explained. All is written so that anyone could appreciate the information.Considering that this book is 249 pages, it contains an astounding amount of facts including bits of history and explanations. Excursions out

of the city to such places as St. Michaels, Frederick, Annapolis are included, giving information on sights, shops and restaurants. Phone numbers and internet sites are included- always valuable data. Very adequate maps that are concise but easy to use and understand are included with sights on them. The book contains an index of shops, restaurants, nightlife, as well as a `normal` index. Anyone, including locals should appreciate safety in neighborhoods info - always a concern when visiting an urban area. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Needs to be updated. By Wilmette Mom I probably would have given this 5 stars when it first came out in 2009 but five years later it really needs to be updated. I discovered some of the restaurants and stores described in the book are now closed, which was disappointing. But the biggest drawback is that the book does not include any mention of the Charm City Circulator, because that was launched the year after the book came out. I didn't find out about this free bus system until after I arrived in Baltimore - if I'd known about it beforehand it would have been part of my planning and would have saved me some money. If you do decide to get this book be sure to supplement it with info about the CCC which you can find online. Also I would have appreciated more info about safety. The book says the distance between the Inner Harbor and Fells Point is "very walkable" but doesn't suggest a route. My first evening in town I asked a local about walking along the waterfront, which seemed like it might be the most picturesque route, but she told me it wouldn't be a good idea after dark. I was very glad I had asked. Other than these quibbles this was a helpful book with good basic info, including nice color maps at the front, for the tourist like me making a first visit to Baltimore. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Way More Than The Typical Travel Guide. By R PRIUS As a frequent traveler to the DC area and beyond, I do a lot of day trips to the Baltimore and Annapolis areas. In fact, I thought I had pretty much exhausted the major attractions of both areas until I read this book. Since the author resides in the Baltimore area, it is fairly clear that he has an insider's knowledge and enthusiasm for his home turf and it shows. This guide goes way beyond the Inner Harbor/Camden Yards environs and showcases interesting neighborhoods, shopping areas, historical sites, architecture, great restaurants (in all price ranges), and interesting and varied museums. I also provides sound advice as to when and when not to visit certain attractions and additional practical advice. With so many new things to see and do, this guide offers infinite possibilities to not only new visitors but to return visitors as well. It also contains easy to follow maps and great pictures that only add to one already attractive package. The best feature of this book is somewhat intangible; it makes you really want to visit because it sounds pretty cool.

As the former managing editor of Baltimore magazine and a long-term resident of the city, Geoff Brown knows firsthand why so many publications are touting Baltimore as a hidden treasure. Brown leads travelers both to famous destinations and little-known secrets, from historic sights like Fort McHenry, the birthplace of The Star-Spangled Banner, to the music shows and galleries of the art collective Wham City. Brown also includes unique trip ideas tailored for different kinds of travelers, such as A Cinematic Tour de Baltimore and The Locals-Only, Never-See-Another-Tourist Way. With details on visiting the National Aquarium and finding the best Italian food in Little Italy, Moon Baltimore gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.