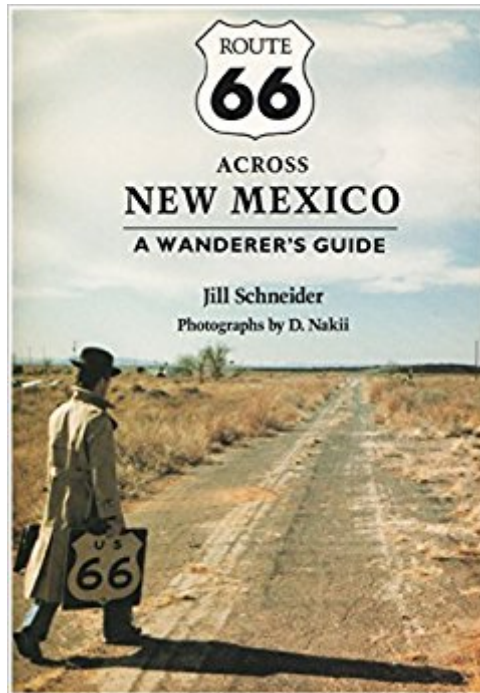




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Customer Reviews

I got my book here at from a seller. The book is out of print and hard to find, and my copy had originally been a library book in Albuquerque. The book was in good shape, however. I really enjoyed the book. It is comprised of tales from a long time salesman who worked the Route 66 corridor and shared his tales with the author. He talked about the history of various towns on the Route, how things used to be and details various people he knew. It's a great recalling of old time, Route 66 in New Mexico. I enjoyed, for one, his stories about Grants and Gallup, and how those towns had developed in time. How Gallup had a history of poor race relations, and how Grants was initially a backwater dust bin before the highway and, later on, uranium was found there. The author provides perspective and updates along with her own commentary on the current (1990) state of affairs on the Route. You can also tell where some early Route 66 writers may have used the book as a source when researching their own books on the topic. Some serious Route 66 story rip-offs. A great book for any Route 66 fan as it almost all deals with it.

Most Route 66 books, if they mention New Mexico at all, talk about Albuquerque and Tucumcari. They completely glaze over all the amazing little spots along the way. That's why we needed this book. This book focuses exclusively on New Mexico, and tries its best to skip nothing--no little town,

no re-routing, no side trip, et cetera. It has photos, maps, and a very insightful text. I particularly enjoyed its chapters on the road from Albuquerque to Tijeras Canyon, the road from Tijeras Canyon to Moriarty, and Arthur Hannett's spiteful yet amusing re-routing of the old road, done just to annoy the Santa Fe politicians he blamed for his losing the election. Anyone interested in Route 66 through Tijeras Canyon, Carl Webb (the founder of the town of Cedar Crest), or Route 66 in general will find good, readable information here. The whole book is written in an odd style, with a recurring fictional character--"The Peddler"--that guides you along the old road, but it never ceases to be an enjoyable read.

This is a good book if you are looking for places on Route 66 that are in the towns that the old highway ran through. Has a lot of good information in it and good photographs of the sites to see. It is a little confusing in that it starts in the middle of the state heads west to the Arizona line then goes back east to the Texas line instead of what I think is a natural progression from east to west.

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