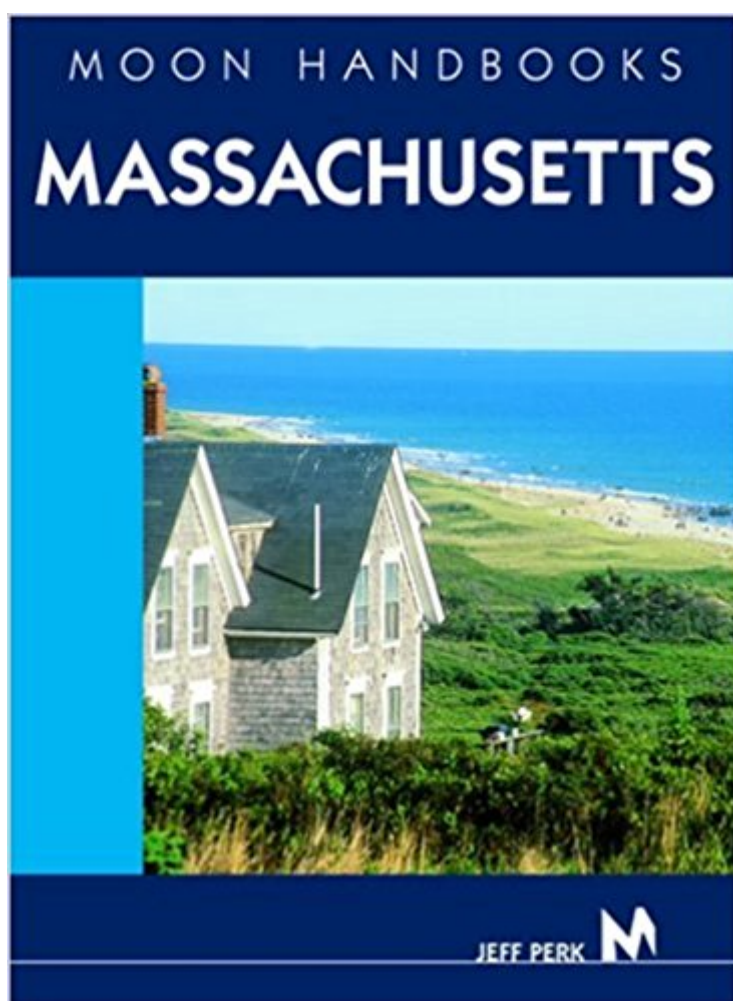


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I can't quite put my finger on it, except to say that in my travels around New England I've found this to be somewhat less useful than the Moon guidebooks for N.H. & Maine. (The Moon guidebooks for Maine by Kathleen Brandes are just terrific, in many trips to Kennebunkport & Portland I've found them to be incredibly useful, & would give them 5 stars). Like another reviewer said, this 2nd (2001) edition is somewhat dated. I actually have the 1998 1st edition, but from other comments, it doesn't sound like they did a lot of updating between those editions. **HOWEVER:** This book is chock-full of

detailed & useful info. that you won't find in the more generalized travel books, like Frommer's, that cover all of New England, & can start to be like "if today is Tuesday, it must be Belgium". For instance: Recently I've been exploring newburyport, MA. It's one of the most beautiful & historic waterfront towns in N.E. MA, with tons of restaurants. This book has about 1 & 1/2 pages on newburyport, (altho with almost no restaurant suggestions, which is frustrating). The Frommer's 2004 "New England" has absolutely no mention of newburyport(?). Also, there's there's a great section on Cape Cod here, that even goes into the Geological History of the Cape, with a present analysis, & future prognosis (that it's eroding, & may disappear w/in 5,000 years). This book may not be perfect, but then no guidebook is, & especially for the prices it sells for used, + shipping, is well worth having.

This book is great and I would recommend this book to anyone coming to Massachusetts that is able to spend some time here. If you know roughly what part of Massachusetts you want to see then this book will be a godsend as it will tell you everything, and I mean literally everything about your trip from history to sights, dining, accomodation ,etc. However, that's also a small drawback as there is so much information that at times, it can be a little disconcerting because you don't exactly know where to start. So, if you're planning a trip to MA and you're only going to be here for 1 or 2 days this book isn't for you. However, if you've got a week or more (and even for all of us that live in MA) this book will give you a real feel for the state and take you to places that other books don't. I recommend purchasing this book for anyone that's serious about understanding MA ; not only it's sights but it's history too. Well done to the author and for Moon for publishing such a comprehensive guide to such an interesting and beautiful state.

I realize that it is impossible to keep a travel guide up to date and current with changes that occur in the hotel and restaurant industries, but this book is very outdated. Despite being published three years ago, it features places that have been closed five-seven years. Apparently, no follow-up research was done in publishing this second edition. I was very disappointed with this purchase.

As with all books in the Moon range this edition has all the information you need to plan a trip to the area. At over 600 pages it is packed with information about travel, history, geography, trivia, in fact just about anything you want to know about the 'Bay' State.

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