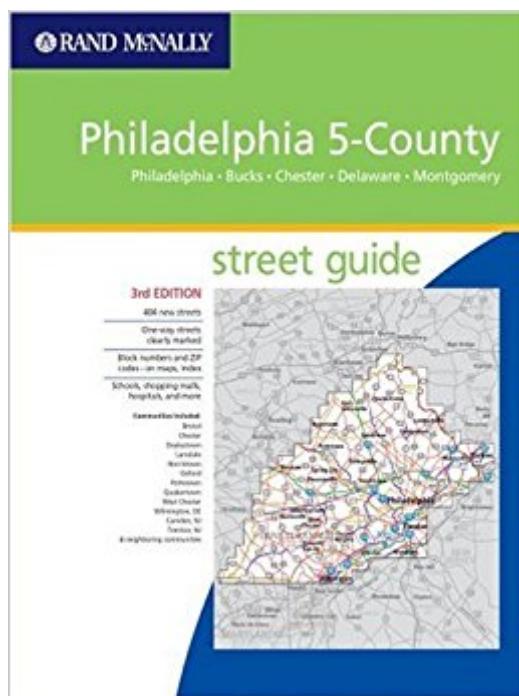


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Customer Reviews

I live in Jeffersonville, PA (Norristown) just 15 miles or so outside of Philly. I have lived in Chester, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties for over 5 years so I know the areas represented in this guide fairly well. I must say I am impressed with how detailed Rand McNally is in this volume. The book has over 150 pages including an extensive index and zip codes displayed on each page. It seems even the smallest of roads is included. I live in an apartment complex on a street only in the complex itself and it is still listed in this book. I enjoy riding my bike on nearby Schuylkill River Trail and even that trail (as well as Perkiomen) are shown on successive pages. Sometimes, when following a long road (or trail) you must switch to another page, but the page you have to turn to is easily identified. The colors used are vivid and coded for each map item (water bodies, interstates, cities, townships, etc). The pages are 8.5x11 like regular book pages, but the thickness of the guide does not encourage carrying it around except in a car-type vehicle (I wouldn't carry it while riding my bike despite its usefulness for the trails I frequent). One inch equals 2000 feet according to the legend, but that size, while good for viewing details, is bad for measuring long roads. I usually have to keep measuring page after page if I want distance between two points. (I advise using on-line mapping sites to gauge distances and using the book strictly for its easier viewing.) The back also has an extensive list of "communities", which is basically all of the cities/towns in the book. I have yet to find one missing. Their zip codes are also displayed. This list also shows the county the city belongs to. There is a SEPTA map in the front of the book and the maps display all kinds of landmarks like post offices, libraries, train/bus stations, court houses, police/fire stations, museums,

and schools, among other things. I highly recommend this guide. The only downside I've found so far is its size. I have yet to use the CD because I find the book itself (with its wonderful visuals) to be easy to use and more handy than having to look at the maps on my laptop. For the price, it really can't be beat.

Now that I have figured out how to use it, I have found the Rand McNally 5-county street guide very useful. I love maps and have the large map books for 4 Philadelphia counties, but was missing Bucks County. This combined guide is good because you can see the whole picture when traveling between counties. It is a bit thick and cumbersome (i.e. not good for a bike trip), but good nonetheless, and well worth the price.

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