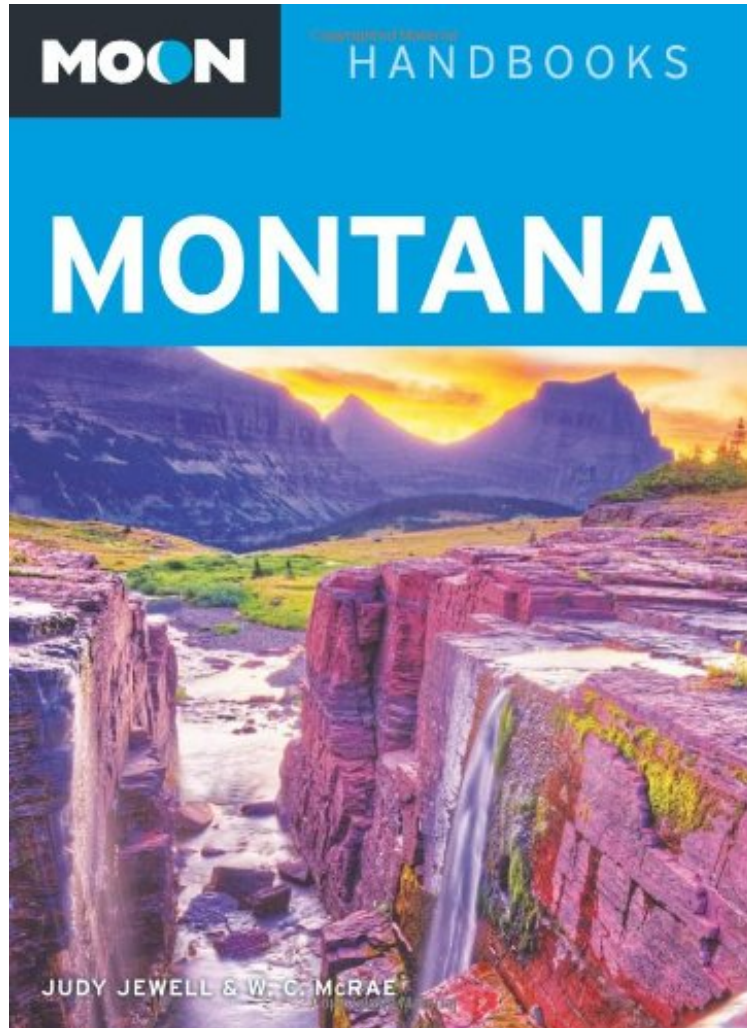


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Judy Jewell, Bill McRae : Moon Montana (Moon Handbooks) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon Montana (Moon Handbooks):

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Well written but seriously lacking for trip planning useBy WinterThe Moon guides are the best written and best edited travel guides I have found and I will often get several for an area to use when planning a trip. The Moon Montana is no exception and provides a broad coverage and also enough detail to decide whether or not to visit a particular location.Where the book fails is in providing a regional perspective. When you have a state the size of Idaho there is a need for regional maps and this book instead goes from the entire state down to the individual town or recreation spot. It has a section for example that covers Butte, Helena, and Southwestern Montana but when you go to this section you find individual location writeups but nothing including

maps that layout the region. If you are looking for information on a specific town or place like Glacier National Park it still provides no map or diagram of the areas sights and relative locations or distances. Idaho is probably the best state in which to see wildlife but one would not know this from the Moon Idaho guide which is very much town oriented and provides far more information on restaurants than on wildlife areas in the state. This is a big mistake. I use Tripadvisor.com and Yelp.com and other sources to find accommodations and eating places as they cover many more places and include customer reviews and are more current. It is a waste of paper to put this type of information in a guidebook for a state. I found myself going online to get 75% of the information I wanted for my trip around in the state. For choosing specific places to visit I found the book by Chuck Robbins "Great Places Montana" to be better written and more informative. Chuck Robbins' book is one I would highly recommend. Overall I would not recommend this book unless you want to buy only one book and accept its significant limitations. I would recommend instead buying individual books like the Great Places Montana and Backcountry Roads and ones on hiking in the state as in doing so you will get a great deal more useful information. An example of what guide books should be are the exceptional ones from Moon that are done by Tom Steinstra on California camping and California fishing. These are very well written and edited and very well illustrated with both regional and area maps. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Upcoming Montana Trip By SuzyQ75 Was very helpful in planning things to do in Montana. It listed sights, restaurants, hotels, campgrounds, recreational activities. GREAT BOOK! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Typically good By Michael Chance I find Moon's books to be very good across the travel guide spectrum. This one is no exception.

