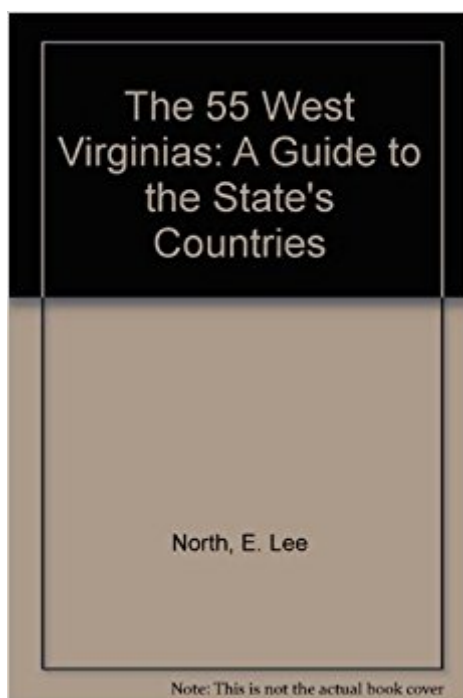


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Customer Reviews

"There's a land of rolling mountains, where the sky is blue above." After coming to West Virginia four years ago for college, I not only became attached to "Country Roads" and being a Mountaineer, but I truly fell in love with the state and everything wholesome its heritage represents. Just as I enjoy waking up every morning to turn a new page in my Bed and Breakfast daily calendar, or curling up on a snowy evening with a cup of hot cocoa and a book on family owned gourmet restaurants, I've enjoyed leafing through the pages of "55 West Virginias", full of state history and statistics. A perfect book for those as in love with the state as I, the weekend traveler, or the world traveler, I think you, too, will find E. Lee North's Guide to West Virginia's State Counties as charming as you will the state itself.

WVU Press has re-issued this book in 1998, an expanded history with latest information on every county's vital stats -- pct minorities, ages, income, et al. Very complete, even listing several "notable persons" for each county. Complete with maps and photos. There's plenty about Putnam County, including the map showing Hurricane and the home area of Jack Whitaker, who won the biggest one-winner Powerball prize on Christmas Day 2002 (\$314.9 million)... just the tax on Whitaker's winnings paid off one-third of the Mountain State debt for that year. "The Fifty-Five" is the bible for West Virginia's counties.

I just bought this book based upon the previous reviews and would like to set some of the facts straight. A reviewer stated that in this book, especially on the section about Putnam County, there is

a large section about Jack Whitaker and even a map to his house in Hurricane. There is NO SUCH THING! First, Mr. Whitaker won the lottery in 2002...this book was published in 1998!!! To clarify this inept review, there is NO MENTION of Mr. Whitaker winning the lottery in any part of this book. Otherwise, this is a great factual representation of West Virginia.

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