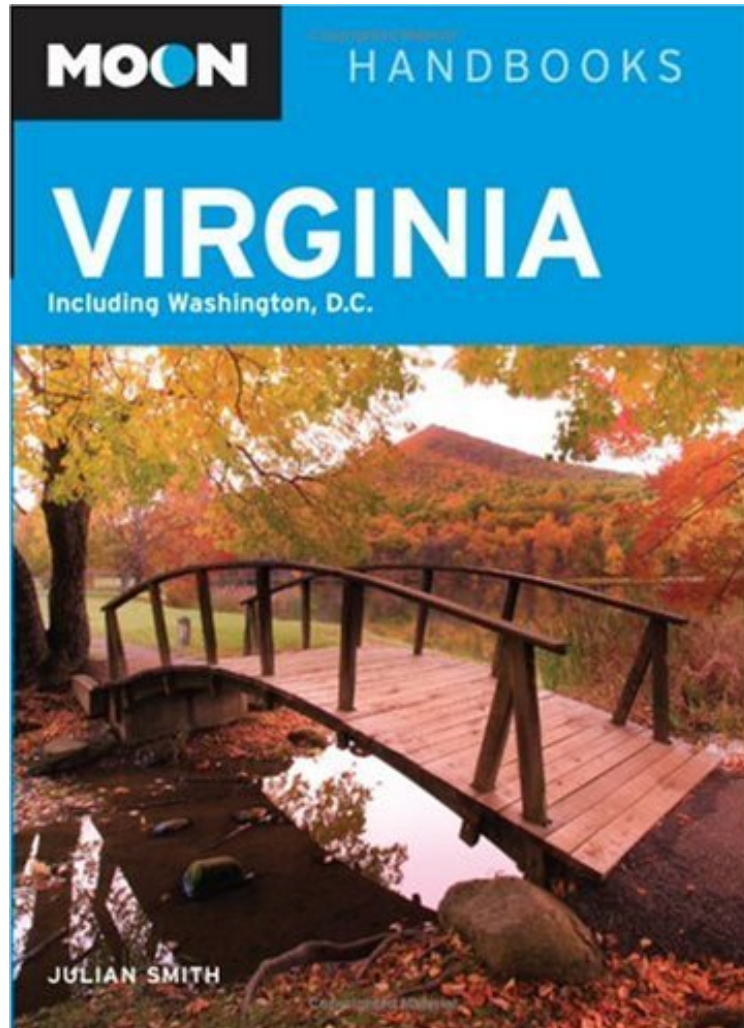


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2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Very poorBy Linda TurnerI have a 6 shelf bookcase filled with guidebooks. I have often chosen the "Moon" ones because they usually offer lots of information and plenty of listings for accommodations, food places, etc. Not this one. We took it with us on a trip to Williamsburg this past weekend (Aug 21 - 24 2009) and found it to be virtually useless. First off, there is NOTHING on the city of Williamsburg. It goes on for pages about Colonial Williamsburg - but there is a whole modern city and it's completely ignored. No restaurants, no hotels, no information at all. It's as though the city doesn't exist. We had a camp space at the

Williamsburg KOA but we got that through the KOA's own website. The guide book does list it but it also lists a "Colonial" campsite for KOA. There is ONE KOA there, with ONE check-in office. The campground is divided into 2 sections. But if you went by the guide book you'd think that there are 2 entirely separate KOAs. We wanted to find a seafood restaurant in Williamsburg but didn't know where to begin to look since the book ignores the city. We ended up eating a grocery store meal at our campsite. I'll be looking for another publisher's VA guidebook before we travel down there again.

Award-winning travel writer Julian Smith knows the best way to experience Virginia, from canoeing down the Great Dismal Swamp and hiking the Appalachian Trail to noshing at the Carytown Watermelon Festival. Smith provides unique suggestions for trips such as the Two-Week History Tour and Outdoor Highlights for Active Travelers. Packed with information on dining, transportation, and accommodations, Moon Virginia 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. With guidance on exploring the deep forest of Douthat State Park and visiting the pretty, gingerbread-like houses of Onancock, Moon Virginia 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.

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