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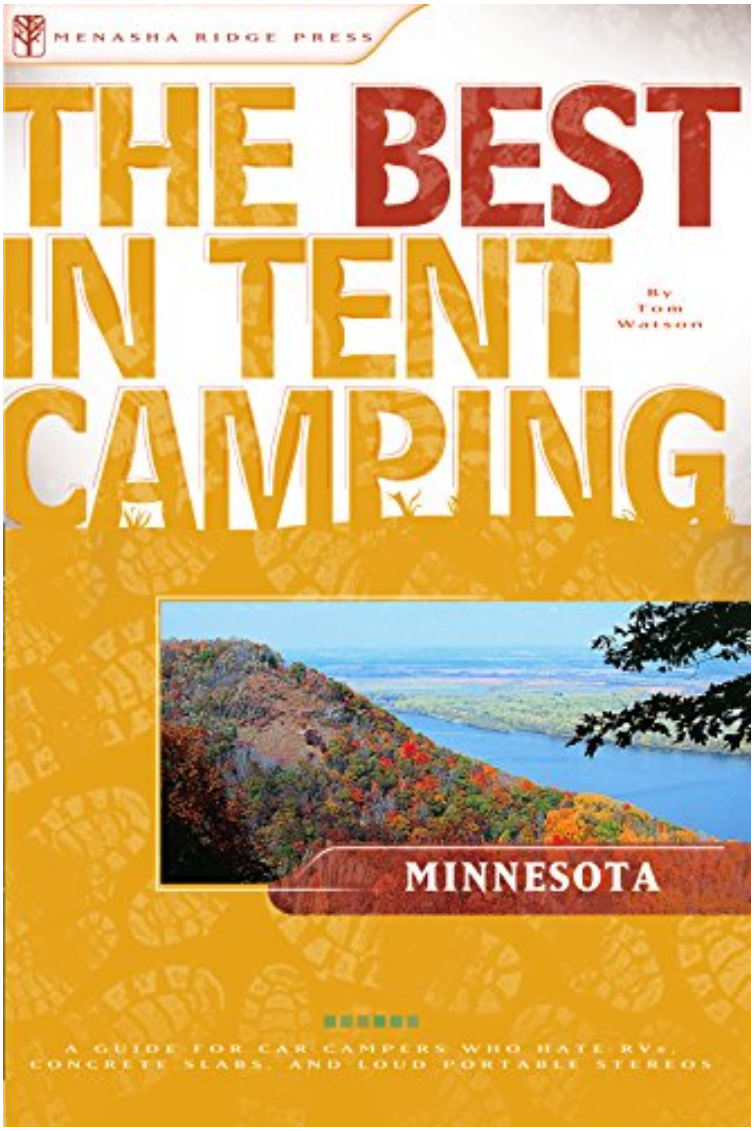

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Tom Watson : The Best in Tent Camping: Minnesota: A Guide for Car Campers Who Hate RVs, Concrete Slabs, and Loud Portable Stereos (Best Tent Camping) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Best in Tent Camping: Minnesota: A Guide for Car Campers Who Hate

RVs, Concrete Slabs, and Loud Portable Stereos (Best Tent Camping):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good place to start narrowing down all of the camping options.By Mason2528I do not have great deal of vacation time, so I try to gather as much information and determine the best places to visit, eat, camp, etc... This leads me to using guidebooks to supplement what can be found on the internet.This book provides decent information on the camping areas selected. A more accurate title would use "Great or Good" instead of "Best," but I am understand the marketing angle. I am sure there are camping sites that are as good or better than some of the ones listed in this book, but I am looking forward to checking out some reviewed sites that I doubt I would have ever come across. It would be interesting to see which places did not make it into this book.The organization is not user friendly, but isn't too difficult to navigate. There is an error in the numbering on one of the maps (Itasca and Lake Bronson are interchanged).Overall, this book provides some good, basic information that can provide direction on where to go camping in MN.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This book was quite a dissapointment....By MARYThis book might be fine for a family just starting out their camping adventures, but for us, we found very little, if any useful information. Much of the information he writes about could have easily been gotten from zooming in to the campground on Google Earth (making me wonder, has this guy even been to each of these campgrounds, or did he just research it on the net??), or just going straight to the MN State Park's webpage (where you can now bring up pictures of most every campsite). I had to chuckle when I see that he included Lac Qui Parle State Park's upper campground... he failed to mention that the campground is built on a plowed cornfield.. there is NO shade, and with the lack of vegetation the wind coming across the prairie could turn your tent poles into a twisted up bundle of pretzels! Then, he makes a point to put in Tettegouche State Park's Baptism River Campground, but fails to even mention that they also have a cart-in area right on Lake Superior? Ok, granted, this book is supposed to be about "drive-in" camping, not "cart-in", but he does not even mention it? I agree with one of the other reviewers comments, where we have camped at a good many of the parks he listed and found ourselves surrounded by RVs with their colored lights and noisy radios. It's kind of given me that idea that maybe I should write my own version of this book.....3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Site-by-Site Review of Minnesota CampgroundsBy R. HarringtonIf you're the type of camper who keeps a little notebook noting the best campsites in the campgrounds you visit, this book is for you. Tom Watson does a site-by-site review of 50 public campgrounds in Minnesota, noting the best ones, the sites to avoid, and a general description of the campground and some of the activities.It is true, as others noted, that the map and indexing system is cumbersome: it would be nice if the numbers corresponding to the campgrounds on the map could lead you directly to the review in the book. Instead, you must first find the name of the campground on the map key, then find where the campground is listed in the book (and they're not alphabetical).Nonetheless, the information is solid (we were familiar with several of the campgrounds). We are looking forward to visiting the others.

From Zippel Bay State Park's birch-jack pine forest, overlooking the incomparable Lake of the Woods, to the Blue Mound prairies of southwestern Minnesota, The Best in Tent Camping: Minnesota is a guidebook for tent campers who like quiet, scenic, and serene campsites. Whether you are a native Minnesotan in search of new territory or a vacationer on the lookout for that dream campground, this book unlocks the secrets to the best tent camping that Minnesota has to offer.

...criteria for the perfect tent spot: beauty, quietness, privacy, cleanliness, spaciousness, security...road accessible...most protected visually and audibly. -- Chris Niskanen, St. Paul Pioneer Press, August 14, 2005From the Back CoverIf you subscribe to the opinion that televisions, Japanese lanterns, and electric guitars are not essential camping equipment, The Best in Tent Camping: Minnesota should be your constant companion.Each campground profile includes: Detailed campground maps Key information such as fees, restrictions, and dates of operation Driving directions to the campgrounds Ratings for beauty, privacy, spaciousness, quiet, security, and cleanlinessFrom Zippel Bay State Park's birch-jack pine forest, overlooking the incomparable Lake of the Woods, to the Blue Mound prairies of southwestern Minnesota, The Best in Tent Camping: Minnesota is a guidebook for tent campers who like quiet, scenic, and serene campsites. Whether you are a native Minnesotan in search of new territory or a vacationer on the lookout for that dream campground, this book unlocks the secrets to the best tent camping that Minnesota has to offer.