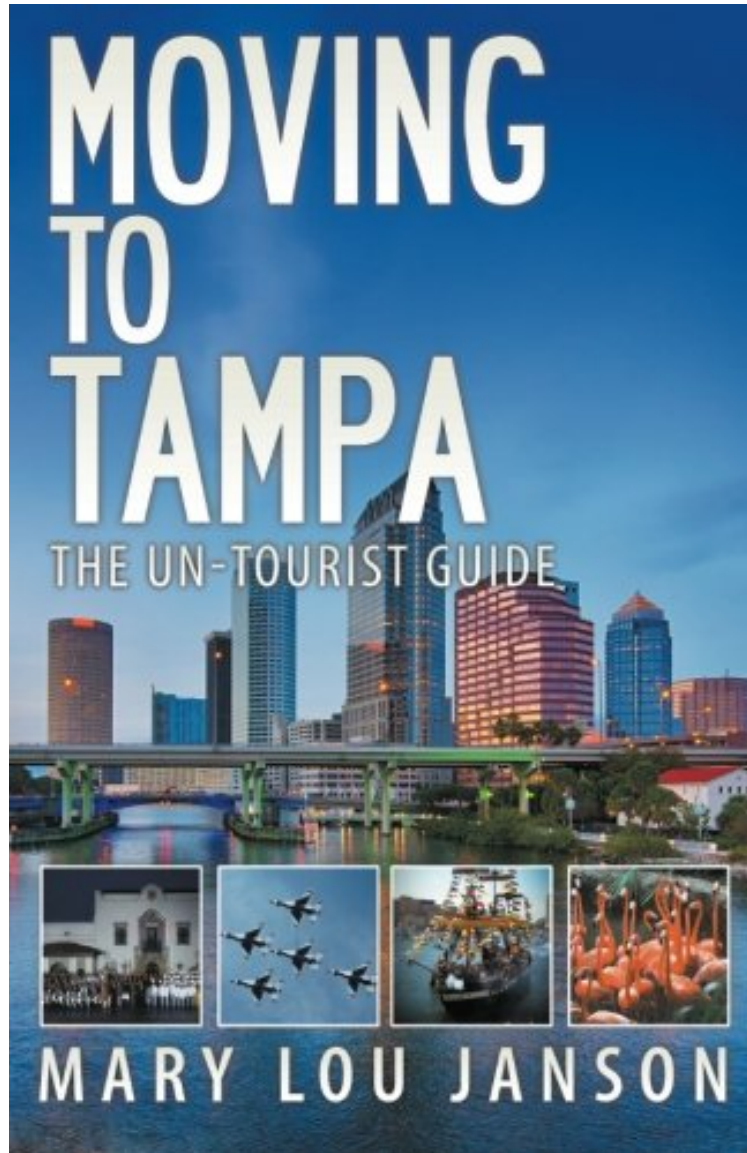


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**Mary Lou Janson : Moving to Tampa: The Un-Tourist Guide** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moving to Tampa: The Un-Tourist Guide:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Civic booster writes about the pretty, ignores the gritty side of TampaBy Scott H. LewisWe're seriously considering a move to Tampa and were looking for a solid background briefing on the area. This book comes close, but ultimately misses the mark for its lack of balance.It is unabashedly

