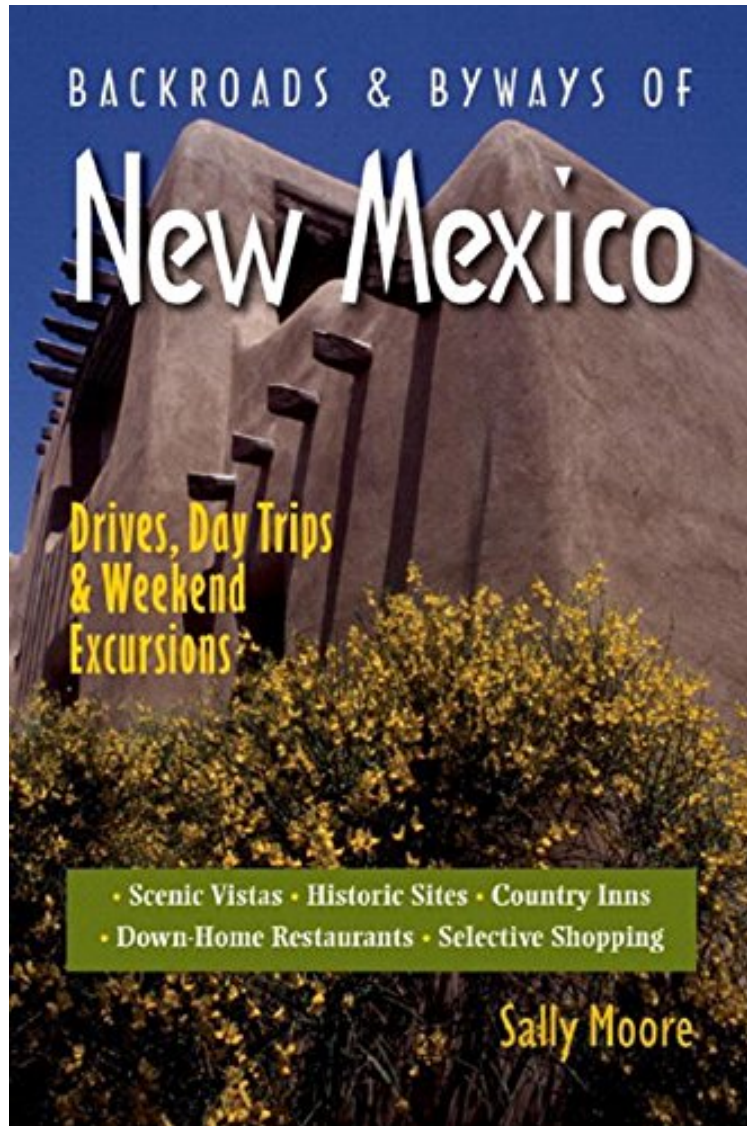


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there are occasional nuggets of information in the text, mining them is like panning for diamonds in the - well nigh impossible. The books are organized by chapters, each of which begin at the major city in the state (e.g. Albuquerque / Phoenix) and may represent a trip of less than 100 miles to 1000 miles. Some of the chapters are given names which are cute but meaningless in describing geographically where they go (e.g. The Turquoise Trail, Billy the Kid Territory, On the Road to Hot Salsa, Zane Grey's Rim Country). Worse, there is no map accompanying the chapter showing where the trip actually goes, nor does the map at the front of the book highlight the excursions. Worse still, many of the roads referenced in the chapter are not included on the map. To finish off the dysfunctional nature of these books, there is no index so there is no way to look up a specific location for information or even know if it is in the book at all. In essence the only way to use the book is to start where the author says, go the routes suggested, and see the things advised. If you are interested in starting somewhere else and following your own route, good luck at finding the places you come across on your own in this book. If you want to have the author "sitting next to you" and directing you as outlined in the introduction, go for it. However if you enjoy exploring on your own and want a resource book to use when you come across someplace interesting, look elsewhere than for these books. I would heartily recommend against buying them and will be glad to sell my own copies cheap.

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By Beatrice Izzey
When I received this book from , I was shocked to learn that it leaves out Taos (Taos is not even in the Index, nor included in the inset map)! That's how Back Roads it is. Nonetheless, the book is lovingly written and researched, and is best intended for people who have already visited the obvious places such as Santa Fe and Taos, and are going back for a more real, less touristy and superficial, and extended visit. The book is also excellent for people who live in the Southwest, and want to do super local road trips. That's how detailed and refined the info is. Could use better maps.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What ...no Maps??
By Kestrel
The author's style makes for pleasant reading, but after reading one chapter, and then another I thought, exactly where are these places? And how to get there? Every chapter begins with the words, "From Albuquerque ..." Okay, that's fine if one flies in and rents a car, but not useful to the rest of us who arrive by car from outside the state. "From Texas ..."

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About the Author Sally Moore is a veteran travel writer and photographer who has traveled the world from Africa to Yugoslavia. In pursuit of her travel stories, she has worked with an archaeological crew in Utah, rafted down the River Kwai in Thailand, and camped in the Australian outback on the shores of a crocodile-infested billabong. She lives in Albuquerque, NM.