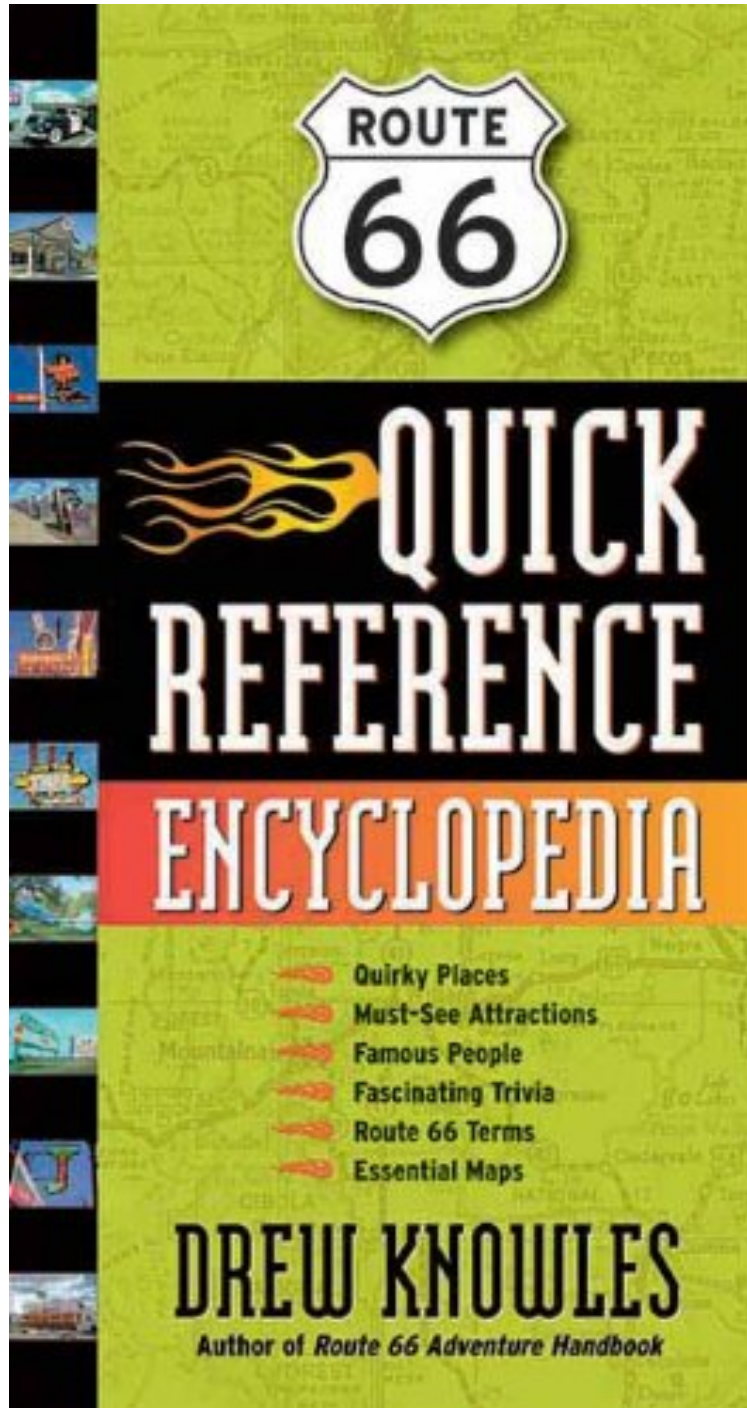


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**Drew Knowles : Route 66 Quick Reference Encyclopedia** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Route 66 Quick Reference Encyclopedia:

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The author of the best-selling and critically acclaimed Route 66 Adventure Handbook returns with Route 66 Quick Reference Encyclopedia. In one handy volume, novices and seasoned roadies alike have fast and easy access to all of the essential information about America's most famous, beloved, and culturally significant highway.Presenting a list of important terms accompanied by descriptive articles and illustrations, the guide details the route's history including the origins of the term "Mother Road" and the slogan "Get Your Kicks on Route 66"as well as its commemorative festivals, quirkiest attractions, and useful highway terms.Fascinating trivia will allow road warriors to impress friends and fellow travelers with their knowledge of the route, while a supplemental list directs dedicated fans to more detailed information on one of the most historic and treasured drives in America.Finally, a set of maps provides both general orientation and points out significant attractions through the use of custom icons. Route 66 Quick Reference Encyclopedia is truly an A-to-Z guide to the absolute best of the Mother Road!

About the AuthorDrew Knowles is a photographer and writer with insatiable interests in ruins, ghost towns, cemeteries, automobilia, and Route 66. His Route 66 work in particular enjoys wide appeal. Knowles photography has been exhibited in the state Route 66 museums of Texas and Oklahoma, and approximately one hundred of his photographic works are on permanent display at the MCI Communications facility in Springfield, Missouri. Knowles is a member of the Texas Photographic Society, the Society for Commercial Archaeology, and the National Historic Route 66 Federation.