civic booster-ish. It's a given that the author loves the city and that there is a lot to love about Tampa. However Moving to Tampa reads like a love note from the Chamber of Commerce, with contributions from real estate agents. Both have a vested interest in attracting new residents, and in dissuading visitors from focusing on anything that's less than admirable. The author, a former local journalist, makes no serious effort to provide much balance. The book constantly reminds that everything's pretty great in Tampa, but does devote a few paragraphs to acknowledging obvious issues like hurricanes and crime (You have only a 1 in 160 chance of falling victim to a violent crime in Tampa, she writes. What? That seems high). There's no mention of politics, or of the neighborhoods and school districts to avoid. She writes about the Amtrak service and airport, and apologizes for the sketchy service by HART, the transit authority, by saying that the area is just too spread out for decent transit (Seattle and Chicago might offer some lessons). There is nothing about the low-income or disabled or disadvantaged. Aren't they relevant in Tampa? Aren't they welcome? As a potential new resident, I'd like a better balanced view. Sure, tell me about Derek Jeter's mansion on Davis Islands, That's a fun fact. But don't forget to mention where I shouldn't be house-hunting or walk at night. Balance the pretty with the gritty and my bet is that there will still be ample reason to be Moving to Tampa.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. **SAVE YOUR MONEY** By Ainabara I thought this book was going to include a lot more information than it did and was disappointed to find it didn't tell me anything my previous research (read: Google is FREE) hadn't already told me. In fact, it reads a lot like a travel brochure and is littered with blurbs about neighborhoods written by various real estate agents throughout. As much as I wanted to like this book, it was seriously lacking so much information and barely touched on many topics. In my opinion, Google does better. Save your money.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **Good read for moving to the Tampa area** By JN This book has a lot of really good information about the history and sites in the Tampa area. I would like to see an updated version though. Very good read for anyone interested in moving to Tampa.

After cross country moves from New York to Arizona to California, finally ending up in Tampa, I can say that Moving to Tampa is exactly the book future residents need. It is well written and filled with practical tips to help newcomers settle in quickly. --Robbie Claus This practical and lively guide is essential if you are planning to make Tampa your new home. Moving to Tampa: The Un-Tourist Guide provides all the vital information you need to make yourself quickly at home. Not just another pretty place, Tampa is a vibrant city boasting and hosting a world class, international airport, professional sports teams, high-end retail, fine dining experiences, multi-national companies, state-of-the-art medical facilities, colleges and universities, MacDill Air Force Base and so much more. Tampa is an ideal place to start a career, start a family or start enjoying retirement. Our goal is to help you make the most of our town by showing you how to: Choose a place to live that suits your lifestyle Determine the best schools Relocate your business or launch a new one Find the best shopping and dining Participate in the festivals, cultural offerings, and outdoor opportunities Assimilate quickly within your community

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**About the Author** A writer and publicist, her journalism career spans more than 30 years. A former Tampa Tribune reporter, she covered Florida's tourism and agricultural industries as well as issues related directly to the Tampa Bay area. It was chance that first brought Mary Lou Janson to the Tampa Bay area - Tampa specifically - but choice that has made it her home far longer than anywhere else she has lived. A family vacation that combined visiting relatives with an escape from the frigid February weather in Canton, OH, her former hometown, first introduced Mary Lou to the natural beauty and better weather this Central Florida city boasts. It was a traumatic move for a then 10-year-old to be uprooted from friends and relatives and transplanted to the Tampa Hyde Park neighborhood that became her new home. She remained in Tampa and other areas of Florida until making the cross-country leap to Berkeley, CA to live on the other West Coast in the 90s. It was a wonderful five-year stay but by then the boomerang effect took hold. That is the nickname she has for the Tampa phenomenon defined by longtime residents leaving but eventually returning to reclaim their Tampa roots. When named the public relations manager of the primary destination marketing organization for Tampa/Hillsborough County, she worked with journalists from around the world to introduce them to what makes Tampa a popular travel destination. During that time, she received a national award for the comprehensive press kit she researched, wrote and developed to promote and publicize what Tampa offers travelers who come here for fun, to visit friends and family or for business purposes. Most of her life has been spent in the Tampa Bay area, where she currently lives, works and enjoys the natural beauty, signature sunsets and warm weather on almost a daily basis. She continues to share her favorite things about Tampa with others via her blog on VisitSouth.com, the app she created for Suro Media, the Insiders Guide to Tampa Bay, and through articles in local magazines like Tampa Bay

Metro, DuPont Registry and Edible Tampa Bay. Tampa is an area that continues to evolve and expand and an endless source of delightful discoveries. Mary Lou hopes to help others will feel at home here as much as she does.