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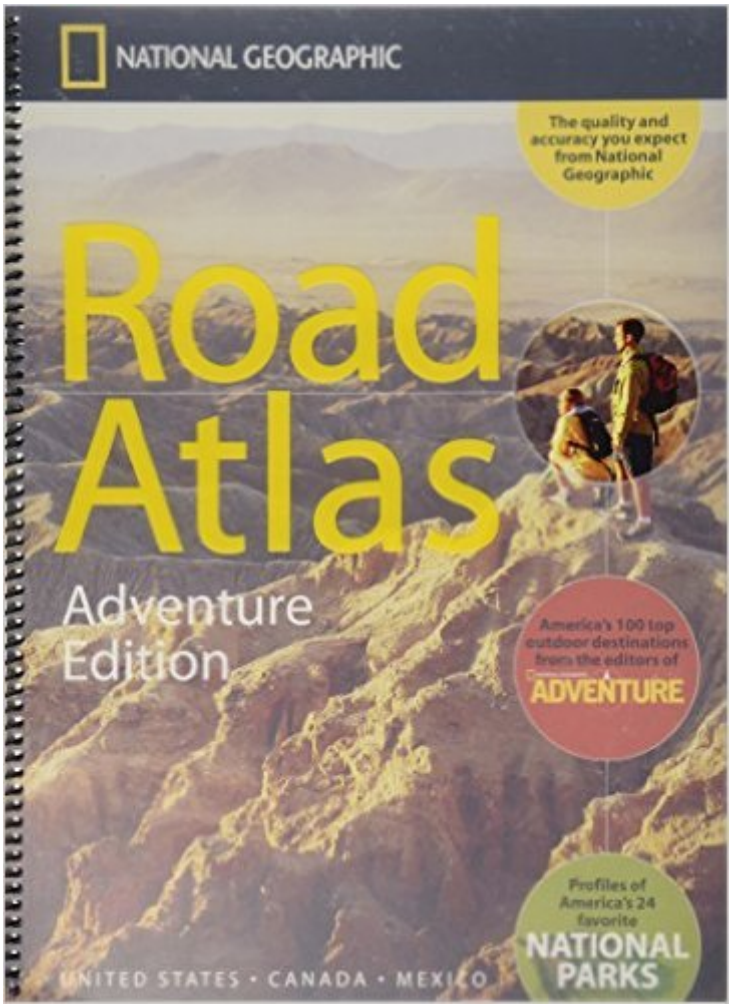

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Customer Reviews

We bought this book for a cross country drive because the typical road trip books are filled with "kitchy Americana", something of little interest to my wife and I. I guess I hoped for a bit more with respect to the adventure aspect. It was basically a couple of really good magazine articles and an atlas. Don’t get me wrong, what is there is very good. It’s just not as much as I hoped there might be.The book contains the following:1) 100 single paragraph descriptions of Adventurous locations around the country categorized by region (east, central, mountain, and pacific) and then by type (hiking/backpacking, climbing, paddling, winter sports, biking, and birding).2) 24 National Park descriptions, each consisting of a photo, a map, a series of factoids, and about three paragraphs.3) A standard atlas published in 2004.-Paul

I am very happy with my new National Geographic Road Atlas. I hadn’t been able to find a Nat. Geo. Atlas for some time and my old one was falling apart. For my purposes, the Nat. Geo. Atlas is far superior to my 2010 Rand McNally Atlas. For example, I recently took a 11 day trip to West Virginia and visited many parks and wilderness areas. I wanted to hike in the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area just east of Laneville. Neither Laneville nor Dolly Sods was even on my Rand McNally map. I also wanted to visit the highest point in West Virginia, Spruce Knob Point. The paved road to the

summit was not on the Rand McNally map. Nor was the famous Cranberry Grades Botanical area, nor the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center. All of these locations were clearly marked on the Nat. Geo. Atlas map. If you are interested in wilderness areas, recreation areas, National Forest campgounds, scenic highpoints, etc. the Nat. Geo. Atlas will serve you well.

The edition available through may be outdated. The 2010 edition is now available, but unfortunately it has the same cover as the previous edition. Unlike other publishers of road atlases, National Geographic does not emblazon the edition on the cover. You have to read the fine print inside the last page.

The maps are detailed and easily the most beautiful of any road atlas on the market. The fact that the maps were done all digitally means extra crisp lines and accurate placement of roads, attractions and places. The "Adventure" section in the front is interesting, though not terribly useful if you're like me and collect a stack of in-depth guidebooks before going somewhere. My only negative comment is that the maps seem a bit small. Rand McNally's are bigger. The type is normal size and easy to read, but I wish each state occupied 2 pages. There's another version of this atlas available that's a "big type" version that you may want to consider. This is a minor complaint though because I love how beautiful these maps are and enthusiastically give this atlas 4 stars.

I purchased this road atlas to replace our old worn out version that was missing covers. I really like that this one has plastic protectors for the front and back covers and think that it will help keep it pristine. As for the actual atlas, it's nearly identical to our old version, just updated. I did notice that it has a small section with national park info, but it's very minimal. I didn't notice that in our old atlas (perhaps the pages were just missing?), just a section of scenic drives which this one also has.My husband, our dog and I are planning a road trip out to Utah this summer and I cannot tell you how invaluable this atlas is in the planning process. Camp areas are marked on this unlike typical atlases. Although info isn't given for the campsites, when we know the area that they are in, we can then get online and decide where we want to camp along the way. This info makes breaking down how far we drive each day much easier.I can't say enough good things about this atlas: If you are into camping, parks, and road trips, this is the best atlas and general trip route / itinerary planning tool!

VERY Up-to-date! My city, Charlotte, had a vast stretch of our now-complete beltway open up a

mere 4.5 months prior to this edition being printed and it shows that interstate as being complete, just as it really is! I've seen other maps from late 2015 that still have it printed as incomplete. I bought this to use for my family's excursions in the Western U.S. on BLM land in the summertime, and wasn't expecting my own local roads that are new to be reflected here, especially since the posting for this map says it's a 2004 edition. It's not, and I took a picture of the page containing the actual date, page 143.If my journeys out west this summer don't go very well, I'll update my rating. However, so far I am very impressed!

I used to purchase the North American Road Atlas by American Map every few years until the brand was purchased by Kappa Map Group in 2011. Kappa completely overhauled the design of the maps to my great displeasure. But it appears that National Geographic is utilizing a style almost identical to my old American Map atlases, and I will now be purchasing my atlases from National Geographic whenever there is an update. (I do not believe National Geographic publishes a new atlas every year, but it looks like this one is relatively new because it has some newly constructed highways that my 2011 atlas only shows as "under construction"). The maps are the most visually pleasing while maintaining a high degree of detail and readability. I prefer the visual style of this atlas to the atlases published by Rand McNally, Kappa Maps, AAA, and Michelin. It is the only road atlas I have seen since 2011 that has shaded relief. The maps are organized by state and territory, as opposed to a grid. This means that the scale varies between maps, but I prefer the ease of flipping to the state I want rather than having to consult an index for a grid. This atlas also has bonus pages in the front with information on national parks and other outdoor points of interest without making the atlas too bulky. It still slides between the seat of my car and center console.

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