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[Blue Ridge Parkway Vistas](#) McFarland

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Hiking the Blue Ridge Parkway CreateSpace

"Til death do us part" could be closer than the bride realizes in Victoria Gilbert's tantalizing fifth Blue Ridge Library mystery. The pursuit to acquire a rare illustrated book turns deadly, and on the eve of her upcoming wedding, library director Amy Webber is drawn into a web of treachery and betrayal that could derail her happy day--and maybe just claim her life. Planning a wedding can be murder--sometimes literally. At a party celebrating their upcoming nuptials, Taylorsford, Virginia library director Amy Webber and her fiancé Richard Muir discover the body of art dealer Oscar Selvaggio--a bitter rival of their host, Kurt Kendrick. Both had been in a heated battle to purchase a rare illustrated volume created by William Morris's Kelmscott Press, so suspicion immediately falls upon Kurt. Amy knows that Kurt has a closet-full of skeletons from his past--but she can't believe he's guilty of murder. Amidst an avalanche of wedding preparations, Amy begins an investigation with the help of her aunt Lydia Talbot and the new mayor of Taylorsford, Sunshine "Sunny" Fields. Much to Lydia's dismay, her boyfriend, art expert Hugh Chen, becomes convinced of Kurt's guilt and launches an investigation of his own. As the case hits painfully close to home, the stakes become impossibly high--and the danger all too real.

[Best Outdoor Adventures Asheville](#) Hachette UK

Best Easy Day Hikes Great Smoky Mountains National Park includes concise descriptions and detailed maps for twenty-two easy-to-follow hikes in America's most popular national park, home to one of the most pristine ecosystems on the East Coast. Featured walks lead to stunning scenery, from waterfalls and wildflowers to historic and interpretive sites, as well as spectacular views. Look inside for:

- Thirty-minute strolls to full-day adventures
- Hikes for everyone, including families
- Mile-by-mile directions and clear trail maps
- Trail Finder for best hikes for backpackers, waterfalls, history buffs, children, or great views
- GPS coordinates

[Guide to the Blue Ridge Parkway](#) Lonely Planet

Discover the Best Waterfalls in North Carolina and Virginia Waterfalls are nature's most captivating wonders. These hidden spectacles seem to hold all the secrets of the forest. The hills of the Blue Ridge harbor an incredible number of waterfalls. Hundreds of named falls—and perhaps thousands more—wait to be discovered any time of year. In *Waterfalls of the Blue Ridge*, expert hiker and veteran outdoors writer Johnny Molloy guides you to 120 of the region's best waterfalls, ranging from 10 to 500 feet high. Some require no hike at all, while others can only be seen from the trail. When you add hiking to a waterfall, you double your pleasure. Most trails in this book could stand alone, but they are even better when combined with the chance to visit a waterfall. Covering the mountainous region along the Blue Ridge Parkway, *Waterfalls of the Blue Ridge* takes you into two states, three national parks, three wilderness areas, four national forests, eight state parks, and more! The waterfalls are grouped together by location and appear in geographic order, north to south. The full-color guide provides the information you need to choose which waterfalls to visit. Take a quick look at the hiking distance and the level of difficulty. Then read the hike description, so you know what to expect. Maps, driving directions, and GPS trailhead coordinates help you get there, and professional photographs offer glimpses of the beauty that you'll encounter on the trail. Waterfall hiking in the mountains of the Blue Ridge is a marvelous way to experience the great outdoors. With this guide as your reference, you can seek out a different waterfall every time or hike to your favorite falls, time and again.

Epic Hikes of the World Univ. of Tennessee Press

A guide to over 200 waterfalls. Over 80 black-and-white and color photographs are included.

