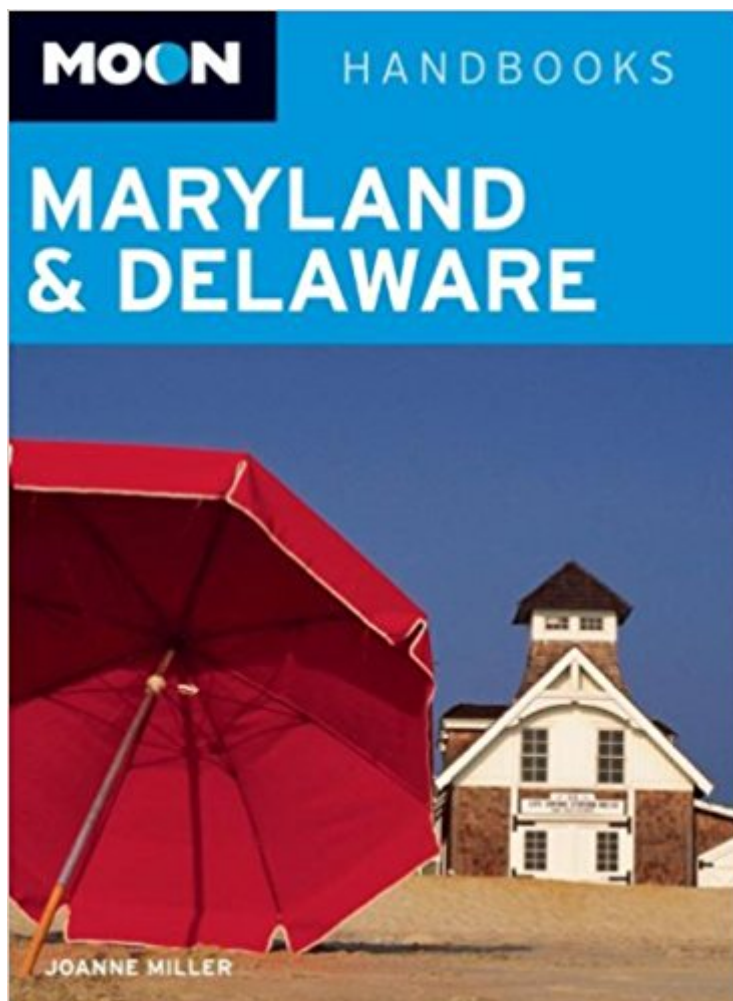


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Synopsis

Seasoned travel writer Joanne Miller knows the best way to experience Maryland and Delaware, whether it's exploring the historic sites of Baltimore or soaking up the sun at Rehoboth Beach. Joanne offers itinerary suggestions for every traveler, such as a Civil War Tour and Three Days in Charm City. Packed with information on dining, transportation, and accommodations, Moon Maryland and Delaware has lots of options for a range of travel budgets. Every Moon guidebook includes recommendations for must-see sights and many regional, area, and city-centered maps. With guidance on visiting Annapolis, strolling on the boardwalk in Ocean City, or hiking on Delaware's extensive greenways and trails, Moon Maryland and Delaware gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience. With expert writers, first-rate strategic advice, and an essential dose of humor, Moon Handbooks are the cure for the common trip.

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Customer Reviews

One of Joanne Miller's earliest memories is of being lulled by the hum of car wheels as she gazed out the window of a wine-colored Oldsmobile; the scenery changed from dense forests to cornfields to dry plains. Her father, a freelance photographer, was taking pictures in the U.S. National Parks System for National Geographic. By age 10 she had visited every state in the lower 48. Comic books made interesting companions on the road, and "travel" became synonymous with "adventure", all in an easy-to-follow four-color format. While camping in a musty tent in New Mexico,

Joanne followed Scrooge McDuck to the south Pacific, climbed Egypt's pyramids, and hoisted sail with Huey, Dewey and Louie alongside Jason's Argonauts. An appreciation of fine literature followed, in the form of "Classics Illustrated" - Macbeth was a terrific ghost story. By the time Joanne was reading books with more words than pictures, she had written and illustrated one of her own: a primer on "How to Do Everything Right." Martha Stewart, eat your heart out. After surviving her know-it-all teens, and adding Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, England, and Canada to her list of "been-there's", Joanne first glimpsed the mighty Chesapeake. After securing a B.A. in anthropology, she crossed Mexico, and traveled up the eastern states through the Necks of Virginia, along the coast of America's largest estuary. In the following years, she lived in the mid-Atlantic, visiting the Tidewater to crack crabs in Virginia Beach and indulge in fantasies of powdered wigs in colonial Williamsburg. She continues to live and write her own adventures in full color, whether it's watching the fiery sun set under full sail near St. Michaels, dodging feisty crabs on Smith Island's oyster-shell roads, or feeling the burn while climbing Baltimore's Washington Monument. Every place has its story, and Joanne makes the landscape come alive through words and pictures. She is the author of Moon Pennsylvania and Moon Chesapeake Bay and is a frequent contributor to Writer's Market and Novel & Short Story Writer's Market.

I am normally a considerable fan of the Moon Handbooks, so I was disappointed with much in this Maryland Delaware guide. It would have been better to divide it into Maryland - western shore and then a Del-Mar-Va guide; one that covered the eastern shore . First the maps are just not what I have encountered in other Moon books. The first one showing major highways covers interstates, but then includes others, but misses some that would be major tourist routes. The maps covering the Baltimore area are small and not as detailed as they could have been and are, in other books. There are no hints on navigating traffic and the beltways - both the Baltimore and the DC beltway; and in an area that is one of the most congested and difficult to maneuver in the country this should have been done. I literally could not believe that some huge festivals people look forward to, such as the Hampden Hon fest, were not included. The hints and help that are present in other Moon guidebooks and even the Baltimore Moon guide were not present; and length is not an excuse, because it has worked in others. In the Annapolis information, there is no justification to not inform visitors that no matter what, everyone will need picture ID's to enter the Naval Academy. Or that the Naval Academy Stadium is the preferred means of finding a place to park and use the free visitors trolleys to find the way through the narrow colonial streets where even the knowledgeable locals have problems and usually own a huge stack of parking tickets. The book does better in the

southern and western areas of Maryland and the suggested reading list is good. I just could not recommend this as a guide... a sad statement for a Moon guide.

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