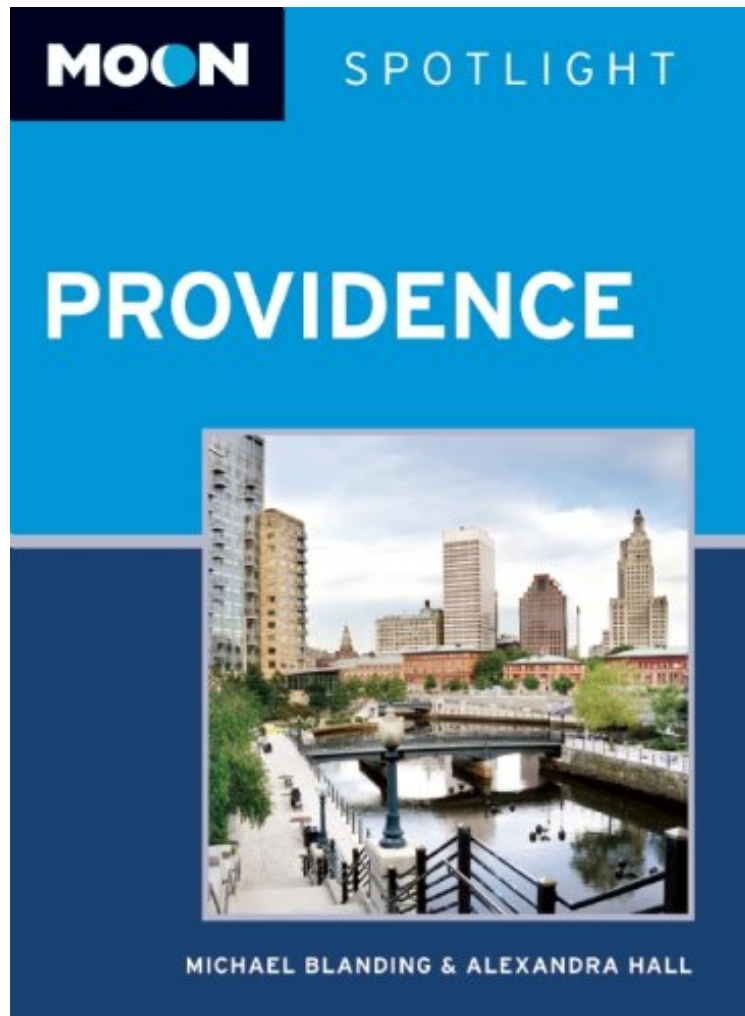


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**Michael Blanding, Alexandra Hall : Moon Spotlight Providence** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon Spotlight Providence:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not a very good book.By WeybridgerReally just a reprint of a chapter from a larger guide book of Rhode island. So, maybe 50 thin pages about Providence and a few dozen more about the area that surrounds it. The writing is superficial and glib and not especially helpful. For example, several of the restaurant reviews were of chain restaurants. The Cheesecake Factory may be the best restaurant in a certain neighborhood, but a guidebook doesn't need to review it -- except maybe to say there is no local food to mention and that a chain is the best option. We just spent a few days there and found the book to be of little use. (We also had an article from the Wall Street Journal that covered the same information and was more accurate; not to mention shorter, and free. <http://online.wsj.com/articles/the-perfect-long-weekend-in-providence-1411755862>)0 of 0 people found the

following review helpful. Helpful Little Guide Book. . .By K. CaldwellI bought this book to visit Providence with my fiancée for the first time. We didn't know anything about the area except that it supposedly had very good places to eat. (True!)I found this book to be very useful to give us some ideas of places to try and areas to see. Computers and phones are great, but on the go, we referenced this book many times. Out of all we saw, almost everything was something we got from the book - such as some restaurant suggestions, shopping areas, entertainment, etc.The only thing it lacked compared to the more expensive guides I typically buy for larger cities was a better street map, or a detachable one. Understandable that it didn't though because as we found out, Providence is pretty small so it's not completely necessary. Overall, a good trip, and this book had many good suggestions. A good pick up for a getaway weekend. And with being from 2011, it was pretty up to date.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Useful brief guideBy L. JohnsonThis guide is not very big, but it contains just the information you need if going on a sight-seeing vacation to Providence. It is an excerpt from a larger work and deals only with the city and immediate surroundings. It would be easy to put into a purse or in a jacket pocket so it is ideal as a reference. It is very up to date. I would recommend it to anyone planning a leisure trip to Providence.

Moon Spotlight Providence is a 70-page compact guide covering the best of Providence, including Waterplace Park and Riverwalk, Kennedy Plaza, Jackson-Gardner Park, and the Cranston Street Armory. Authors Michael Blanding and Alexandra Hall offer their seasoned advice on must-see attractions, and include maps with sightseeing highlights so you can make the most of your time. This lightweight guide is packed with recommendations on entertainment, shopping, recreations, accommodations, food, and transportation, making navigating Rhode Island's capital city uncomplicated and enjoyable.

About the AuthorMichael Blanding and Alexandra Hall met working five feet from each other as editors at Boston Magazine, where Alexandra covered food and fashion and Michael wrote about politics and crime. Native New Englanders at heart, Michael and Alexandra pride themselves on having driven, hiked, canoed, or sailed every inch of the six-state region, ferreting out underrated restaurants, backwoods museums, and hidden storybook villages along the way.Alexandra grew up on Boston's South Shore and studied at Wheaton College and the Cordon Bleu Institute in Paris. She is now the Boston editor of Daily Candy, a website divulging the newest finds in food, fashion, and culture. Michael grew up west of Boston and attended Williams College. He has won several awards for his writing, including twice being named a finalist for the prestigious Livingston Awards for Young Journalists; he now teaches magazine writing at Emerson College and Tufts University. Together, Alexandra and Michael have written for publications including Cond Nast Traveler, Bon Appetit, Elle Decor, Continental, Delta Sky, Business Traveler, Nation, New York Times, Boston Globe, and AlterNet. They now live in the Boston neighborhood of Jamaica Plain with their cat named Dog and their son Zachary Martin Hall Blanding, who has fast become the best-traveled baby in the world.