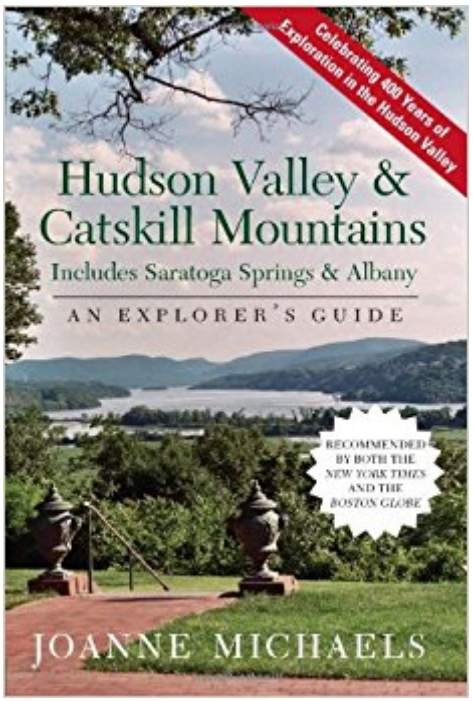
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Synopsis

"Many guides claim to be 'insider' takes on travel, but few deliver truly out-of-the-ordinary info. This one does . . . many listings will surprise even natives."Ã¢â ¬â ¢New York Daily News Rich with historical and cultural attractions, the Hudson Valley and Catskills area will be celebrating its 400th anniversary in 2009. The region will commemorate Henry HudsonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s sail up the river, Robert FultonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s first successful commercial steamship operation, and many more nationally significant events. The region is also a treasure trove for travelers seeking outdoor recreation, five-star dining, cozy bed & breakfasts or comfy inns, as well as galleries, antiques shops, wineries, farm stands, and places to hike, kayak, and canoe. In this completely revised seventh edition, author Joanne Michaels, the most respected travel writer in the region, includes hundreds of places to dine and stay, along with a wealth of information about things to see and doÃ¢â ¬â ¢all within driving distance of New York City, Boston, and beyond. With detailed maps and hundreds of honest reviews about accommodations, eateries, and activities that will appeal to both affluent travelers and those seeking special value, MichaelsÃ¢â ¬â„¢s advice will aid in planning an unforgettable trip. 75 black-and-white photographs and 13 maps

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Joanne Michaels, formerly the editor of Hudson Valley Magazine and the host of The Joanne Michaels Show, is the author of several books including Explorer's Guide Hudson Valley & Catskill Mountains, LetÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Take the Kids! and The Joy of Divorce. She lives in Woodstock, New

York.

Great guide to the Hudson River Valley. My only complaint is the map organization - it is by county (which is fine), but shows no detail for the abutting county. So if you were looking at a town in one county & wanted to see how far it was from the town you were in in another county - even near the county line - you're out of luck. It might have been a good idea for a map of a county to show 15 miles of detail into the surrounding counties - shaded a different color of course. That way you can see the continuation of roads, etc.

The book arrived in very good condition, on time. My husband uses the book to plan road trips in and ariound the Hudson Valley where we live. We've done some traveling over the years, but sometimes we just don't see the beauty of what is closest to us. The book helps us "explore" and it will be of good use to us in the future.

My sister and I used this book for a trip to Ulster county. We found it full of great ideas on places to visit, restaurants and shops. The author definitely made good selections on which places to include.

Good guide to area hotels, resorts, etc. Took a recent trip using recommendations from the book and was quite pleased with the accommodations and restaurants I used, based on the book.

Very little here on the Hudson Valley and the Catskills, in point of place, history and culture. Mostly directory list of eateries and junk shops. And now it's out of date. All depended on what you wanted to explore, I suppose. Not quite a shop till you drop/wine and dine/see and be seen job, but not far off. Not for history buffs or those who like to run around in the woods.I would have just stayed in NYC. Of course, these days New York is a hick town, too.

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