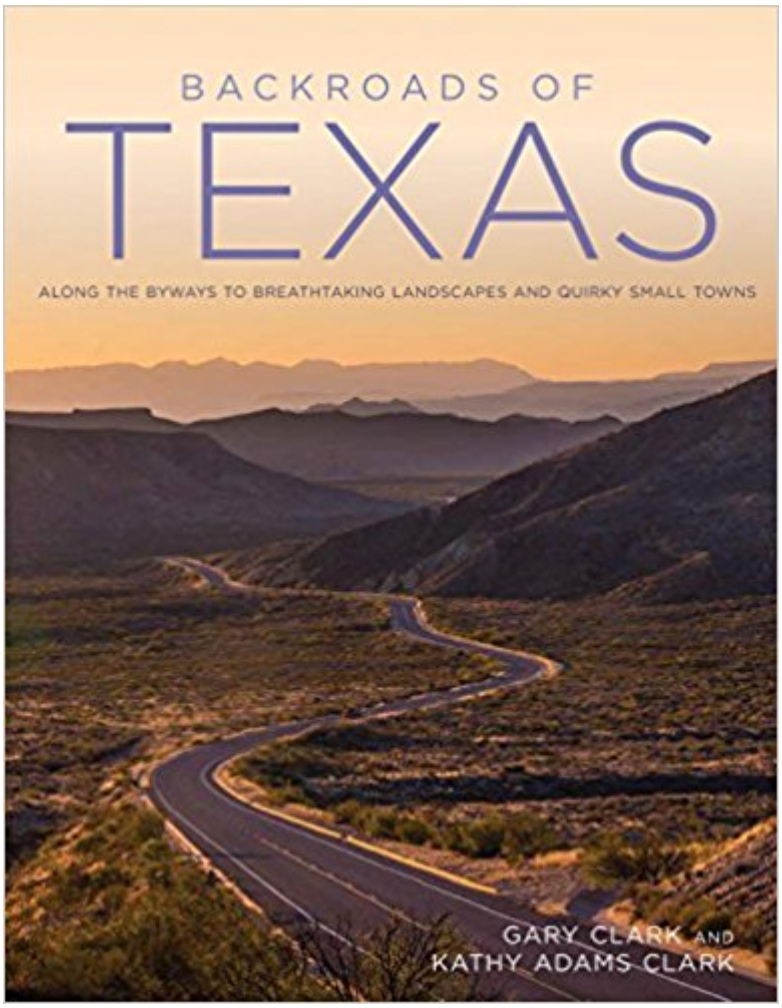
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Synopsis

Veer off the interstate and explore strange, sublime, and breathtaking sights. It’s all available on the backroads of Texas.Texas is the second largest state in the United States, and you can be sure it’s home to plenty of incredible sights waiting just off the beaten path. Backroads of Texas guides readers off the main drag where they can find intriguing sites, offbeat characters, and glorious landscapes. These are the sights normally missed by interstate-centric travelers.The book includes thirty backroad drives and excursions that take travelers into the boondocks where all the craziest natural sights occur. Watch frenzied bats as they fly by the thousands from San Angelo’s Foster Road Bridge. Catch your breath as you drink in the majestic Guadalupe Mountains. Get ready for goosebumps when you spelunk into the shadowy depths of Inner Space Cavern, and try not to get spooked when you see the paranormal "ghost lights" near the eclectic town of Marfa. These off-road sights are what truly set the Lone Star State apart from its neighbors.Completely reimagined for a new generation of road-trip takers and explorers, Backroads of Texas is lavishly illustrated with photographs, maps, and vintage advertising of Texas’s many scenic, historic, and cultural attractions. You think you know what Texas looks like? Think again. Backroads of Texas has something to surprise and excite everyone.

