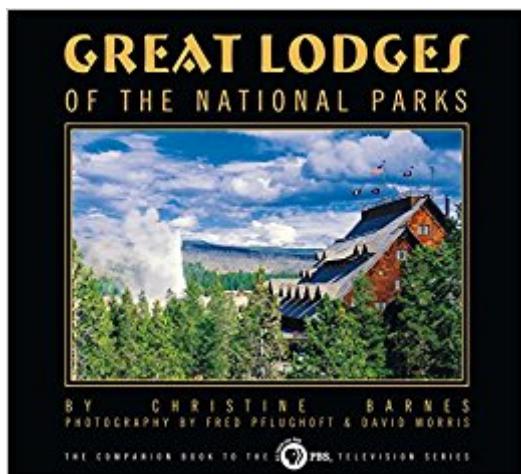


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Great Lodges Of The National Parks: The Companion Book To The PBS Television Series



Synopsis

Updated 2016. Stand amid soaring Douglas fir in the great hall of Glacier Park Lodge or sit in the setting sun and gaze into the Grand Canyon at El Tovar. This beautiful book will transport you to the majestic lodges of our national parks to relive the glory of past vacations or plan adventures anew. This book and the PBS television series of the same title take armchair travelers into these architectural wonders and explore the surrounding natural beauty of our national parks. Lodges, wildlife, and stunning vistas are showcased in 175 full-color and black-and-white photographs, along with historical documents from the PBS series. In his introduction, Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, offers a call to preserve this national heritage.

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With their enormous halls, hickory furniture, Indian print textiles and mounted stags' heads, the majestic old inns and hotels of U.S. national parks almost rival the landscape for attention. Old Faithful Inn, Crater Lake Lodge, El Tovar and the Oregon Caves Chateau are just a few of the marvels of the West found in Great Lodges of the National Parks: An Illustrated History. Author Christine Barnes (Great Lodges of the West), a consultant and historian for the PBS series to which this book is a companion, offers an engaging history of each lodge and its environs with photos by nature photographer Fred Pflughoft, whose work appears in national magazines and calendars, and indoor and nature photographer David Morris (Great Lodges of the West). Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

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I thought this book was going to be all about the lodges, with lots and lots of pictures of how they looked today. But this book is 1/3 about the national parks, 1/3 about the history of the lodges, and 1/3 about the lodges today. If that is what you are looking for, then you will probably be happy with this book. If, on the other hand, you want a book packed with lots of present day pictures of the lodges, you might be a little disappointed. I already have books about the national parks and the scenery, so I wasn't looking for more of that. And I don't really care about who did what at the lodges back in 1940 or 1950 or whenever. I just wanted lots of pictures of how these beautiful buildings look today. There are a few nice color pictures of each lodge but not as many pictures of the lodges in their present state as you would think a nearly 200 page book would have.

Apparently the first book about the Great Lodges of the National Park Service proved to be so wildly popular that Ms. Barnes was compelled to compile a second volume. The second volume lives up to the standards set by the first, with chapters devoted to individual parks and their lodges. The text is well-written and the photographs are generally excellent. The lodges are individually discussed in a chronological order, making it easy to understand the sometimes-complex development and evolution of these grand dames of the NPS.

The photography in the Great Lodges series, both volumes one and two, is beautiful. The text not only gives readers specific details to look for when they visit national park lodges, but explains a lot about the origin of each park. I refer to these books over and over, and take them with me whenever I travel to the national parks, greatly enhancing our stays in these lodges. Well worth the price.

Once I began reading this book I could hardly put it down!! I enjoyed reading about the history of the great lodges of our National Parks as well as about the parks themselves. My wife and I have been to several of the parks in volume I and II of this series and have had the privilege to stay in some of the lodges. Reading about the places we stayed was especially enjoyable as I learned more history about the lodges than I had learned on our visits. My goal is to visit more of the lodges in the book and I will be able to use what I have learned in this book to help plan future trips to the National Parks. My compliments to Christine Barnes for her wonderful depiction of these national treasures, and to the photographers who brought the book to life through both historical and current photographs.

Excellent book.

I purchased this book for my husband for Christmas after we had both seen it in the lobby of the lodge at the Grand Canyon. It didn't disappoint as we both have poured over the pages with a keen eye to the places we have yet to see. Many of the lodges in this first volume are located in the west, and we actually have seen quite a few of them. But each time I look, so many wonderful memories are brought back of trips, family times, etc. that the book will never grow old. We now plan to purchase Volume 2 at some future time.

Excellent history and beautiful photos

I chose this book to help me with my future travels. I want to support the National Parks so that we can pass these places on to our children and grandchildren. America is the most special country. We have every beautiful landscape in our country that can be found in other places in the world. I want to travel America and this is my guide.

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