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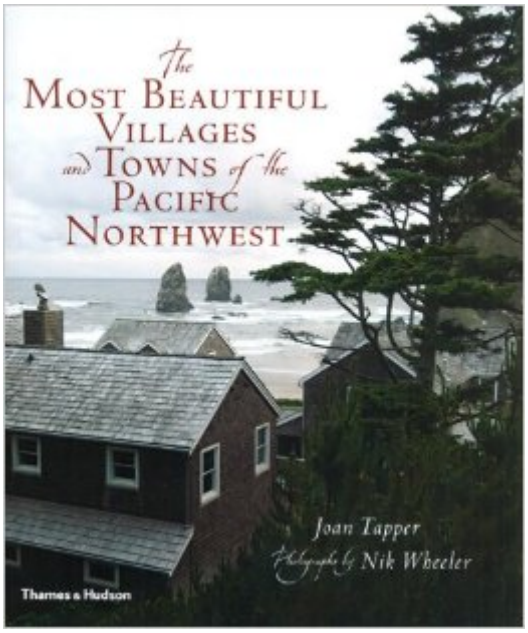

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Synopsis

A tour in words and photographs of the picturesque small towns of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbiaâ ” their architectural treasures, charming inns, quaint main streets, and magnificent scenery. What is the allure of the Pacific Northwest? Centuries ago it was the gifts of nature that brought the explorers, fur traders, and pioneers. Today Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia still draw visitors to the sparkling coves and waterways, pristine mountains, and broad beachesâ ” and they charm them with artful towns and spirited communities.The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of the Pacific Northwest wends its way from nineteenth-century seaports like Port Townsend, Washington, to twenty-first-century ski resorts such as Whistler, British Columbia; from coastal getaways like Cannon Beach, Oregon, to Old West-style main streets in Joseph at the eastern border of that state. And it brings to life the stories of those who made epic journeys across the continent, trudging along the Oregon Trail or building the Canadian Pacific Railway in pursuit of the good life in this corner of North America. Along with tales of specific towns there are photo essaysâ ”on the picturesque lighthouses that protected shipping from the dangers of the Graveyard of the Pacific; on the gorgeous gardens that capitalize on the Northwestern climate; and on wine country, where new and acclaimed vineyards go hand in hand with an emphasis on lifestyle.. 240 color photographs

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Customer Reviews

Joan Tapper’s book, The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of the Pacific Northwest, should be on

top of the other books on your coffee table. The exceptional photography and captivating stories make this large-format masterpiece the one your visitors will want to devour. Make it easy for them to find it.As a resident of the Pacific Northwest, I take pleasure in the beautiful scenery and picturesque communities scattered around. One could spend every weekend traveling to a new spot and rolling around in its glory. Tapper, the author, who actually lives in California, along with the exceptional photographer, Nik Wheeler, have actually narrowed the choices with their words and photographs.As with so many books of this type, there are other locations we locals would have included but we didn't write the book. Tapper and Wheeler did, and they had to set up some ground rules about size, geographical location, historical relevance, scenic interest, and lifestyle choices before they started. Then, after some preliminary research, Tapper traveled to the selected locations, spent up to three days interviewing people who had access to local lore and relics before moving on to the next location. Wheeler performed his magic with the camera and, at some point, they brought the book together. They've done the same for California, the Southwest and the Caribbean.I noticed that most of the hotels listed were not exactly economy class, and some restaurants with award-winning chefs that locals know to be outstanding were not included. That probably comes with not really knowing the area. But the listings and comments in the appendix are mostly accurate and offer valid choices for the reader.

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