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Customer Reviews

Gary Clark is the weekly nature columnist for the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express News and a professor at Lone Star College-North Harris. The winner of eight writing awards, he

also publishes feature articles in state and national magazines and has written several books, including Backroads of the Texas Hill Country, Texas Wildlife Portfolio, and Portrait of Houston.Kathy Adams Clark has worked as a professional photographer since 1995. Her photos have been published in many magazines, calendars, and books, including Backroads of the Texas Hill Country and Portrait of Houston. Her images have also appeared with her husband Gary's weekly nature column in the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express News. Kathy is a past president of the North American Nature Photography Association. She teaches photography and is a popular speaker at local and national events. Kathy remains a proud native Texan; her family settled in Texas in 1845.

This is a great book for those who want to explore areas of Texas not reached by the main Interstate systems. After I read my copy I bought others for my Texas children.

I live in the Great State of Texas, and this book gave me some interesting afternoon road trip ideas. Whenever I travel out of state I like to get books like this about the area I plan to be in. One book about the well known points of interest, but also another book about the lesser known ones along the outskirts. This Texas book is good for those back road trips.

Excellent item!

The book was a gift for my husband who doesn't enjoy reading. But this book he loves, he reads a bit everyday, he can't put it down. Five Stars!

well written and good detail

One could spend a year following this book. Excellent

I love road trips! If you do too, you know that having well-written, factual accounts to guide us on our explorations can make or break a trip. We ask friends, visit AAA, buy travel guides and try our best to find the places with stunning views; the places steeped in fascinating history; the places with eclectic hotels, great food and fun activities.Building on his previous experience (Backroads of the Texas Hill Country and Exploring Big Bend National Park) of writing in this genre and his love of Texas, its people, culture and history, Gary Clark has written a ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“travel

guideÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• like no other. This book will satisfy your curiosity and wanderlust. It will take you off of the main roads and lead you to the small towns, revealing their eccentricities and history. The dramatic photographs of Kathy Adams Clark, professional photographer, artfully mixed in with the text will inspire you to get out and see those ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“breathtakingÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• views of a Texas we donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t often get to see.The book is very special to me. I was fortunate enough to get an early draft and was charged with the task of checking facts and the flow of the material. I found it very difficult to stay on task, wanting only to throw the manuscript into my car and go see and experience first-hand all of the incredible places so eloquently described by the author.Of the twenty-seven road trips included in the book, I have driven only six. So I have a long way to go, but I have a personal goal to drive each and every one of them, for each one has its own intrigue and allure. Sprinkled among the traditional information you would expect to find in a travel guide, you will find a treasure trove of extras including tidbits of charming folklore, little-known historical facts, hot spots for wildlife observation, geology lessons, great places to eat and lots more. It was interesting to read how many of the towns got their names. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“In 1906, three land promoters with the last names Balcom, Morrow, and Rhea established the town of Balmorhea.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• Read the book to find out how the locals pronounce the names of the towns such as Boerne, Gruene and Refugio.The publisher did an amazing job of weaving the photos, sidebars and text into a beautiful, easy to read layout with sharp and colorful renditions of the photos.I highly recommend that you buy two copies of Backroads of Texas: Along the Byways to Breathtaking Landscapes and Quirky Small Towns ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •one to keep on your coffee table, because it is just that beautiful and another to carry with you on your back road adventures, one you wonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t mind dog-earing to mark your favorite routes, scribbling notes in the margin and soiling with spills of that delicious
ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Not-Your-GrandmotherÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢sÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• banana pudding from the Shady Glade CafÃƒÂ© in Uncertain.

Not your typical travel guide! I am a 5th generation Texan and like to pride myself in knowing all things Texas. Upon reading this book I have discovered that there is so much of it that I have not yet seen. My family and I love taking road trips and there are several different routes mapped out in this book that would make for some great family memories! Within you find tips on some great places to stop and eat (always helpful), things to see, where to stop and look around, etc. The pictures are amazing and really capture the feel of the Texas spirit. Looks great on my coffee table, people want to pick it up and read it! This book can be read front to back, each section is loaded with information

set in a storytelling manner with interesting tidbits about local legend and lore, ghost stories, and even the history of where some towns acquired their names. Very interesting. Would make a great gift for anyone interested in Texas history and travel.

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