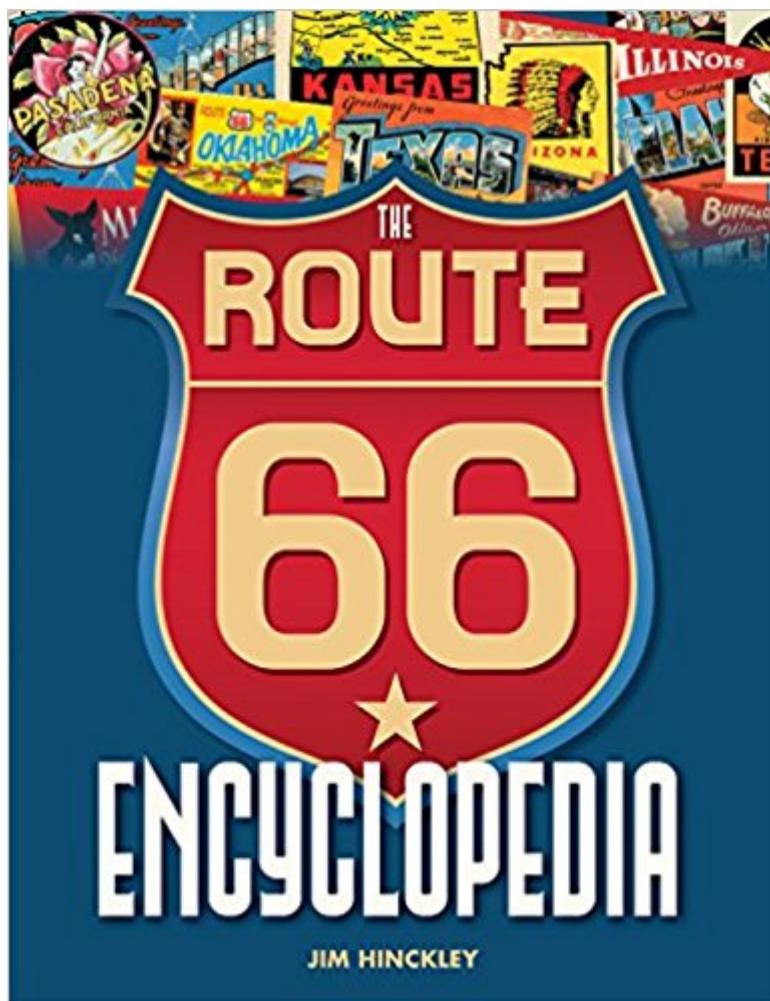


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This is more of a "Coffee Table" book than a "Take Along" book especially if you are travelling Route 66 on a motorcycle. If you are driving a car and you have a 2nd person as a "navigator" who can help you find information as you go, this book would be ideal to have on the seat beside you. I traveled Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica last summer by motorcycle and discovered a number of places/things I wanted to see had either gone out of existence or burned down or the collection of artifacts had been sold or moved, etc., between the time my reference books had been published and the Summer of 2013. This book is current as of 2011. It does contain much information about the History of 66 which gives the reader a much better understanding of what happened on (and what happened to) the places and people associated with this historic highway. It also contains much information about present day 66. Since I will be travelling from East to West on 66 again during Summer 2014, I would have preferred the Encyclopedia to be laid out that way; starting with Illinois and ending in California.

A great Route 66 reference book! Originally I checked this out at my local library but soon found that I had to own a copy. This book is chock full of great little-known "Mother Road" information. Makes for a fun reference book to pick up and read a few pages at a time. Someday I hope to drive the route 66 from Chicago to LA -- and this book will be my trusty companion to help make sure I see many of the off-the-beaten path things to be seen along the way!

Some items/places are only listed as additional information under other places, etc Use to plan your trip ahead of time, or on your way as you reach specific places. Great information and photos for

coffee table book to enjoy regularly.

I purchased this for my Dad for his 71st birthday, and he loved it! He will not stop talking about it. He enjoyed the pictures and respects all the work it took to create this book.

To us in New Zealand, Route 66 is an iconuc US highway. I bought this book as a gift for a friend who has travelled this route, and he was well pleased with it. The pictures are especially great. Thanks, George Lusty Hamilton New Zealand

It took almost two months to get this book. Was out of the mood to read it and had bought other books of Route 66 and like them better. Not really a must have for your trip.

Bad news Everything is listed alphabetically.

Very informative book, difficult to travel and use effectively. There are better products on the market.

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