Waterfalls of the Blue Ridge UNC Press Books

An inspiring, thought-provoking, and adventurous biography of one woman's fearless crusade to save an island from greed and environmental disaster. In a "moving homage and an adventure story that artfully articulates the ferocities of nature and humanity," Harlan captures the larger-than-life story of Carol Ruckdeschel, the wildest woman in America (Kirkus Reviews). She wrestles alligators, eats roadkill, rides horses bareback, and lives in a ramshackle cabin that she built by hand in an island wilderness. A combination of Henry David Thoreau and Jane Goodall, Carol is a self-taught scientist who has become a tireless defender of sea turtles on Cumberland Island, a national park off the coast of Georgia. Cumberland, the country's largest and most biologically diverse barrier island, is celebrated for its windswept dunes and feral horses. Steel magnate Thomas Carnegie once owned much of the island, and in recent years, Carnegie heirs and the National Park Service have clashed with Carol over the island's future. What happens when a dirt-poor naturalist with only a high school diploma becomes an outspoken advocate on a celebrated but divisive island? *Untamed* is the story of an American original standing her ground and fighting for what she believes in, no matter the cost, "an environmental classic that belongs on the shelf alongside Carson, Leopold, Muir, and Thoreau" (Thomas Rain Crowe). "Vivid. . . Ms. Ruckdeschel's biography, and the way this wandering soul came to settle for so many decades on Cumberland Island, is big enough on its own, but Mr. Harlan hints at bigger questions."—Wall Street Journal "Wild country produces wild people, who sometimes are just what's needed to keep that wild cycle going. This is a memorable portrait." —Bill McKibben "Deliciously engrossing. . . Readers are in for a wild ride." —Citizen-Times

[The Blue Ridge Parkway](#) Arcadia Publishing

In 1997, Charles Frazier's debut novel *Cold Mountain* made publishing history when it sailed to the top of The New York Times best-seller list for sixty-one weeks, won numerous literary awards, including the National Book Award, and went on to sell over three million copies. Now, the beloved American epic returns, reissued by Grove Press to coincide with the publication of Frazier's eagerly-anticipated second novel, *Thirteen Moons*. Sorely wounded and fatally disillusioned in the fighting at Petersburg, a Confederate soldier named Inman decides to walk back to his home in the Blue Ridge mountains to Ada, the woman he loves. His trek across the disintegrating South brings him into intimate and sometimes lethal converse with slaves and marauders, bounty hunters and witches, both helpful and malign. At the same time, the intrepid Ada is trying to revive her father's derelict farm and learning to survive in a world where the old certainties have been swept away. As it interweaves their stories, *Cold Mountain* asserts itself as an authentic odyssey, hugely powerful, majestically lovely, and keenly moving.

[Best Easy Day Hikes Blue Ridge Parkway](#) Wesleyan University Press

The Mountains-to-Sea Trail is an 1,175-mile destination trail that crosses North Carolina from Clingmans Dome in Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Jockey's Ridge State Park on the Outer Banks. It traverses 37 counties, 7 national parks and forests, and nearly a dozen state parks and historic sites. This is the first-ever guide to day hikes along the crown jewel of North Carolina foot trails. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or new to the outdoors, this official guide from Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail is your go-to companion for exploring all the trail has to offer, showcasing everything from scenic mountain vistas to surprising escapes in the state's Piedmont region and the wonders of coastal plain pocosins. Features include - 40 hikes carefully chosen to appeal to hikers of all experience levels - Helpful hike finder feature to identify the perfect hikes for birding, waterfalls, history, universal accessibility, and more - Turn-by-turn guidance and key points of interest for each hike - Full-color maps and photographs - Helpful information about the trail's history and ongoing development

[The Thousand-mile Summer](#) Menasha Ridge Press

This comprehensive guidebook provides a detailed description of every official trail along the Blue Ridge Parkway. But that's just the beginning: veteran hiker Leonard M. Adkins includes information on every trail that touches the Parkway, including the Appalachian Trail, the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, and other public pathways on national park, state park, national forest, municipal, and private lands. You'll find GPS coordinates for official Parkway trailheads, along with fifty maps and many photographs of what you'll see along the way. Adkins notes each trail's length, difficulty, points of interest, handicap accessibility, and natural features. Far more than a guide to the trails, this book also tells you what to expect at overlooks, as well as where to dine, sleep, and find a restroom, and suggests worthwhile side trips. Elevation change charts for bicyclists, minimum tunnel heights for RVs, camping recommendations, roadside bloom calendars, sightseeing information for nearby towns, and other advice make this the perfect companion for your next Parkway adventure.

