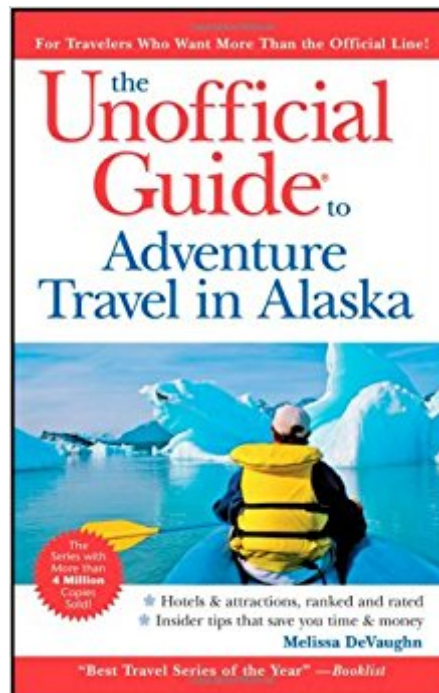




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I bought this book for my husband who is up in Alaska working for the summer. I really had a hard time finding a book that had more information on Alaska than just where to get the best crab legs along cruise routes. My husband would be doing less tourist-ing and more adventuring during his time in Alaska. He was thrilled with all the information at the front of the book that gave Alaska-specific tips about safety, supplies, and "what to expect." This book is perfect for you if you are looking for information about hiking, climbing, camping, and rafting/kayaking trips and only the occasional paragraph about in-town accommodation and great dinner spots. The beginning of the book is organized by activity rather than by region, but you can also look up info about specific regions too.

We are planning a trip to Alaska and had a few guide books from the Library. They were all fine, but I found that this guide was much more focused on outdoor adventure types of activities. It just had more detail on kayaking, hiking, camping and other activities like that than the other guides. That was valuable for us. One interesting note is that it organizes the book by each type of activity, where other guides tend to organize by geographic region. You may or may not like this. We found that we first wanted to find the great things we wanted to do and let that help us decide which part of the humungous state to visit. So it worked well for us. It was published in 2008 I think, but as of Dec. 2012 everything I looked at was still accurate after following up with web research.

I honestly don't understand how anyone could like this. Book has terrible descriptions, no pictures or maps, basically missing all the information you would need to pick or support your adventure.

Detailed, copious. Looks like it will help us plan our expedition. Well organized, good maps.

Great if you're taking a vehicle tour of Alaska, going off the main cruise ship drag so to speak. Lots of information.

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