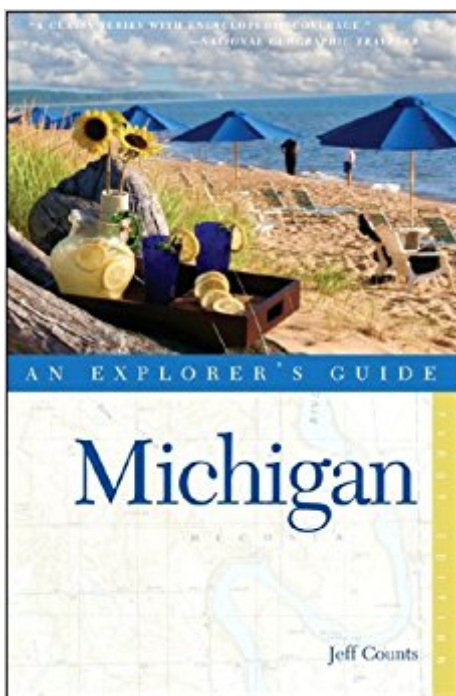


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Customer Reviews

Jeff Counts is the author of Explorer's Guide Michigan, Explorer's Guide Detroit & Ann Arbor, and The Paddler's Guide to Michigan. He is a veteran Michigan journalist who also did a stint in auto-related PR. Counts contributes outdoor stories to the Grand Rapids Press.

The author's assertion to the contrary, there's not much here that you couldn't find on visitors bureau websites. Despite being titled an explorer's guide, the book is little more than an annotated list of lodgings, restaurants, and major attractions. Even this could be helpful if the author provided insightful reviews, but those are lacking. Restaurant listings tend to just mention the varieties of meat they serve with little mention of unique preparations or critiques.

I bought this book when I moved to Michigan with future roadtrips in mind. The hubs and I just did a mini-tour from Detroit to Grand Rapids, then to Holland and back. While what was included was informative, I felt that there were too few 'things to do' listed for each city. Each city has only one or

two attractions listed with an explanation that sounds like it was taken from each feature's website. Usually we buy Lonely Planet guides, but one wasn't available for Michigan, so we got this instead. We were pretty disappointed--each city has only a couple restaurants listed (and usually just the most expensive ones) and a couple things to do. It looks like the guide might be more helpful for the UP, but for southern Michigan it was lacking. I wish I'd done more research before buying!

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