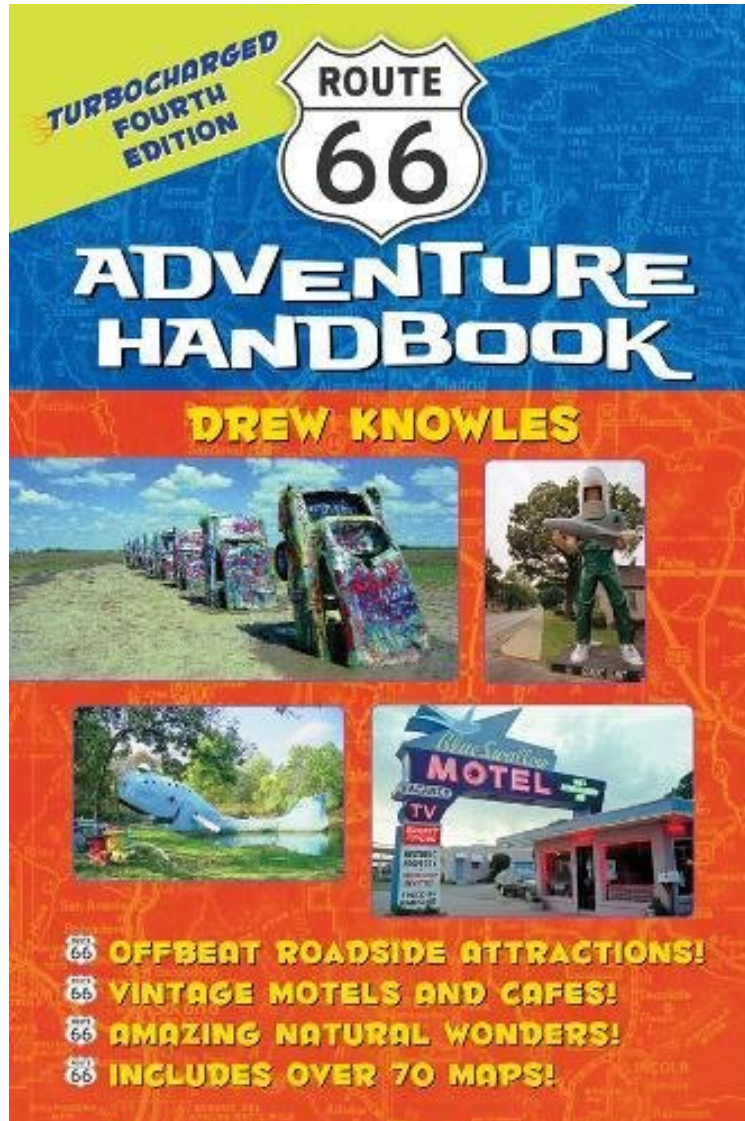


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27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Great Contents, Thin on DirectionsBy M. AstleWe spent a week driving Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica, and this book, along with Route 66 maps for each state, was our guide. The book has a ton of great information and sites that we visited, but it doesn't give good "last-mile" directions to the sites. It may say something like, The bottle tree forest is just past Victorville. We spent a lot of wasted time

looking for "near" and "just past." This was true for most of the sites we tried to visit and was frustrating for travelers trying to do the whole route in a limited amount of time. Detailed direction such as, Leave I-40 at exit 172 and turn left at the bottom of the ramp on the frontage road (for westbound travelers). Drive 1/4 mile and find the site on the left about a block past the Exxon gas station. We also weren't sure from the descriptions whether some of the sites still existed, and we spent time looking for sites that aren't there. We had to find local people who knew the history.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Could use improvement. By CustomerPrior to leaving on my spring 2012 solo cross country road trip I purchased Route 66: EZ66 Guide for Travelers, 2nd Edition by Jerry Mc Clanahan (5 stars), Route 66 Adventure Handbook: Turbocharged Fourth Edition by Drew Knowles (3 stars) and Road Trip USA: Cross-Country Adventures on America's Two-Lane Highways by Jamie Jensen (4 stars) from (best prices you'll find). My plan was to drive to Chicago, IL from Providence, RI and from there to Santa Monica, CA following old RT 66. For the Providence to Chicago leg of my trip I used Road Trip USA. While this book gives you a general idea of the routes you want to take it is NOT a turn by turn guide (good driving directions would have been appreciated). It does give many sightseeing suggestions that I did use extensively. Paired with a good GPS unit or additional maps this book is idea for road trips throughout the USA. On reaching Chicago I found RT 66 and switched over to Route 66: EZ Guide and Route 66 Adventure Handbook. I found RT 66: EZ Guide to be indispensable for traveling 66. I did manage to get lost in nearly every city I drove through as I was both driver and navigator but this would have been solved with the inclusion of the street name of 66 as it passed through cities. Route 66 Adventure Handbook was less useful. It does give you great ideas for sightseeing but finding these locations can be a problem. The addition of street addresses or GPS coordinates would be helpful! Highlights along 66 were Pontiac, IL, Meramec Caverns, the Painted Desert and Grand Canyon. On reaching Santa Monica I had no plan so I pieced together several of the routes in Road Trip USA to return home. The highlights of the return trip were the Pacific Coast Highway and Yellowstone, not to be missed.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A great guide for anyone considering a self-planned driving tour of Route 66 - especially for amateur photographers. By TomHunter1968 I used Drew Knowles' book as one of my primary guides for a memorable 2010 drive down the length of Route 66, and I have to say it definitely drew my attention to more than a few cool locations I'd otherwise have missed. In particular, I enjoy photographing abandoned towns and buildings (the old Salton Sea resort area, for example) and Route 66 is replete with those kinds of sites. It's both a bit of a sad tour and a fascinating one, in that regard. This book not only guided me through innumerable locations of that kind, but also, critically, to some awesome roadside restaurants and motels.

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