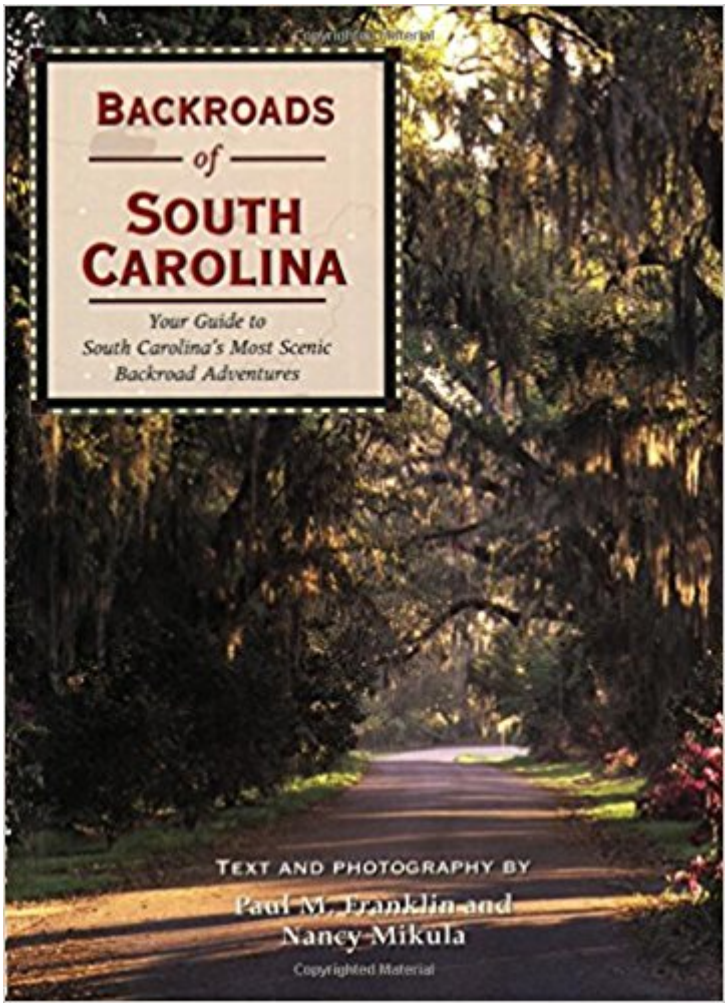
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Synopsis

To travel South Carolina is to journey through American history-from the meeting place of Hernando DeSoto and the Queen of Cofitachiqui in 1540 to Albemarle Point on the Ashley River, the first permanent European settlement established by the English in 1670; from Sullivans Island, where outgunned patriots gave the American cause its first victory in 1776 to Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired. In Backroads of South Carolina, the rich heritage of the state, one of the original thirteen colonies, unfolds along with its rich natural history and scenic splendors. This guide leads adventurers on more than thirty drives through South Carolinas great historical and natural attractions, from the lowlands of the Atlantic coastal region to the majesty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Authors Paul Franklin and Nancy Mikula highlight the states strong agricultural and industrial roots-its rice, cotton, indigo, and textile milling industries-as well as the place of its historical plantations in the story of the slave trade and early African-American life. Culture and history, nature and outdoor adventure, business and recreation: Whatever draws you to South Carolina, this book is the consummate host, conducting tourist and resident alike along the states most intriguing back roads and bi-ways.

Customer Reviews

Aiken Standard (SC), Dec. 23, 2006 Ã¢â ¬Å“Captures the essence of those lazy, narrow byways in lively prose and brilliant full-color photography.Ã¢â ¬Â•

South CarolinaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s lovely backroads beckon you to explore the stateÃ¢â ¬â„¢s hidden treasures, from the mist-laden majesty of the Blue Ridge Mountains and lush rolling farmlands of the Piedmont, to the moss-draped oaks and wildlife-filled salt marshes of the Low Country. Ã Â In Backroads of South Carolina, authors Paul M. Franklin and Nancy Mikula lead you on a journey that showcases all of the Palmetto StateÃ¢â ¬â„¢s charm. YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll follow quiet country byways that lead to timeless historic towns and scores of little-known attractions, like the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s smallest police station, the lovely cliff-top chapel of Pretty Place, and the magnificent sun-dappled cypress swamps of Francis Beidler Forest. Ã Â In twenty-four driving toursÃ¢â ¬â •complete with detailed route directions and mapsÃ¢â ¬â •youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll visitÃ Â pristine, surf-tossed ocean beaches; tidal wetlands alive with thousands of birds; and postcard-pretty southern towns filled with galleries, shops, and dazzling gardens. Over three centuries of South CarolinaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s history comes alive in beautifully restored antebellum plantations, towns that trace the growth of a young America, and fields where great battles shaped the history of our country. Ã Â Ã Â

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