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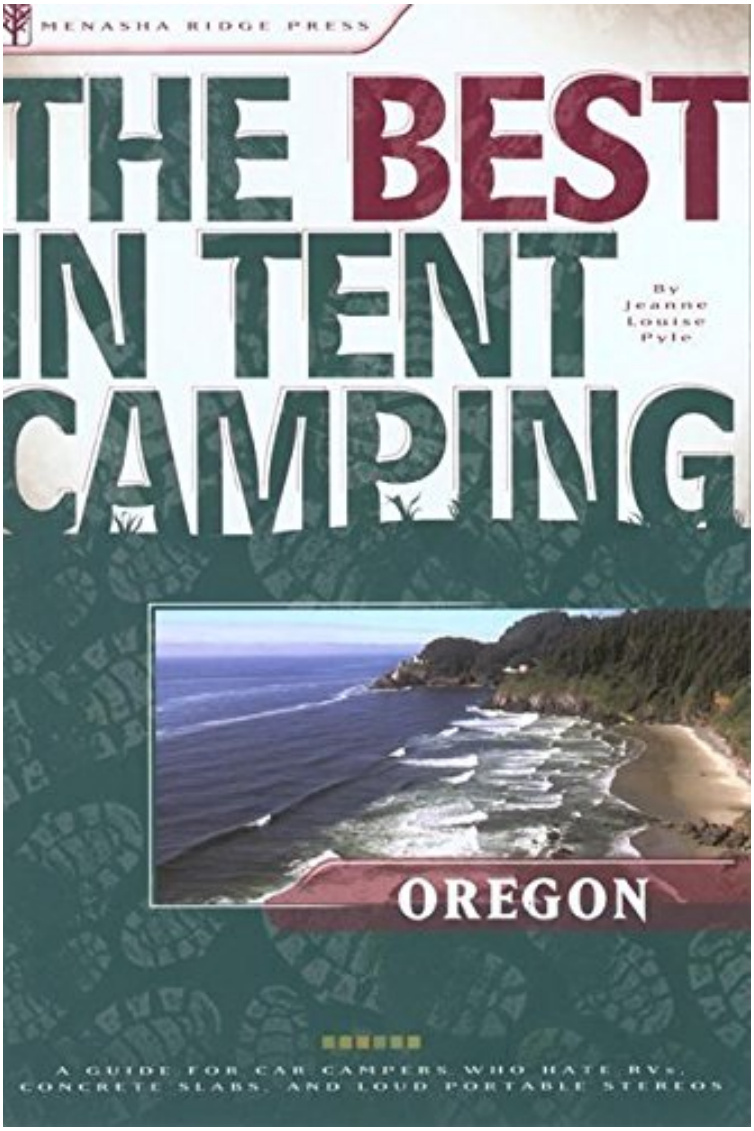

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24 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Some info about camp sites is obsoleteBy RPThe concept of this book is a great one: a resource to locate high quality camp sites for TENT campers, written by a seasoned local. However, as usual, the devil is in the details.While this book appears to have been published in 2009, it contains out of date information. For example, the author's entry for WA State Park at Deception Pass / Bowman Bay is simply false. She writes that there are 16 tent sites numbered 236-251. A brief phone call with a park ranger on site confirms that these site numbers no longer exist, and more importantly, they've all been renovated ("some years ago") to accommodate, um, RVs (they now have large parking pads, hook ups, etc). Mind you, this is a book intended for TENT campers; it's supposed to be a book for people who "....hate RVs, concrete slabs..." (as written on the cover of the book).If I had relied on this book, I would expect one thing only to find that the reality is something quite different. This makes this book a very questionable resource.What's mind boggling is that the author (and the editor) clearly have not taken the time to verify the accuracy of the information that they've published. I learned the true status of the Deception Pass / Bowman Bay facility using the internet and a telephone; at the very least, the author should have done the same.On the up side, the page layout is fairly clear, the descriptions are descent (though sometimes superfluous), the maps are OK.Bottom line: if you choose to use this book, I suggest you VERIFY everything before you travel.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. First Impressions: Not ImpressedBy Clare MarshallI have lived in Oregon for 4 years and love the camping and hiking Oregon has to offer. I looked to this book to introduce me to the best car camping in the area. I hoped to find a book that would help me weed through some of the bad experiences to make the most of my weekend adventures. So far, I have found this book disappointing.PROS:-Good coverage of the entire state: While for me personally this is a con, because I rarely camp more than 2 hours away from my home city... I think they do a good job of covering the entire state.-Nice "Key Information:" This section covers some main bullet points that we're all looking for: dogs? alcohol? reserve ahead? fees? main facilities? It's all right here in this easy to read section.-Clear Follow Up Info: This is one of the few books I've read that has extensive additional contact information for every site. It has web pages, phone numbers, and any other contact/follow up information available.CONS:-Seems like a hiking book: While the book has many great information bullet points, the bulk of the paragraph text written by the authors reads as if they wanted to write a hiking book but could only get funding for a camping book. I appreciate the focus on "things to do" within each park, but I'd rather focus on the actual sites and facilities.-Missing recommendations for camp site: They (thus far in my reading) do not recommend specific camp sites within the facility. With a book that is zoomed in on only 50 sites in the state, I was looking for specific recommendations. I would love to have seen something like: "try to get campsite #9 for the best view of the creek."-Ratings way off: From the sites that are reviewed in this book, I see large discrepancies within their ratings and my personal experiences. For example: Silver Falls State Park received a 3 out of 5 stars on Privacy, Spaciousness, and Quiet. I strongly disagree. This park is one of the most popular, crowded campsites I have ever been in. It remains to be seen how the rest of the recommendations will pan out.ODD:-Index: This index lists the page number of each review as the last page in the review. I found this odd. The review may start on page 88, but the index lists it on page 90 (the last page of the review). Strange.-Spelling/Grammar: I am no perfectionist by any means, but found it strange that a published book would not have used spell check. There are extra letters in words, and other small errors in spelling and grammar.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. We stayed at several of the recommended spots and each was exactly as the author describedBy angela martinAn injury kept me from backpacking this year so we did more car camping than ever. I was very worried that this would mean crowed campgrounds sleeping closer to strangers than I do in my dense urban neighborhood. Thanks to the recommendations and thorough reviews in this book we spent the summer camping in peace. We stayed at several of the recommended spots and each was exactly as the author described.

From rocky coastlines to sagebrush deserts, camping in Oregon has never been better. The Best in Tent Camping: Oregon is a guidebook for tent campers who like quiet, scenic, and serene campsites. It's the perfect resource if you blanch at the thought of pitching a tent on a concrete slab, trying to sleep through the blare of another camper's boom box, or waking up to find your tent surrounded by a convoy of RVs. Whether you are an Oregon native in search of new territory or a vacationer on the lookout for that dream campground, this book will help you unlock the secrets to the best tent camping that Oregon has to offer.

"This is a great resource for families looking for scenic, secluded locations where they can easily take the kids, or for those folks who don't have the time or the inclination for a full-scale backpacking trip." --Backpacker Magazine