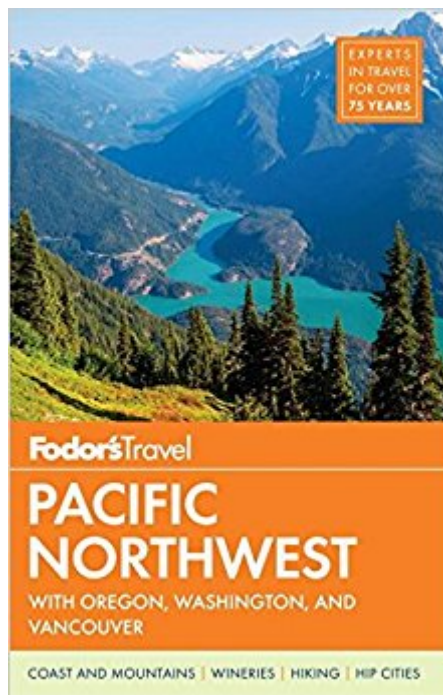




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Howard Blum Reviews Fodor's Pacific Northwest Howard Blum is the author of the New York Times bestseller and Edgar Award winner *American Lightning*, as well as such bestsellers as *Gangland*. He is currently a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*. While at the New York Times, he was twice nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting. His newest book is *The Floor of Heaven*. Read his review of Fodor's Pacific Northwest: During the long grim, gray winter in Connecticut, one of the best survival techniques I know is to plan wishfully for the summer that will eventually come. Besieged by the icy monotony of seemingly endless months of snow and slush, the prospect of going off somewhere in the bright sunshine with the kids when they're out of school looms as, quite literally, a life saver. But where? We've done all the usual vacation jaunts. They've outgrown Disneyland. The Cape beaches are pretty sedentary terrain for restless teenagers. Europe is too expensive. And now that they were older, attending or on the verge of college, I wanted them to have an experience that would engage their minds, get them thinking

about the vastness and diversity of an America that they, as parochial New Englanders, too often ignore. And, oh yeah, I wanted all of us to have a good time too. Also, I must admit, my deliberations were influenced by the experiences I had while researching *The Floor of Heaven*, my new non-fiction book that follows a cowboy turned Pinkerton detective as he goes off to solve a puzzling and dangerous case during the Yukon Gold Rush. I had spent some time in Seattle, home now to a unique and absorbing Yukon Gold Rush museum and back in 1898 the gateway port to the gold fields in the far north. I wanted them to see and enjoy this part of the country as much as I did as when I traveled around researching my book. And so it was settled in my mind: This summer we would go to the Pacific Northwest. And to guide me on this incipient journey, to help me plan it over the long, snowy months, I delved into the new 18th edition of *Fodor's Pacific Northwest*. This travel guide is a joy. It's like having the perfect traveling companion at your side to give you wise advice. It's definitely not your elderly aunt droning on about all the obvious tourist attractions as she shows you her collection of tedious travel snapshots. Reading *Fodor's*, being caught up in the happy promises depicted in the page after page of color pictures, is like having a conversation with a smart, funny, and hip friend. You instinctively feel you're planning a trip with someone you know you can trust. The tone of the guide is knowledgeable yet refreshingly opinionated, articulate yet unpretentious, idiosyncratic yet comprehensive. For a family that's forced to be cost conscious, the dollar signs that accompany each hotel or restaurant are a godsend. And the orange stars are the sort of "must see" alert that, along with the easy-to-read maps, make planning both simple and filled with great expectations of what's to come. So with *Fodor's* as our guide, our summer vacation has been planned, and we're confident we have the inside dope. We're going to fly to Seattle, do some coffee-house crawling and a trip to the gold rush museum, then rent a car and follow the 101 around Olympic National Park before looping around and heading back the way we came. And for the entire trip, I'll have my *Fodor's* on the front seat telling me where to drive next. Tips from *Fodor's Pacific Northwest*, 18th Edition

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Fodor's Oregon was exactly what I needed to plan our trip to Portland next month. I love how it divides the state up into regions and then divides the city into neighborhoods. I always purchase a Fodor's guidebook for every vacation.

Headed to California for vacation so grabbed this (and the Northern California one, too) and it helped us find tons of cool stuff and restaurants along the way. Great maps, easy to navigate and pretty much followed our path along the interstate exit by exit so we were sure not to miss anything. Originally we just planned on winging it but this added so much to the trip, and we never had to stress about where we were going to eat along the way. I'm soooo glad we got it.

Great, but repetitive. Lists many, many things multiple times, both in the same section and in others. Organization is fairly scattered, supposed to be logical, but doesn't come off that way. Otherwise a well-written book, just the right amount of detail.

We used this book to plan a marvelous journey down the Oregon coast. It was a great help to know what to watch for and places to be certain to see. It also gives good info on pricing.

Basically everything you should see and do in the Pacific northwest. It's very thorough just like any Fodors book. Lots of hint for traveling here

I am excitedly planning a road trip through Oregon and I really enjoyed, and got a lot of of, this guide. Sure, the internet was my main source of info, but it was fun reading through this and getting a detailed look at each area. I plan on referencing the attractions and recommended restaurants in this while we're on the trip!

Very informative which is the reason I purchased these books. It's something we will use constantly

while traveling to the Northwest.

ordered it electronically, it was a little hard to figure out... I think having the book to go back and forth within the pages would be easier, but not as convenient. Thought it had some good information, but was not extremely excited with its context.

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