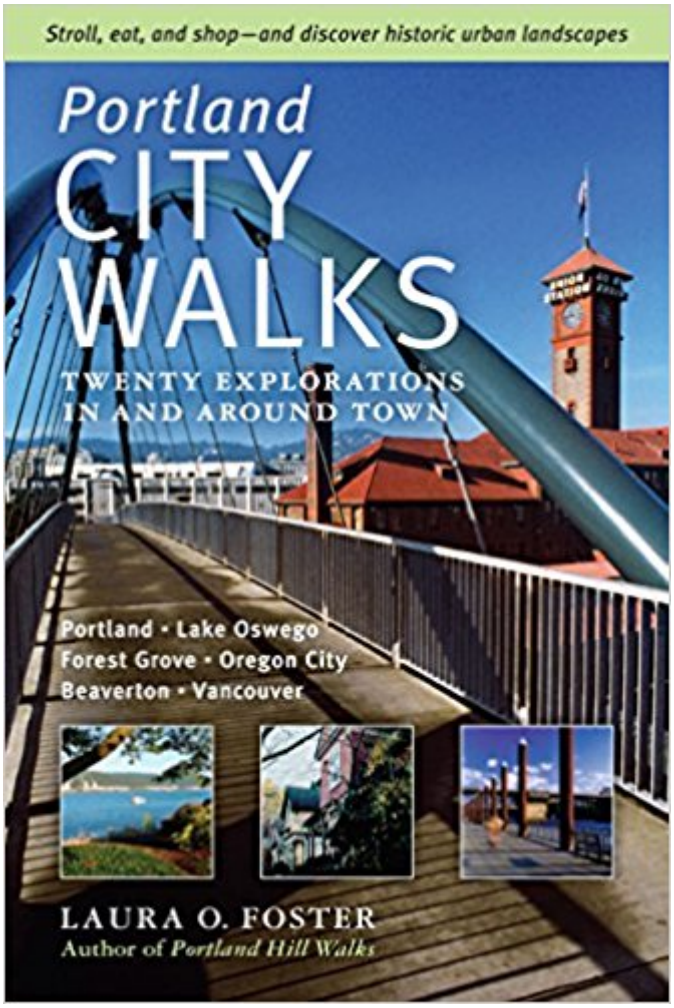
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Synopsis

From the inspired creator of the beloved Portland Hill Walks comes a rich collection of twenty eye-opening walks exploring the backstreets and back stories of the neighborhoods of Portland and five nearby towns. Laura Foster's new walking routes are easy to follow, self-guided, and accessible by public transportation. They also include plenty of snacks and offbeat treasures along the way. From Goose Hollow to Garden Home, Laurelhurst to Lake Oswego, Forest Grove to Vancouver, walks range in length from 2 to 6 miles, with alternate loops for flexibility. Want to explore architecture and engineering? Walks include a centuries-old farmhouse nestled in a city neighborhood and a track made from 20,000 Nike athletic shoes. Interested in the stories of historic Portland businesses? Walks include fun facts about Captain John Couch, William Lair Hill, Fred Meyer, Guy Carr, and Michael Powell.Portland City Walks lets readers peel back the layers of history as they walk the stories of a city's neighborhoods and experience its joys as never before.

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Customer Reviews

Ã¢â ¬Å“Skillfully combines neighborhood history and architectural description with keen observations guaranteed to capture a walker's imagination.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •The Oregonian

Laura O. Foster writes about Portland, Oregon and the towns around it. In her books, readers take long walks into urban neighborhoods: through streetcar districts and parks, up and down stairways, beyond dead-ends, along river beaches, atop volcanic peaks and anywhere that a curious person

would want to explore. She crafts routes designed to get urban walkers to places others often miss exploring, and her walks weaves geology, architecture, history, ethnobotany and horticulture into a story about each place. Every walk also passes through a local commercial district where coffee, beer, books, and other joys of urban exploring will be found. She designs her routes so that each one makes for a small urban holiday, good for locals and visitors too, who want to get beyond the tourist highlights of one of the nation’s most walkable cities.

I really appreciate the research that went into the writing of this book. It meshes so well with my goal to visit where my ancestors lived. Now I know what details I’m looking for as I walk around looking at architecture. It helps to have the map that is included handy to refer to when reading the walking directions. I also am experimenting with recording my voice while reading the directions for my own "audio walking tour". This book would be ideal as an audio recording.

I love this book! I have taken one of the urban hikes and was impressed by the extent of details. Everything you see along the hike is pointed out,explained, & commented on. Couldn’t be more pleased with this purchase.

Much like her earlier book,Ã Â Portland Hill Walks, this is much more than a list of scenic strolls through Portland and its suburbs. She gives an amazing amount of detail on the history of the locations, architecture of its buildings, and other interesting bits of trivia that even us locals don’t know! She will even get down to the history behind a single house which might otherwise not even be noticed while walking by it.Even better, without the hills these walks are more accessible to beginners.

Can’t say enough about this volume and Laura Foster’s earlierÃ Â Portland Hill Walks: Twenty Explorations in Parks and Neighborhoods. As a two-week vacation traveler to Portland this past summer, these two books were constantly with me along the way on my numerous walks and hikes throughout the city. Portland is blessed with some wonderfully unique neighborhoods, each with layers of fascinating history and replete with charm and character. And thanks to the city’s outstanding public transit system, the majority of these hikes are easily accessible without a car. Foster’s books offer such interesting details of history, architecture, cultural and physical geography, as well as many individuals important to the development of Portland’s neighborhoods over the years. These are such well-researched and detailed volumes that the reader comes away from

these neighborhood encounters sensing that the homes and streets have been friends for years. I will use both of these books whenever I return to Portland in the years to come...there is still so much to learn about this great American city! I'm also certain that Portland natives could learn a good deal from making use of these. Thank you, Laura Foster, for two of the best urban walking guides I have ever found!

We will be visiting Portland this winter, not the prime time for tourists, and not the best time for weather. Got this book and the Portland Hill Walks so that we could do some walking even on the dreariest, rainiest days, if we have them! Wishing they came with a full map though. My quick read/look through this book has caught my interest with lots of interesting facts that we'll be sure to enjoy as we explore Portland.

WOW What a GREAT book! Can't wait to travel to Portland to start exploring! Loved the book - Love the city!

Laura Foster has put out two fantastic books about Portland walks. This is her latest one and it's terrific. The walk descriptions are like little history and architecture lessons. The neighborhoods she selected are mostly SE and NE Portland. Inner SE is well represented: Buckman, Laurelhurst, Ladds Addition, Sellwood, Sullivan's Gulch. Check it out all you urban explorers!

You can tell Laura loves Portland as much as my husband and I do! Descriptions of the areas, what you're viewing add to the enjoyment. Another great additions to the books we already have, and use....extensively.

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