Seasoned travel writers Judy Jewell and W. C. McRae share the best ways to experience all that Montana has to offer, from the wilderness of Yellowstone to the rolling prairies of the state's eastern region. McRae and Jewell lead travelers to the highlights of the Big Sky Country with trip ideas such as A Lewis and Clark Expedition and Fishing Southwest Montana. Complete with tips for cross-country skiing at Glacier National Park, observing elk at Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, and finding the best watering holes in Missoula, Moon Montana gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

About the Author Judy Jewell was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where crossing a busy street was a typical outdoor adventure. She headed west right after she broke her right leg falling from a tree house at a camp where she worked. A small cash settlement prompted Judy to buy a cross-country Amtrak pass, pack up her stuff, and move to Portland, Oregon. Not long after that, in 1978, Judy made her first visit to Montana. By accident. On a freight train. It now occurs to her that she must've been a little wild back then. And it occurs to her friends that she's still somebody who goes out of her way to . . . well, go out of her way. Back on track in Portland, Judy graduated from Reed College and worked as a Forest Service grunt, pizza maker, and women's health-collective staff member. Then she found herself at Portland's renowned Powell's Books. Judy worked there, as a book buyer and manager, for 14 years. It was during this long stint that Judy and co-worker Bill McRae realized some of the books they were selling would look a lot better with their names on them. In addition to Moon Montana, Judy is the author of several guidebooks, including Moon Utah, Moon Zion Bryce, Moon Oregon, and Moon Coastal Oregon (all with Bill McRae). When she is not writing about the outdoors and travel, she works as a technical and scientific editor and a yoga teacher in Portland, Oregon. Bill McRae was raised in the badlands of eastern Montana, in a ranching community noted for Old West nonconformity and lawlessness. It's no wonder that he was on the run for most of his university years: from Montana to Scotland, on to France, back to Canada, and then to England. This wayward youth didn't help him much in the job market; over the years he has worked in jobs as varied as bookstore manager, catering chef, tile setter, remodeler, bartender, and bovine artificial inseminator. Nearly all these jobs subsidized him at one time or another while he struggled to establish himself as a writer. Bill's first travel guide was Moon Montana, and of all his books it remains his favorite. He grew up in an immigrant family steeped in the history of Montana; one grandfather of Prussian Jewish extraction helped push the railroad across central Montana, while another emigrated from Scotland to start a sheep ranch in the Big Dry Country. The matriarchy had its own stories of emigration, homesteading, and the Great Depression. This confluence of traditions meant a youth spent listening to family tales. Bill grew up in a household rich with sagas: the early railroad, friendships with Charlie Russell, open-range cowboys, shepherders, outlaws, and cattle drives. For this son of the West, capturing the essence of Montana's rugged yet courtly spirit was both a challenge and a therapy. Bill is the co-author of several travel guides, including Moon Utah, Moon Zion Bryce, Moon Oregon, and Moon Coastal Oregon (all with Judy Jewell). He has written for Frommer's, Lonely Planet, and Mobil Guides, and has provided content for 1000 Places to See in the USA and Canada Before You Die. He has also edited books for National Geographic and provided content for websites like GORP and Expedia. Bill makes his home in Portland, Oregon.