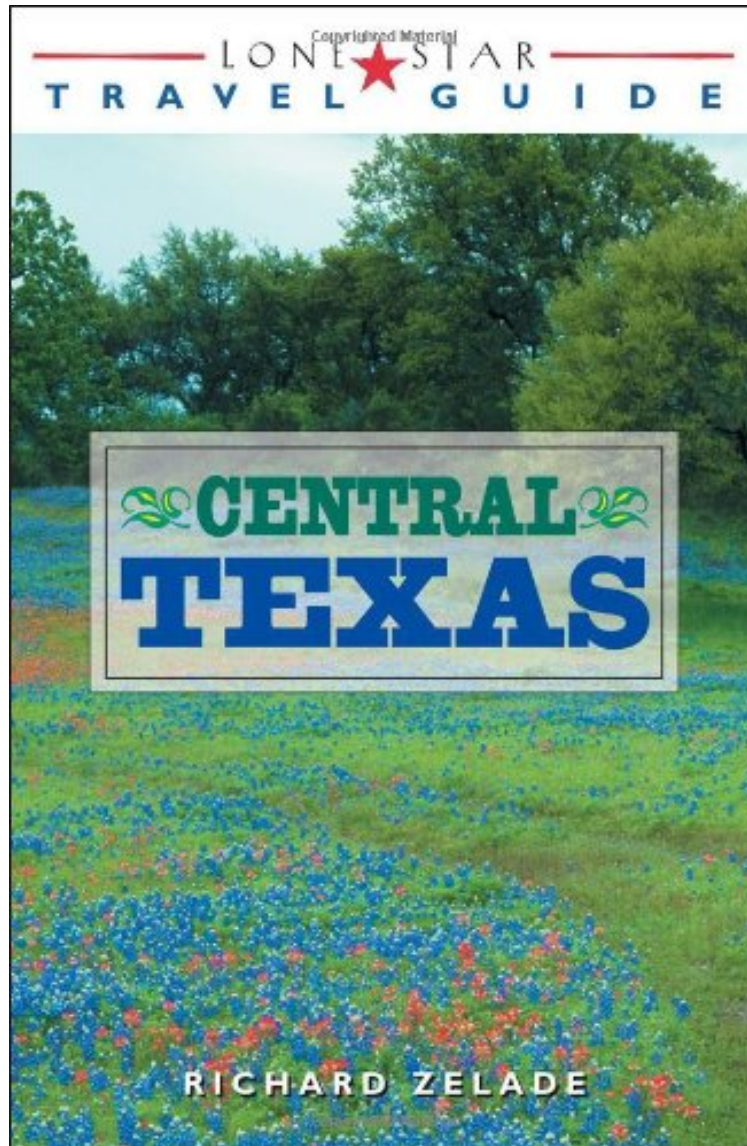


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Richard Zelade : Lone Star Travel Guide to Central Texas (Lone Star Guide to Texas) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lone Star Travel Guide to Central Texas (Lone Star Guide to Texas):

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Texas, been to most of these towns, and knew a little history of each BUT this book has expanded my knowledge of the area 1000%! I have been doing ancestry research and the stories of the area from the 1870's forward is fascinating. It really was the Wild West after the Civil War. Gunfights, saloons, cattle rustling, barbed wire, the railroads, people coming from the defeated South and from Europe to settle and farm or raise livestock is all told in a "front porch" type narrative. Short stories put together and they read as if a grandparent was relating their childhood memories to you on a swing on the front porch. There are names of families I know and went to school with some descendants. Whether you are from the area or not, it is a real taste of Texas in the historical area around Austin. Cowboys, Texas Rangers, longhorns, hangings, and frontier justice make you feel you are in a different world now. No phones, cars, radio, weather reports, but lots of saloons and hard work to just live and eat some years. This "good ole boy" from Texas has hit a home run in this book. A fun, quick read for anyone.

Formerly a part of the popular Lone Star Guide to the Texas Hill Country, Central Texas now gets its own treatment in this up-to-date guide that includes history, folklore, and geography; detailed listings of lodgings, restaurants, and entertainment; major attractions, including state parks, museums, and historic places; directions, days and hours of operation, addresses, and phone numbers; and maps and calendar of events. Five tours take you from the Balcones Escarpment to "Central Texas Stew," a region of the state largely settled by Czechs and Germans in the early twentieth century. The author apologizes for the lack of table of contents and index that seem to be absent in the Kindle edition. He is working with the publisher to remedy the problem. They are present in the paperback version.

Richard Zelade has devoted a lifetime to the most storied region in Texas. He does not only teach us about the places, personalities, history, and culture that has branded the Hill Country with its timeless allure, he teaches us at the same time to love it. I know of no guide book born of such intelligence, knowledge, heart, and passion. (David Marion Wilkinson, author of *Not Between Brothers and One Ranger*)....The new 6th Edition is not only updated, but bigger and better. Even though I've lived in Central Texas for 40 years, I wouldn't travel the Texas Hill Country without it. (Ted Siff, an Austin publisher, conservationist, parks advocate, and former president of Texas Monthly Press from 1977-1980)The geography and history of the Texas Hill Country is endlessly fascinating. A tireless prospector of Texas regional knowledge (as well as a clever phrase-spinner), Richard Zelade has no equal. (Jesse Sublett III, author of numerous crime novels and works of nonfiction, founder of the Skunks, and fifth generation Texan)....This is truly the one complete guide for anyone interested in exploring the rich tapestry of the region. Whether you're an armchair traveler or a serious day tripper, this book will give you a new understanding of how the West was won. (Gerald E. McLeod, a leading authority on exploring Texas and author of the "Day Trips" column in *The Austin Chronicle* since 1991)From the AuthorThe author apologizes for the lack of table of contents and index that seem to be absent in the Kindle edition. He is working with the publisher to remedy the problem. They are present in the paperback version.

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