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Zora O'Neill : Moon New Mexico (Moon Handbooks) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon New Mexico (Moon Handbooks):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A very good travel aid. By Gwen P. My family and I spent two weeks this summer touring the American southwest. We purchased this book along with another one to offer us insight into the attractions found in the Four Corners Area. This was the book that we used extensively. It was our first time using the Moon Series and we were impressed. The layout of the book is logical and easy to use. It's broken up into the sections of the state (NW, SW, etc). It also has specific sections about each of the major towns/cities and what is found in the towns and the surrounding areas. The maps contained in each section are very helpful and accurate. We were grateful to have them when needing a close up view of a particular area of the state or town that was too general on our

state map. The book flows easily and is written in plain language with a lot of personal tips and advice. You can tell that the author is familiar with the state and loves it! Though the pictures contained in the book are black and white, they are engaging and draw your interest in wanting to know more and creates a desire to visit the particular location. Though there aren't pictures on each page like some other books, there's just enough to grasp the concept of the area. If you're a person who uses your travel books as a photo album of your trip, this probably won't be the case with this one. The book is not a huge thick book. Instead, it's a nicely sized and fairly compact. It supplies a general overview of each area with the key places noted and pointed out. Though it does supply background history on each area in relation to the history, culture, etc, it doesn't go into fine detail like some of your larger/thicker travel books. We didn't find this to be a problem since we were able to obtain more detailed information about a particular place at the location itself. She offers a variety of sleeping accommodations at each location. She tries to make a point of picking out a low cost, mid-cost and more expensive accommodation to satisfy the needs of the readers. The only disappointment we had with the book was that we later found out that there is a Four Corners book by Moon which would have fit our needs a bit better. Oh well. I would recommend this book!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another Fine Guide to New Mexico By Warren Liebold This review also applies to the separate volume by the same author covering ABQ, Santa Fe and Taos. Rule No. 1 when evaluating travel guides. Newer is usually a bit better simply because everything gets outdated in four or five years. So the Moon Guides get points for being recent. The Guide is also stronger on the people and places and less on the lists of hotels. Moon New Mexico also scores well on the Relatively Obscure Places Rating and Additional Sources of Information I Didn't Already Know About ranking. My problem with most travel guides is that they should all be available in eBook or similar live, graphic format. Not so much Kindle, which is fine for text but less so when graphics are involved and useless with hyperlinks. Who wants to lug travel books with them? Who would want them on a tablet or notebook (me!me!). I'd pay the same price as the hardcover.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great tips for hidden adventures... By OMAZINGI always use the Moon Handbooks when I travel. They're small so they're easy to take along, they're broken down into different areas of the state so it's easy to focus on a specific place, there are many hotel and restaurant suggestions in different price ranges. And there are suggestions for itineraries if you're in an area for one day, three days, etc. Very helpful! My only beef would be that we've found some discrepancies since it was written in 2007. Two places have moved so I'd recommend doing some homework to make sure the place is still there and the price is the same.

New Mexico native Zora O'Neill gives her insider perspective on New Mexico, from museum-hopping in Santa Fe to visiting organic farms. O'Neill includes unique trip ideas like the 14-Day Grand Tour, High Peaks, Wild Rivers, and Nuclear New Mexico. Packed with information on dining, transportation, and accommodations, Moon New Mexico has lots of options for a range of travel budgets. Every Moon guidebook includes recommendations for must-see sights and many regional, area, and city-centered maps. Complete with details on Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque, Moon New Mexico gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience. With expert writers, first-rate strategic advice, and an essential dose of humor, Moon guidebooks are the cure for the common trip.

From the Author Please visit my update website for the book. I can't list the URL here, but if you search for "moon new mexico update" (with the quotation marks), you'll hit it. I visit New Mexico frequently, and often get news from people I know there. So on the update website, I list businesses that have closed and other major changes as I hear about them, to keep the book fresh. The next edition of the guide is due in spring 2011. About the Author Even though Zora O'Neill now lives in New York City, she still calls New Mexico home. Over the past thirty years, she has seen the region change from 1970s fringy to relative economic success in the 1990s. Some Christmas seasons were spent in the adobe house of the governor of Taos Pueblo, while summers were spent hiking and camping in the Pecos Mountains and the state's other beautiful wilderness areas.