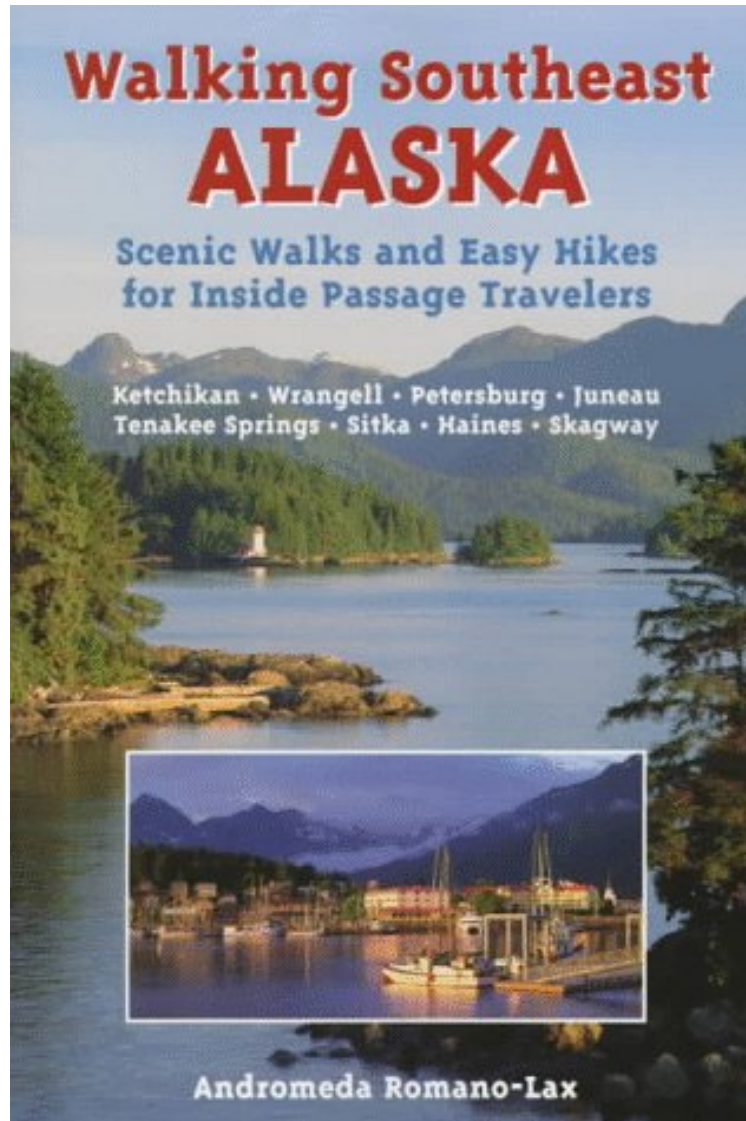


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**Andromeda Romano-Lax : Walking Southeast Alaska: Scenic Walks and Easy Hikes for Inside Passage Travelers** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Walking Southeast Alaska: Scenic Walks and Easy Hikes for Inside Passage Travelers:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Very useful for SE Alaska in-town visitors By A Customer As a "just for the fun of it" day hiker I found this book really useful. I traveled thru Southeast Alaska via State Ferry and found

the hints and suggestions here right on target. The hikes/walks the author suggests are basic and easy but give you a great flavor of each town. I really like the "walking notes" section for each hike, this section gives special hints on what to look for in each walk. All of the local tourist info centers in SE towns have local walking maps but this book offers shorter and longer hikes based on how long you want to spend on the trail - which compliments local maps. The only drawback would be that the hand drawn maps don't really give you a sense of scale, nor do they have any landmarks listed as guideposts for the walks. This is a great book for both cruise ship and independent travelers. It is a great place to start exploring the port towns of SE Alaska.

Here are 40 hikes and walks, all within a 520-mile stretch of rugged coastline known as the "Inside Passage." The author provides historical, cultural and natural points of interest as well.

This volume is aimed at travelers to Alaska who like to do more than remain on the cruise ship or visit trinket shops at the ports. However, this book is not for the hard-core hiker or Generation X thrill seeker; it is aimed at the fairly fit but casual walker or hiker, the tourist who seeks out what is off the beaten path without having to risk life or limb to find it. (The author brought her two-year-old on most of the hikes suggested.) While all the walks appear moderately challenging, each is rated, helpfully, from easy to difficult. Some of the walks take you to fairly remote places, others cut right through the center of thriving Alaska towns. Each chapter, based on city or area, details interesting sites and a bit of the local history. The introduction wisely suggests the best walks for different types of travelers. The writing is informed and easy going, the author is helpful with hints and personal observations, and progression of the book up coast easy to understand. No doubt Pomano-Lax will inspire similar adventures in the reader and, one hopes, a similar attitude of casual but respectful observation. There are, however, two significant additions I would have like to have seen: 1) A brief essay on the general history and culture of the region (in addition to the interesting discussions that go on within the chapters). 2) Maps of each walks, instead of several walks on one map. A third minor production note would have been to italicize the "By air" or "By ferry" entries in the Access section. This would have made finding that essential information easier. With 400,000 visitors to the Inside Passage yearly, no doubt this book will appeal to more than a few adventurous cruise ship tourists - to the nature lover as well as the people watcher. It will be a good bet for either reader, introducing both to sides of Alaska they would likely not have seen otherwise. -- From Independent Publisher