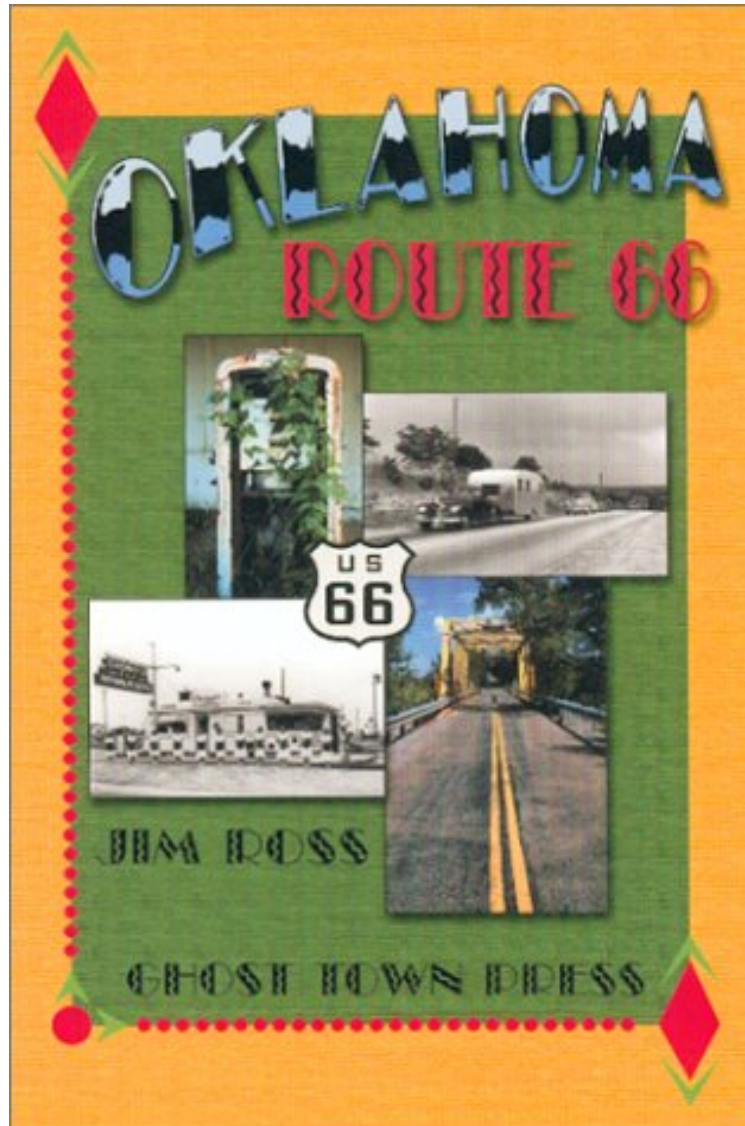


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OK, you'll put that down and use this book. Trust me. If you explored every single alignment and all the "ghost 66" sections listed herein, you could spend a week on 66 just in OK. Even if you're just doing a less "investigative" trip, you'll learn more from this book than any other. I got to meet the author on my recent Route 66 trip, and he is a great guy, just overflowing with info about and obvious passion for Route 66. (He even lives on an old alignment of Route 66, in a house that looks like an old cottage-style Phillips 66 station!) Get this book, you will not regret it. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. **Pathfinder of the Mother Road** By Robert Harmon Michael Wallis, one of the foremost authorities on Route 66 today, has given Jim Ross the title "Pathfinder of the Mother Road" in his introduction to Ross' "Oklahoma Route 66." The title is well-deserved, as proven by Ross's careful exploration of Route 66 in his home state for this 75th anniversary year of the Road. The photos are a wonderful sampling from all the decades of the Road's life, right up to the year 2000. Ross writes with nicely-turned phrases that are both colorful and descriptive, but clear and to the point. But as Wallis' title promises, it appears that the maps and Ross's detailed tracing of the route and its many changes in Oklahoma will be a contribution to the history of Route 66 that will long be remembered. As a long-time enthusiast of the Mother Road, I have read many books and articles on the subject but have yet to see a book on 66 that offers such detail and documentation of the road itself. Those who read about and travel the Oklahoma portion of the Road in the future will be greatly indebted to Ross for this study and documentation of its pathway through the Sooner State. The book is far more than the tracing of a roadway. Ross pays tribute to the many persons and places who have made Oklahoma unique among the states through which it passes: Cyrus Avery, the "Father of the Mother Road," Jack "Mr. 66" Cuthbert, who worked hard to promote 66 when the interstates threatened it, Lucille Hamons, the "Mother of the Mother Road" and icon of the roadside businessperson, and many others. His closing paragraphs express a genuine love for the Road and a true appreciation for its continuing place in our culture. To say the least, it is an absolute must for anyone who has a serious interest in the Mother Road. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. **WONDERFUL Book!!** By Glenda Campbell As a die-hard fan of Route 66, I have read and devoured many books trying to get from one town to the next without getting lost (which everyone does at least once!!). This book is the only one you will need when crossing Oklahoma on Rt 66. I wish more were like this for each state, I would own the whole set!! A definite "must-have" for 66 roadies.

"Oklahoma Route 66" is the ultimate tour book to the Sooner State's 400 miles of Mother Road. Written by veteran highway historian Jim Ross, "Oklahoma Route 66" contains 62 hand-crafted maps and more than 240 images, including historical documents, vintage postcards, and period photos never before published. Introduction by Michael Wallis, Pulitzer Prize nominated author of "Route 66: The Mother Road."

If you are an explorer, like me, this book is for you. "Oklahoma Route 66" is an adventurer's feast! -- David Knudson, Executive Director, National Historic Route 66 Federation This is a historian's treasure trove, a cartographer's dream, and a boon to all who travel Oklahoma 66. -- Thomas Arthur Repp, author, "Route 66, The Empires of Amusement" About the Author Jim Ross published the first guidebook to the Oklahoma road in 1992 ("Oklahoma Route 66, The Cruiser's Companion"). An accomplished writer, editor, and photographer, he is also co-author of the best-selling "Here It Is! The Route 66 Map Series," and co-producer of the video, "Bones of the Old Road." Fittingly, he lives on historic Route 66 near Arcadia, Oklahoma.