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David Langlieb : Backroads Byways of Pennsylvania: Drives, Day Trips Weekend Excursions (Backroads Byways) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Backroads Byways of Pennsylvania: Drives, Day Trips Weekend Excursions (Backroads Byways):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A travel guide with 1 useless map!By Love the LakeA guide for

travel with no maps! Oh, there is a map...but it doesn't have most of the roads that you will be traveling on if you'd like to embark on the journeys suggested. The book is easy to read, (hence the 2 star rating) and has interesting sites with commentary that is entertaining. However, what the author should have included in each chapter is an inset map with the actual area that you would be visiting and the route highlighted so you knew where you were going. For people unfamiliar with the routes, that would have been an immensely helpful necessity. The directions to get to the different areas are vague. For example, in the chapter "Erie Hook" he says "this trip begins in the heart of Pennsylvania's wine country near the shores of Lake Erie in North East. This cheery little town is just a few miles from the NY state border and the southern point of the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Wine Trail. What??? Where the heck do I begin finding that!!! There is no index to the towns that you will be visiting. The only thing he lists in the front of the book are the chapters of each area you will be visiting...but you have absolutely no idea where those areas are...or what towns they encompass. He highlights some of the towns and sites in blue in each chapter, which is not helpful since there is no map to tell where exactly those sites are located. Also...not to highlight the heart of the Lehigh Valley is unbelievable for a travel book of Pennsylvania. The Bethlehem area alone features a quaint and beautiful main street (with the oldest continuously operated bookstore in the USA) and the amazing remnants of the historic steel stacks.. Save your money and instead visit the many Pennsylvania travel sites on-line which highlight all of the Pennsylvania must-sees and gives explicit directions to the sites. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Drive Pennsylvania By pgh girl I love driving around PA and this book captures the beauty and wonder of this mournfully beautiful state. Too many people overlook PA's natural splendor because they only think of coal and steel. The author takes the reader on a journey over the breathtaking backroads and byways. Most attention is paid to scenic beauty, but he also throws in a little history which enhances the trip. He also recommends sleeping and eating establishments along with visitor centers. I think the best chapter is the Laurel Highlands with descriptions of Fallingwater, Fort Necessity and Ohiopyle. Nice assortment of photos. My favorite line out of the book is one I never heard before, but will cherish--- "Pennsylvania is easy to love". 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. good buy By bbfan I now live in Pa. and this is my guide book so as not to miss all those places I have missed in other states in which I have lived.

With natives as your guides, this series leads you down the road less traveled. Pack a lunch and take off on any of these 17 drives into all corners of PA. Visit the beaches of Lake Erie or the banks of the Delaware, the Endless Mountains of the northern tier or the Amish farms of Lancaster County. Explore old mining villages, lumber towns, battlefields, college campuses, and so much more. Each trip covers history and trivia, recreation, shopping, and what to see and do along the way. About the series: Whether you need to get away for a weekend or longer, want to explore your home state or make plans for free time in an area you don't know well, take to the road with a Backroads Byways book. You'll discover the most interesting places to visit on and off the beaten path. Destinations will appeal to foodies, history buffs, families with kids, couples, adventurers, hikers, bikers in short, everyone. With itineraries appropriate for visits of differing durations and in different seasons, tips for comfortable accommodations, great food, and good shopping too, look to Backroads Byways for the most interesting and diverse short trips available.

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