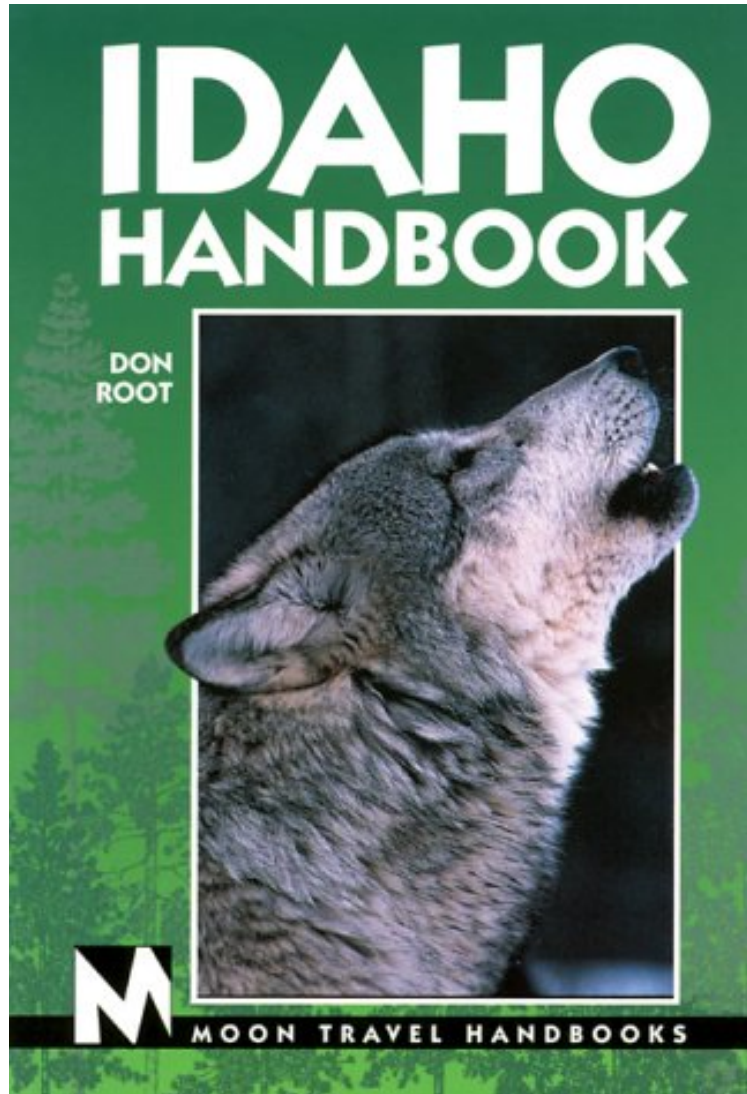


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Don Root : Moon Handbooks Idaho (3rd ed) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon Handbooks Idaho (3rd ed):

23 of 26 people found the following review helpful. An above average guide to the state of IdahoBy jlawrence01.After reading some of the reviews on this book, I decided to reread The Idaho Handbook. The book that I read was quite a bit different than some of the reviews.While the author's position on land-use is well documented throughout the book, I would hardly classify those views as extreme. Quite a few of the Idahoans that I talked with in the two weeks that I spent in Idaho last summer expressed real concerns regarding land-use throughout the state.When I am looking for a tour book, I want something more than the AAA travel books. The book contains a significant amount of the history of

the state. The book also contains all of the usuals for a tour book - an objective analysis of the lodging and food options in many small towns. This is very important as some parts of the state, the options are somewhat limited. In addition, he covers the major (and many of the minor) attractions in the state. A number of these attractions were not found in other books. I enjoy the Moon Guides a whole lot more than other guides. Their strength is that they are written by people who spend a lot of time travelling throughout the state rather than the tourist areas. For example, Deke Castleman's Nevada Handbook dedicated 10-15% of the book on the Las Vegas area. 13 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Idaho Handbook off the mark for Moon travel guide standards. By lowe_beyer@msn.com

The 3rd edition of Moon's Idaho Handbook by Don Root is NOT a travel guide. Rather this is an Environmental Terrorists' Guide to Idaho. The author clearly has an agenda which so permeates the book that even the editor fell asleep on the job. The piece is peppered with comments such as "hydropower crappola" and exposes about salmon-saving such as the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery... "allows the salmon a slim chance, until some crazed environmentalist F-16 pilot from Mountain Home Air Force Base makes an unauthorized sortie up the Snake and takes out Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite dams with laser-guided missiles." (page 386)

Government officials who don't agree with Root's point of view are routinely called "white wackos" (page 1 for starters). I bought this book because I was relying on Moon's reputation and experience in publishing travel guides which focused on outdoor adventure travel issues and places. Knowing the location of a major salmon hatchery is relevant. Knowing the author's political views and actions about it are not only irrelevant but insulting. Unlike other Moon guides, this author also apparently felt that travellers didn't need to know where laundromats or health and food stores were, just coffeeshops and bars. I would seriously reconsider any future Moon Publication purchases based on this book's editorial content. Maybe Lonely Planet is worth waiting for. 13 of 16 people found the following review helpful. A Toot for Root By A Customer

Idaho may not be everyone's idea of a "hot potato" destination. But if you want a clever, concise guide to a wonderful state -- this is it. Check out "Rural Bar Etiquette" on p. 78 for a sample of Root's humor. This is not your average dry guide (Although Root's sense of humor is indeed dry!) You will find instead detailed descriptions and opinions (some very funny) which can help you decide the places that might be of special interest to you. It is one of the best guide books I have ever read.

Offering new adventure opportunities in this increasingly popular travel destination, this guide emphasizes the sporting activities to be found, and highlights the accommodation available as well as the city sights and entertainment. '