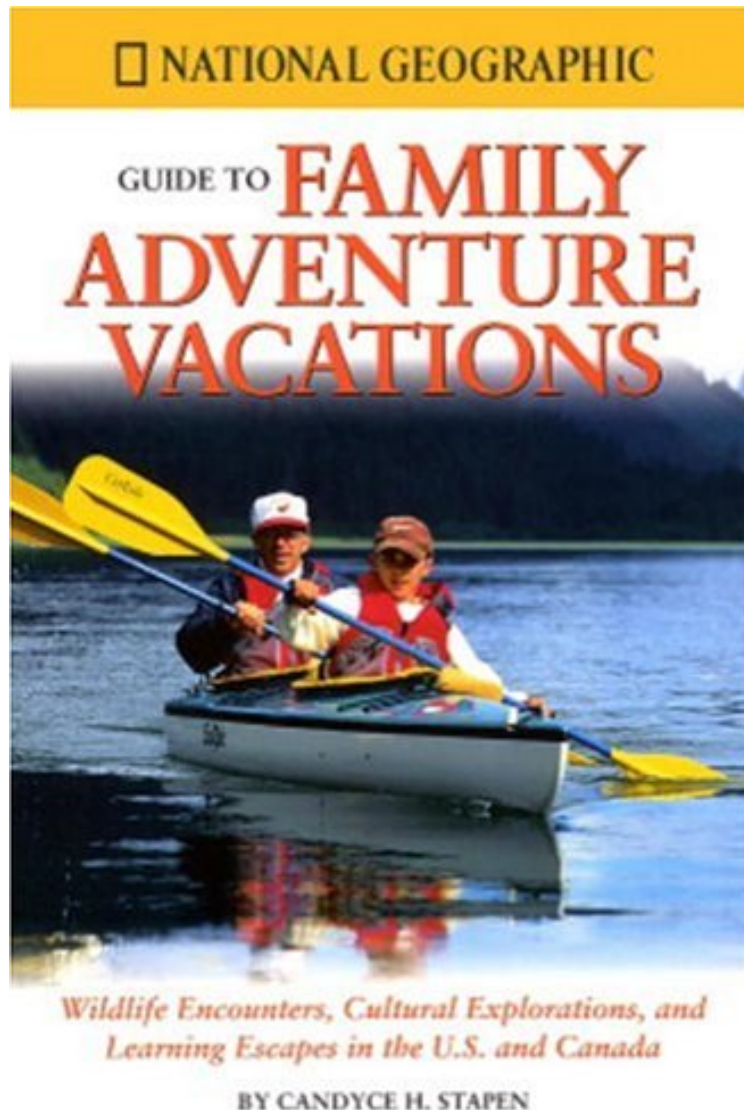


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19 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Don't judge this book by its cover!
By A Customer
As the mother of two active and intellectually curious boys, I was so disappointed with this National Geographic book that I am sorely tempted to return it to the publisher. My aim: to find some suggestions for hikes in the White Mountains and family resorts in New Hampshire for this summer and an exciting, wilderness approach to seeing the West for next summer. The cover: a healthy, athletic father and son, in a kayak on a pristine lake. The subtitle: wildlife encounters, cultural explorations and learning escapes in the US and Canada. The inside: Connecticut's only entry is an Indian museum at the Mohegan Sun gambling casino; four of Massachusetts's five entries are museums in downtown Boston and the fifth a small recreation of the Plymouth Colony; New York's six entries include three museums in New York City, two adult continuing education programs in upstate NY and a weekend workshop on Indian culture in the Catskills. I could go on, but it would only bore you. In short, every entry I read (and I quote only those states I am familiar with) could have been found in literally any run-of-the-mill (free) guidebook found in any hotel lobby, restaurant or Chamber of Commerce office. (SeaWorld and Busch Gardens in Florida?? Give me a break!). I implore you to save your money and pass on this book!

11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. A Great Guide for truly novel vacations!!!
By Wayne Poverstein
This guide was a wonderful breath of fresh air. As parents of a 14 yr old we were really tired of the same old vacations and really had no idea that exploring North America could be so interesting. Our family used this book as a guide on a recent trip to Montana and South Dakota. It was a terrific trip--from the Blackfeet tours to Little Big Horn to Lakota Pony Rides, we truly had a unique experience. Ms. Stapen's guide helped us navigate and explore the most interesting sites these states had to offer. The guide was very informative, especially pointing out those places that are "kid friendly". The book was even helpful in pointing out certain tours not especially suited for kids---ie. the tour at Little Bighorn. While this did not stop us from going on tour, it did prepare us for the "are we finished yet" complaints of our 14 yr. old. I highly recommend this guide for anyone considering vacationing anywhere in the U.S. From the Pacific Northwest to the East Coast and throughout Canada, this book will help you if you are truly looking for a different type of vacation. I urge anyone to consult this guide---- it will open up a whole new world!

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fun with the family
By A Customer
Stapen's book on family adventure travel is one of the best of its kind. Our family was looking for new types of vacations (other than the usual places like DisneyWorld, the beach, etc) that would cater to children of different ages. We are looking forward to trying out several of the recommendations, such as a night at the zoo, space camp, dogsledding, llama trekking and exploring native american culture. The writeups are well done and the book is very enjoyable. A must for families. I am over 50 but could not put that in Box 5 for some reason .

Describes vacations, day trips, and recreational activities that offer opportunities for education and exploration.

From Library Journal
Award-winning travel writer Stapen is the author of eight previous travel books, including *50 Great Family Vacations* and *Cruise Vacations with Kids*. Organized by region in the United States and Canada, her new book offers 327 top family recreational ideas that also have educational value--a refreshing change from the usual tourist attractions. Experiences range from dogsledding in Minnesota to a wildlife safari in Texas to gold panning in Canada's Yukon territory, and many of the sites are recommended for children over eight years old. Stapen warns about weather hazards, discusses the strain of various adventures and the appropriate attire, and provides names and phone numbers of tours and lodging. One concludes that these trips are not for the idle; nor are they cheap. For lower-priced vacations try *The Best Bargain Family Vacations in the U.S.A.* (LJ 2/15/97). Another similar book that costs less but is divided by activity rather than region is *Fodor's Family Adventures* (1998). Recommended for all libraries.
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