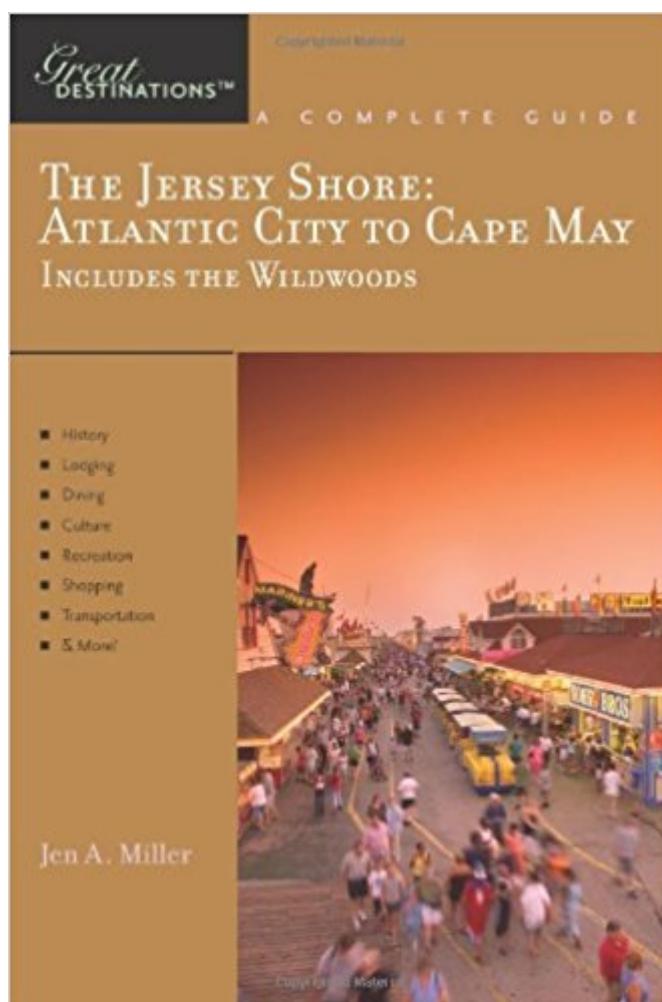


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Customer Reviews

Jen A. Miller, a writer/journalist who specializes in the Jersey Shore, has appeared on TV and radio and in print. Miller blogs at downtheshorewithjen.blogspot.com.

Like many who purchase this book, I'm not new to shore vacationing but have been spending short

summer trips there since I was a little girl. Now grown and married, we've been toying with the idea of packing up and moving there. I share this to let you know what I was looking for in a guidebook. I wanted a feel for what it might be like to live there, head to the other towns, see what cultural events are available in the off-season, etc. In essence, to go beyond the boardwalk but yet still get a feel for the best of what there is to see and do at the shore. I've purchased SEVERAL books on the topic but this book is by far the best and the one I continually refer back to. It might not have the pretty, coffee table feel that other books on the shore possess, (though it does have SEVERAL, fun black/white photos). What it lacks in esthetics, it more than makes up for in information. To start, the author fills you in on little fascinating details and sidebars that relate to the location's culture, history or both. The room/dining descriptions have a friendly feel, as if a local herself were describing the establishments to you in person, detailing their pros, cons, and points of interest. Definitely not the feel of traditional stuffy guidebooks I have read in the past. This is a book I look forward to reading. It's a little bit culture, a whole lot of "what-to-do", a dash of history, and a healthy dose of love for the shore. Thank you for this wonderful, insightful book! Give us more!

When you go to a place for years you get stuck in a rut. This is especially true when your family vacationed there for years prior to you vacationing! This was the case for us. We travel to Cape May, NJ every year and every year we do the same things, eat at the same restaurants etc. After getting this book and realizing we had not taken part in ANY of the options Jen gave us, we set out on finding all that Cape May has to offer. Her guidance is awesome, and very accurate. The restaurants we ate at are just as good as she says they are! I would highly recommend reading about all the "exits" you may find a hidden gem somewhere else that you never would have known about! Jen is a highly skilled writer and I am so happy that I found her book.

This is a good introduction for those new to the New Jersey shore from Atlantic City south to Cape May. As a frequent vacationer there, I even learned a thing or two. It is not comprehensive, but is well written and useful.

At first glance, the book seems like a winner: great writing, beautiful layout on a heavyweight paper, and nice graphics. But I found I wanted more of an encyclopedia than a personal guide. In her effort to provide strong editorial control, the author has left out information about the range of things that are available. I am sure I will have a great time using her advice, and maybe I will find that it is all that I need. But I prefer more choice in a travel guide, and more basic information. For example, tips

on how to go to the beach if you are not staying in a hotel that is walking distance to the beach. I've been going to the beach my entire life and I still am figuring this out. Reading a discussion from this local expert would help me approach my visit with more confidence. Maybe she is so familiar with the terrain that she does not see it from the visitor's perspective.

Jen's book is wonderfully helpful. As someone who grew up with Lake Michigan beaches as her guide, I had absolutely no idea what was going on "down the shore" when I moved to the Philadelphia 'burbs. This is a great resource which gave me wonderful tips on different towns. Lots of great ideas for things to see and do. What I also like about it is there is a ton of respect for all the Shore towns, not just for a select few. If I had one complaint, it would be she reveals the secret of Strathmere. Shh! :) Otherwise, great book.

Fabulous resource! Highly recommend it to anyone interested in exploring N.J.!

I brought Jen Miller's guide to Wildwood last week for our annual family trip with my in-laws. Everybody, including the kids, found something new and interesting in it, even though we've been vacationing in Wildwood Crest for years now. Even if you think you know all there is to see and do down the shore, pick this gem up and take it to the beach with you.

The author's comprehensive knowledge of the area is made more enjoyable by her unabashed love for it. Well worth the price even if you don't use it as a travel guide.

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