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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not a criticism piece.By Michael R. FineI do not like writing my own reviews but I have to respond to the completely unfair comment by the "Doctor" below. The book is not a criticism piece but a guide to help tourists to find their way around each of Utah's 13 resorts. Trail maps are easily accessible, change from year to year and provide a very limited view of the actual terrain. The book is designed to help people navigate each ski area and get comfortable with the terrain. Most people who come to Utah visit one or two locations, ski three or four runs they know are safe and leave. There is a lot of GOOD about each spot and this book is about making the most of a vacation.If you are going to any of Utah's 13 resorts, this book tells you a lot more than

what a trail map provides. I skied and snowboarded at each resort and tried to give you a good idea of where to go on the mountain based upon being a first time visitor. Moreover, the book provides tips on how to save money and offers a good overview of what each resort offers. Most professional reviewers have found the book to be a great way to familiarize yourself with Utah's resorts. In fact, read the review below by the Midwest book review. I know each resort intimately and I know where they have their faults. However, how is this data useful to people and what would be achieved by writing something critical? I take offense on the "Rainbow and Unicorns" comment for trying to show each resort's best side. In reality, any person with half a brain will recognize that each spot has its faults. I simply am trying to help people have a great vacation, understand what each resort is focused on doing well and have a lot of fun during their visit to Utah! In addition, I have gotten lots of great comments from people who love the book for exactly the reason he describes. People love it as a keepsake for their vacation and for the great photographs. They are taking it home to share a bit of their vacation with friends and family and find the book fun! I am always open to criticism and believe book is exactly what is represented by the text here on this site.

2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Nothing more than PR  
By Doctor Change I just returned from my first visit to Park City -- and it was great! This book, however, is terrible. I purchased and read it prior to my trip and, aside from a few attractive photographs, this book provided nothing of value. The so-called 'reviews' of the resorts are nothing more than rainbows-and-unicorns PR talk -- the author cannot come up with a single critical comment about any resort or about skiing in Utah. Don't get me wrong: I'd recommend a visit to Utah for skiers too, but in a "guide" to ski resorts I'd like a lot more candor, honesty, and, geez, how about reprinting a few trail maps or something useful? This book is utterly lacking in all of the above. I really hope that the author got free season tickets for basically writing 100% positive reviews of all Utah resorts. To those planning a trip to Utah: just check out the resort's own websites, they are far more revealing than what is offered in this book!

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A superbly organized and profusely illustrated to guide Alpine, Nordic, and Telemark skiing  
By Midwest Book Review A superbly organized and profusely illustrated to Alpine, Nordic, and Telemark skiing, along with several other increasingly winter sports such as snowboarding, "Utah: The Complete Ski Snowboard Guide" by skiing and winter sports enthusiast Michael Fine provides the reader with all the information necessary to enjoy memorable winter athletic activities whether as a recreational weekend or part of an extended winter vacation in the mountains and high valleys of Utah. Accessible organized to be thoroughly 'user friendly', aspiring skiers and winter sports recreationists will learn of each major Utah resorts' terrain type, as well as such amenities as restaurants, rentals, transport, and more. Thirteen Utah destination resorts are showcased and range from the Alta Mountain Resort to the Wolf Mountain Resort. "Utah: The Complete Ski Snowboard Guide" will prove an invaluable, essential itinerary planning resource for enjoying Utah's winter sports resources and opportunities.

Utah is known for having "the greatest snow on earth," and this comprehensive guide provides all the details you need to make the most of your vacation. From listing by terrain types to tips and tricks at each resort, this book explores skiing and snowboarding in Utah in exceptional detail and provides the insight you need to enjoy everything the mountains have to offer. Full-color throughout.

About the Author Michael Fine has made his home in Utah for the past 20 years. He, his wife and two girls spend their winters on the slopes and their summers kayaking, camping, and enjoying all the natural beauty Utah has to offer. He is author of Canoeing Kayaking Utah and is the Director of Client services for Centercode, Inc., a company providing beta test services of software.