Mountain Road, Late at Night W. W. Norton & Company

New parents and parents of toddlers face unique challenges when it comes to planning outdoor trips. "Family-friendly trail" is often a misleading phrase, and doesn't take young children under the age of 5 into consideration, whose safety and comfort require a different perspective. The unpredictable nature of little ones leads many parents to put their adventure dreams on the back burner, missing out on years of meaningful experiences as a family. Hike it Baby presents 100 outdoor adventures across the U.S. that you can take with babies and toddlers (really!), along with everything you need to know about exploring the natural world. Sourced from real families using Hike it Baby's trail-tested system, this book helps moms and dads get out there in their comfort zone, yet feel like hardcore adventurers! Whether you've always wanted to hike part of the Appalachian Trail, splash around in gentle Northwest waterfalls, or scramble up rocks in the desert surrounded by Joshua Trees, this book shows you how to plan a truly memorable journey together.

Waterfalls of the Blue Ridge Rowman & Littlefield

This is the story of the miners and the union they wanted, of the people who loved them and the people who wanted to kill their dreams. Annadel, West Virginia, was a small town rich in coal, farms, and close-knit families, all destroyed when the coal company came in. It stole everything it hadn't bothered to buy—land deeds, private homes, and ultimately, the souls of its men and women. Four people tell this powerful, deeply moving tale: Activist Mayor C. J. Marcum. Fierce, loveless union man Rondal Lloyd. Gutsy nurse Carrie Bishop, who loved Rondal. And lonely, Sicilian immigrant Rosa Angelelli, who lost four sons to the deadly mines. They all bear witness to nearly forgotten events of history, culminating in the final, tragic Battle of Blair Mountain—when the United States Army greeted ten thousand unemployed pro-union miners with airplanes, bombs, and poison gas. It was the first crucial battle of a war that has yet to be won.

Walking with Spring Rowman & Littlefield

'Through sharply drawn characters, Rossi achieves a clear-eyed and poignant view of a family in crisis' - Sydney Morning Herald A fatal car crash. A young boy orphaned. Who should now become his parents? Nicholas and April are driving home from a party when their car crashes on an empty road high up in the Blue Ridge Mountains. As they lay on the roadside slowly dying, their four-year-old son, Jack, waits for them at home. In the days after their deaths, their grieving relatives begin to descend on the family home. There, they are forced to decide who will care for the child Nicholas and April left behind. Nicholas's brother Nathaniel and his wife Stefanie aren't ready to be parents, but Nicholas's mother and father have issues of their own. And April's mother Tammy is driving across the country to claim her grandson. Spanning a few traumatic days in the minds of each family member, *Mountain Road, Late at Night*, is a masterly portrait of grief, the pain of sudden loss and a family in utter crisis. Gripping, affecting and extremely accomplished, Alan Rossi's unforgettable debut asks one crucial question: what do you do when the worst happens?

Hiking North Carolina Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

With its prominent profile recognizable for miles around and featuring vistas among the most beloved in the Appalachians, North Carolina's Grandfather Mountain is many things to many people: an easily recognized landmark along the Blue Ridge Parkway, a popular tourist destination, a site of annual Highland Games, and an internationally recognized nature preserve. In this definitive book on Grandfather, Randy Johnson guides readers on a journey through the mountain's history, from its geological beginnings millennia ago and the early days of exploration to its role in regional development and eventual establishment as a North Carolina state park. Along the way, he shows how Grandfather has changed, and has been changed by, the people of western North Carolina and beyond. To tell the full natural and human story, Johnson draws not only on historical sources but on his rich personal experience working closely on the mountain alongside Hugh Morton and others. The result is a unique and personal telling of Grandfather's lasting significance. The book includes more than 200 historical and contemporary photographs, maps, and a practical guide to hiking the extensive trails, appreciating key plant and animal species and photographing the natural wonder that is Grandfather.

Great Day Hikes on North Carolina's Mountains-to-Sea Trail UNC Press Books

Who says you have to travel far from home to go on a great hike, paddle, or bike ride? Best Outdoor Adventures Asheville details forty of the best hikes, paddles, and bike routes within an hour's drive

of the Land of the Sky (along with extra information on climbing and camping adventures), perfect for the urban dweller and suburbanite who may be hard-pressed to find great outdoor activities close to home.

