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Maryland: A New Guide To The Old Line State



Synopsis

From Antietam to Assateague, from Charles County's Tobacco Road to the mountainous Green Ridge Forest, the natural and historic sites of Maryland are among the nation's richest and most diverse. Now, the newly revised and updated edition of this widely acclaimed guidebook provides a complete, compact, and reliable companion for travel anywhere in the state. First published as a project of the Works Progress Administration in 1940 and last revised for the 1976 bicentennial, Maryland: A New Guide to the Old Line State has been reorganized, rewritten, and completely updated. Personally traveling nearly all of the 5,000 miles covered, the authors combine first-hand experience with the latest scholarly research. The result is a unique new guidebook that tells the stories of Maryland's familiar people and places and of those often overlooked. Travelers can follow Piscataway Indian trails as well as John Wilkes Booth's escape route; visit the homes of Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman as well as the mansions in Annapolis and Hampton; explore the sites of the Crisfield oyster boom and Georges Creek coal rush as well as those of John Brown's raid and the Battle of Antietam. The updated Guide also provides information on the many museums and visitor attractions in Baltimore, Frederick, and other Maryland cities. Supplementing the more than 120 archival photographs are contemporary ones by photographer Edwin Remsberg which show the immensity of changes the state has undergone. Some photos literally look down the same street or road fifty or sixty years later, revealing dramatic urban development or subtle shifts in mood. Fifty new maps by cartographer Bill Nelson offer an accurate guide to every tour. Previous editions of this book have been hailed as definitive touring guides to Maryland. Now once more revised and updated--and this time fully reorganized--Maryland: A New Guide to the Old Line State emerges as a freshly appealing guidebook for native, newcomer, and visitor alike. From reviews of the 1976 edition: "The guide is excellent. The tours are well-chosen." -- Washington Post "An updated version of a guide to the state prepared by the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression. Detailed historical information accompanies driving and walking tours throughout the state." -- Baltimore Magazine

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Customer Reviews

Originally published in 1940 as part of the Work Projects Administrations American Guide Series Writers Project, updated in a 1976 revision, and now fully rewritten and restructured, this is an essential purchase for libraries wishing to keep this important series current and available to their patrons, especially greater Maryland institutions. The logical organization of the data reflects Maryland's geographical subdivisions, and the volume outlines in copious detail 19 suggested tours for enjoying Maryland's (natural) history and geography. Some tours have interesting side trips, and most include walking tours when several sites are near each other. The authors assume users of this guide will begin their excursions in the DCBaltimore corridor and move outward from there along the more scenic (and older) state roads. There are detailed maps, clear vintage and current photographs, and highlighted in-depth site descriptions. The only drawback is a small font that makes sustained reading somewhat difficult. Scott R. Johnson, Whittemore Park Middle Sch., Conway, SC
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"The revised second edition of a work begun by the WPA, this fat guide-book by former Sun writer Earl Arnett, Hopkins history books editor Robert Brugger, and state Archivist Edward Papenfuse includes cultural and historical information for visitors." -- Margaret Guroff, Baltimore Magazine "A well-written book of crisp and businesslike tours of Maryland... This new version focuses more on the heritage of minorities and women than previously. The authors also include walking tours Maryland communities. Further, there is more than enough Maryland Civil War lore in this volume for contented weekend tourist forays into the lost world of the Blue and Gray." -- Maryland Historical Magazine

Maryland is not a state many people think of when they consider a travel destination. That, of course, doesn't mean that Maryland isn't dense with cultural, historical, and natural treasures. This book covers all of them in fine detail, with an emphasis on the cultural and historical. It's not a travel

guide per se, but more of an historical and cultural survey of the state's towns and institutions. That said, it covers them exhaustively. Think the Eastern Shore, Delmarva, and the far west frequently get the short end of the stick in Maryland guides and histories? Not in this case. The entire state is covered in twenty geographically organized tours. I lived in Maryland for almost 20 years, in Frederick County, and I've not found a better portrait of that beautiful part of the United States anywhere. This book has been in print for over two decades, and it's still a best seller. I like it so much, I bought it three times. Every time I moved to another state and wanted to have my home within easy reach, I reached for this volume. Maryland has the nickname "Little America" for a reason. Its geography and history are enormously diverse - somewhat appropriate for a border state that has served as a national crossroads for centuries. There are parts of Maryland that look and feel like Virginia. There are parts that look and feel like West Virginia, and there are parts that look and feel like New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. This book will really give you a precise flavor of Maryland's lovely diversity. Want to know this little, modest border state? Read this book.

Great for finding those hidden historical sites which make side trips more fun. Also just a good reference tool to have

Tip BoxellÃ Â THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER by Tip BoxellÃ Â says this is a beautiful information guide to all the wonderful things, natural and historical, economic and cultural, in the very progressive state of Maryland. From upcountry Maryland around Hagerstown and South Mountain to Baltimore and Chesapeake Bay, Maryland has a history of prosperous development while preserving the gifts of nature. All that is showcased and explained in this excellent book. So, whether you're a tourist getting the most out of your visit or a corporate or individual person considering location in Maryland, enjoy the benefits of this New Guide to the Old Line State. By the way, September 13-14, 2014 is the Bicentennial of the Star Spangled Banner...you know, when the "rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air gave proof through the night that our flag was still there." Check it out at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland.Ã Â Kennedy was Fraged

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