



All About Idaho

Recent Books Written About Idaho or by Idahoans

For families:

Backcountry Roads—Idaho, by Lynna Howard , 2008. An informative and practical guide to the Gem State's hidden treasure of roadways, complete with GPS coordinates, maps and detailed descriptions.

Best Rail Trails Pacific Northwest: More than 60 Rail Trails in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, Natalie Bartley, 2009. Written by a local author with expert knowledge of the region, this guide book provides mile-by-mile descriptions of the most popular rural and urban rail trails for walking, jogging, biking, and cross-country skiing.

Birds of Idaho Field Guide, by Stan Tekiela, 2003. The full-page, color photos include insets of winter plumage, color morphs and more. In an easy-to-use format, you don't need to know a bird's name or classification in order to easily find it in the book.

Idaho: An Explorer's Guide (Explorer's Guides), by Wendy J. Pabich, 2008. A local's perspective of Idaho's famous—and as yet undiscovered—mountain towns, from the Lake Country in the north to Yellowstone's gateway in the southeast. Emphasis is placed on outdoor recreation and adventure.

Idaho's Best Fishing Waters, by Inc. Wilderness Adventures Press, 2008. A comprehensive book of angling maps created for Idaho's rivers, streams, and lakes. Each map shows access sites with GPS coordinates, along with boat ramps, campgrounds, roads, trails, rapids, dams, tributaries, and other useful information.

Idaho Off the Beaten Path, Julie Fanselow, 2008. Designed for eager explorers in search of wild, wacky, or wonderful adventures.

Idaho Trees & Wildflowers (Pocket Naturalist - Waterford Press), by James Kavanagh, 2008.

Month-By-Month Gardening in Idaho, by John Cretti , 2007. This easy-to-use book highlights each of the ten major plant categories using a monthly format. It guides you through each month of the year, telling you exactly what your garden needs.

Moon Handbooks Idaho, by Don Root, 2004. The author provides in-depth information on a wide variety of activities, with photographs, helpful maps, and an array of accommodation options.

Owyhee Canyonlands, by Mark W. Lisk, 2008. A beautiful photo essay book by an award-winning national photographer.

Ray's Guides: Free Campgrounds in Idaho (Ray's Guides), by Ray Knowlton, 2006. "To me camping means traveling along gravel roads and arriving at beautiful forested sites that are set in the more remote parts of the country." – *Ray Knowlton*

Roads Less Traveled Through the Coeur D'Alenes: Historical Driving Tours of Benewah, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties, by Dorothy Dahlgren and Simone Kincaid, 2007.

Windy Stories: Storytelling Traditions From The Salmon River, Idaho, by Dr. Marjorie H. Bennett, 2009. This collection of homegrown stories, transcribed in poetic format, reflects life along the Salmon River Valley at the turn of the century.

For children:

Call Me Little Echo Hawk, by Terry Echohawk, 2005. Every child has a name, and the story of Echo Hawk will motivate children everywhere to seek out stories about their names. In *Call Me Little Echo Hawk*, children will also learn to be proud of their heritage and their ancestors.

Idaho (Rookie Read-About Geography), by Pam Zollman, 2008. An Idaho geography book for emergent readers.

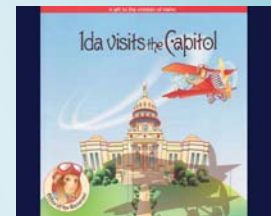
Idaho (From Sea to Shining Sea), by Amy Miller, 2009. Describes the geography, plants and animals, history, economy, language, culture and people of Idaho.

Lewis and Clark's Bittersweet Crossing, by Carol Lynn MacGregor, 2004. The story of the Lewis and Clark expedition focusing on both their struggle to conquer the Bitterroot Range and their interaction with the Native Americans who made the crossing possible. Beautiful illustrations bring this history book alive for young readers.

Mudgy & Millie, by Susan Hagen Nipp, 2008. Mudgy Moose searches high and low for his friend Millie Mouse along the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Young children will love searching for the little mouse within the colorful illustrations.

P is for Potato: An Idaho Alphabet (Discover America State By State Alphabet Series), by Joy Steiner and Stan Steiner, 2005. Kids of all ages will love the A to Z rhymes boasting about all the treasures found within Idaho's borders.

The Midnight Colt, and The Wild Mare, by Glenn Balch, 2004. Horse adventure, galore! These chapter books take place in settings around Idaho.



Ida Visits the Capitol, by First Lady Lori Otter, 2008. Ida, a barnstorming pilot from the past, flies back in time on a historical journey about the forces that forged the state of Idaho. Follow clues along the way to decode a hidden secret message. Available only through Boise State, proceeds benefit history education.

<http://gov.idaho.gov/fyi/kidbook2008/book.html>

For teens/young adults:

Sharlie, by Lynda Johnson, 2007. Sharlie and the other residents of the magical realm of Alluvionne embark on a quest to save their world in a tale inspired by the legend of the elusive sea serpent who lives deep within the waters of Payette Lake.

Hero, by Ron Woods, 2003. A coming-of-age adventure on the Payette River.

For educators:

Borne on Air: Essays by Idaho Writers, edited by Mary Clearman Blew and Phil Druker, 2009. A great follow-up for the previous two books in this anthology, *Written on Water* and *Forged in Fire*. Contains adult language.

Inside Idaho: Idaho Poems, 1996-2007, by Charles Potts, 2009. Potts' poetry books concentrate on the physical and human geography of his family's habitation on the land in Idaho. See also *100 Years in Idaho, 2007*.

The Last Indian War: The Nez Perce Story (Pivotal Moments in American History), by Elliott West, 2009. Based on extensive research this well-written book is an excellent way for educators to build understanding of the Nez Perce War and comes highly recommended by Library Journal.

Ethnic Landmarks: Ten Historic Places That Define the City of Trees, by Todd Shallat, 2007. Available from Boise City Office of the Historian.

Early History of Idaho, by W. J. McConnell, 2009. Encompassing genres such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, tourist guides, biographies and drama, this collection provides a new window to the legends and realities of the American West.

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