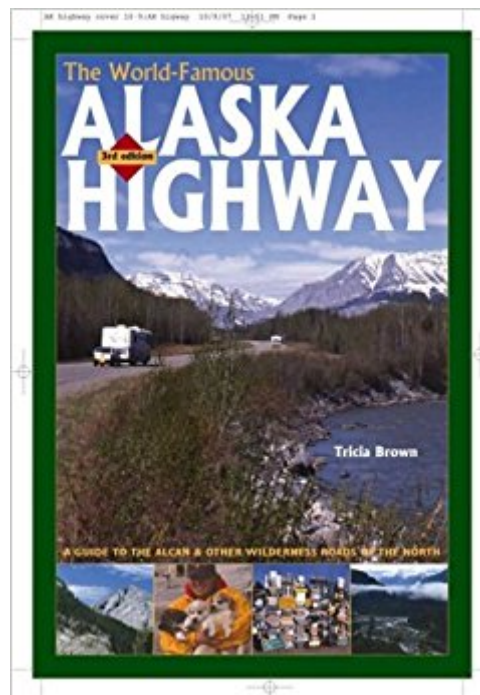




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The World-Famous Alaska Highway: A Guide To The Alcan & Other Wilderness Roads Of The North



Synopsis

Calling something "World Famous" doesn't make it world famous, but the Alaska Highway actually is known around the world. Mention the name or its familiar nickname, "The Alcan" and somebody in the crowd has driven it or has always wanted to "do" the highway. And why not? This amazing road through the northern reaches of Canada and into Alaska has cast a spell on the motoring public for more than sixty years, ever since it was hurriedly built in 1942. After World War II, with the opening of the road to civilians, Alaska was finally a drive-to destination, and the stream of tourists hasn't stopped.

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Customer Reviews

Tricia Brown is an award-winning writer and editor whose books include CHILDREN OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN: YOUNG NATIVE VOICES OF ALASKA, which won a Benjamin Franklin Award and Independent Publishers Book Award in 1999, and GROUCHO'S EYEBROWS. Other nonfiction books include FAIRBANKS: ALASKA'S HEART OF GOLD AND FRESH AIR IN THE ATTIC: WELCOME MAKEOVERS FOR 7 CLASSIC QUILTS.

Many books are written about the Alaskan Highway driving experience....this one is very comprehensive and reminds you of things to consider before you start on your adventure and then continues to tell you how to enjoy yourself along the way.

Very well done....unfortunately I never had the opportunity to take this trip.

Interesting stuff - lots of detail.

Excellent book for such travel.

I will be driving to Alaska this summer with my dog and I wanted guidance on local parks on the way where we could take breaks and go hiking. I purchased the book since it claims to provide information about hiking trails. No such thing; I found nothing of any value to me and returned it. In fact, if you delete the pictures and the lists of motels and restaurants... there would be little left to read.

The World-Famous Alaska Highway is the ideal guide for anyone traveling up and down the Alaskan Highway. This compendium of historic sites, roadside attractions, dramatic views, wildlife sighting sites, recreational resources (hiking, biking, fishing, rafting, canoeing, cruising, flying, festivals, rodeos, parades, races, museums, theme parks) will ensure the success of any excursion from day trips to full-fledged vacations. The World-Famous Alaska Highway also offers practical money-saving, comfort enhancing advice on preparing your vehicle, roadway considerations and routes, as well as up-to-date contact numbers and websites for cities throughout the region and serviced by the Alaskan Highway. If you are planning just such a journey for business or pleasure, begin with a thorough reading of Tricia Brown's The World-Famous Alaska Highway!

Not sure why the last reviewer bought a driving guide instead of a hiking guide, but I found this book to be incredibly helpful and entertaining. It contained the right balance of text with history and don't-miss places to visit for each community, along with listings of restaurants and places to stay. She tell you the miles (and kilometers) between major towns and includes lots of great pictures. Highly recommended for preparing for the trip, and a great resource once you're on the road.

Handy, practical, and refreshing describe this guide to the Alcan Highway and other roads of the North. Tricia Brown's friendly voice and personal insights bring the adventure to life for me. Although I've driven the Alcan many times over the years, there's much to see and much to learn. I plan to pack this Guide along with my gear for my next trip.

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