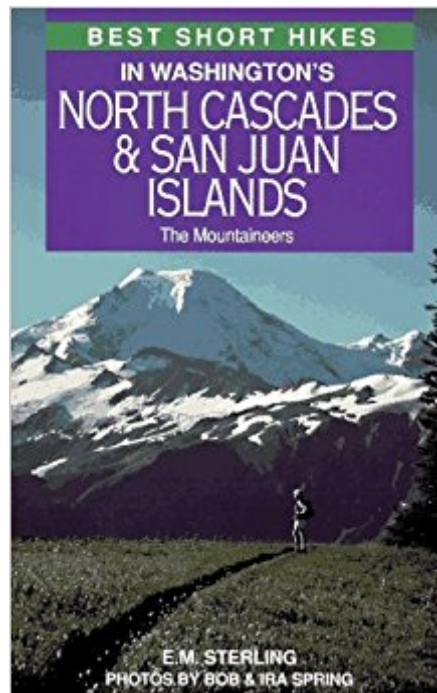




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Customer Reviews

E.M. Sterling is also the author of the companion volume to this book: Best Short Hikes in Washington's South Cascades and Olympics. He has lived in the Pacific Northwest since the 1940s. Bob and Ira Spring have been climbing and photographing mountains in the Northwest since 1930, when Eastman Kodak celebrated its fiftieth anniversary by offering every twelve-year-old in the United States a Box Brownie camera. The twin brothers went into business together in 1946, and since then their photographs have appeared in hundreds of magazines and more than 50 books. Ira Spring passed away in June 2003. John Harlin III is the editor of the American Alpine Journal and a contributing editor of Backpacker magazine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We've used this for a few years, but packed it away somewhere. Couldn't wait for it to show up so got a second copy. We use it every time we hike. Highly recommend it. First book you look at when you want to get your boots on the trail.

It has all the basic informaiton in it, but the writing is often vague and incomplete.

I think you need to know what you are getting in this book - it's a great book if you have kids that

you are getting into 'hiking' with, and who don't have a lot of stamina. I almost feel that if it were titled differently, they would have better reviews and people wouldn't feel like it should have been something more. I would title this book "Best Easy Hikes for Families" maybe, and I think it would hit the mark. Most of the "hikes" are big walks in nature - yes, some elevations, but very do-able for just about anyone. Sometimes it's just a leg-stretch to get out of the car too. So, if you are in the market for a book that gets you some neat things to see outside while you intro your family to the world of the outdoors, I actually think it's a brilliant book. If you are looking for half-day hikes, there are other books that will serve you better. (See my blog for more reviews).

I was very disappointed in this guidebook. The pictures and descriptions of hikes were muddy, and the selection of hikes limited to just the very easiest. My wife and I are in our 40's and not in the best of shape, but we wanted more challenging and beautiful options than were listed in this book. This book might be OK for those who are truly limited in hiking ability -- say, no more than 4-5 miles and very limited elevation changes. We bought this and "Day Hiking North Cascades" by Craig RomanoÂ Day Hiking North Cascades: Mount Baker, Mountain Loop Highway, San Juan IslandsÂ hoping one or the other would be a winner -- and Romano's book hit the mark while this one, "Best Short Hike" missed.

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