Hiking and Traveling the Blue Ridge Parkway UNC Press Books

Ray Hicks, 78, the famous teller of Appalachian Jack Tales, is one of America's best-loved storytellers. In this book he shares a different kind of story, a chronicle of his family's experiences in the remote section of the North Carolina mountains where

Best Easy Day Hikes Great Smoky Mountains National Park Menasha Ridge Press

The true story of the construction of the historic Crozet railroad tunnel—as seen through the eyes of three Irish immigrant families who helped build it. In one of the greatest engineering feats of the time, Claudius Crozet led the completion of Virginia's Blue Ridge Tunnel in 1858. More than a century and a half later, the tunnel stands as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark, but the stories and lives of those who built it are the true lasting triumph. Irish immigrants fleeing the Great Hunger poured into America resolved to find something to call their own. They would persevere through life in overcrowded shanties and years of blasting through rock to see the tunnel to completion. In this intriguing history, Mary E. Lyons follows three Irish families in their struggle to build Crozet's famed tunnel—and their American dream. Includes photos and illustrations

Storming Heaven: A Novel Arcadia Publishing

The cold, clear creeks of the Southeast offer some of the best isolated flyfishing opportunities and unheralded big fish in the country. Those incredible opportunities and more are covered in the all-new Flyfisher's Guide to North Carolina & Georgia. This all-new guide is complete with author Nick Carter's brilliant full-color photography and the same Wilderness Adventures Press maps that have made this series the best flyfishing guidebooks on the market. Public land, access roads, campgrounds, parks, boat ramps, hand launches, parking and picnic areas, driving directions and GPS coordinates for access points are all included. No need to worry about getting lost. This guidebook includes comprehensive coverage of the large rivers, the medium streams and the small brooks. From the high tributaries of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina to the broad and rolling Chattahoochee River in Georgia and far beyond, Carter has covered just about everything of interest to fly anglers. Carter has fished these waters for years and his experiences and stories guide readers through the best flyfishing this region has to offer. He has penned numerous articles for a variety of flyfishing and outdoors magazines and his expertise has earned him a reputation as one of the best flyfishing writers for this under-rated part of the country. Don't miss out on this encyclopedia of southeastern flyfishing knowledge. You will be rewarded handsomely with new locations, great experiences and excellent fishing.

Becoming Odyssea Rowman & Littlefield

The first man to walk the entire length of the Grand Canyon, Colin Fletcher relates the experiences of his two month hike and describes the awesome timelessness and vastness of this lonely region.

Hiking the Carolina Mountains Menasha Ridge Press

Hit the Road with Moon Travel Guides! Drive America's most scenic highway, from the green valleys of Shenandoah National Park to the Great Smoky Mountains, with Moon Blue Ridge Parkway Road Trip. Inside you'll find: Maps and Driving Tools: 29 easy-to-use maps keep you oriented on and off the highway, along with site-to-site mileage, driving times, and detailed directions for the entire route Eat, Sleep, Stop and Explore: With lists of the best hikes, views, restaurants, and more, you can listen to live bluegrass, find the best barbecue around, or sip a glass of local moonshine. Drive past fields brimming with fireflies, spot wildlife like elk and bear, or hike a leg of the storied Appalachian Trail. Visit small mountain towns, get to know vibrant Asheville, or extend your route to explore the museums in Washington D.C. Flexible Itineraries: Drive the entire two-week route or follow strategic itineraries for spending time in Washington DC, Waynesboro, Roanoke, Asheville, Cherokee, Knoxville, and more Local Insight: North Carolinian and mountaineer Jason Frye shares his love of the Great Smoky Mountains Planning Your Trip: Know when and where to get gas, how to avoid traffic, tips for driving in different road and weather conditions, and suggestions for LGBTQ travelers, seniors, and road trippers with kids With Moon Blue Ridge Parkway Road Trip's practical tips, detailed itineraries, and local expertise, you're ready to fill up the tank and hit the road. Want to explore more of America on wheels? Try Moon Nashville to New Orleans Road Trip. Doing more than driving through? Check out Moon Great Smoky Mountains National Park or Moon Carolinas & Georgia.

Grandfather Mountain Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

DuPont Forest protects thousands of acres of trees, five lakes and more than one hundred miles of multiuse trails. It attracts hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers from all over the United States, and its six waterfalls have been featured in movies like *The Hunger Games* and *The Last of the Mohicans*. All of this natural beauty is easily accessible, increasing its appeal. It took not only the generosity of a multinational company but also Southern Appalachian grit and self-reliance and local activism to make these benefits available to all. DuPont Forest is young, and its future is still unfolding. Author and hiker Danny Bernstein traces the past of DuPont State Recreational Forest and shows its potential.