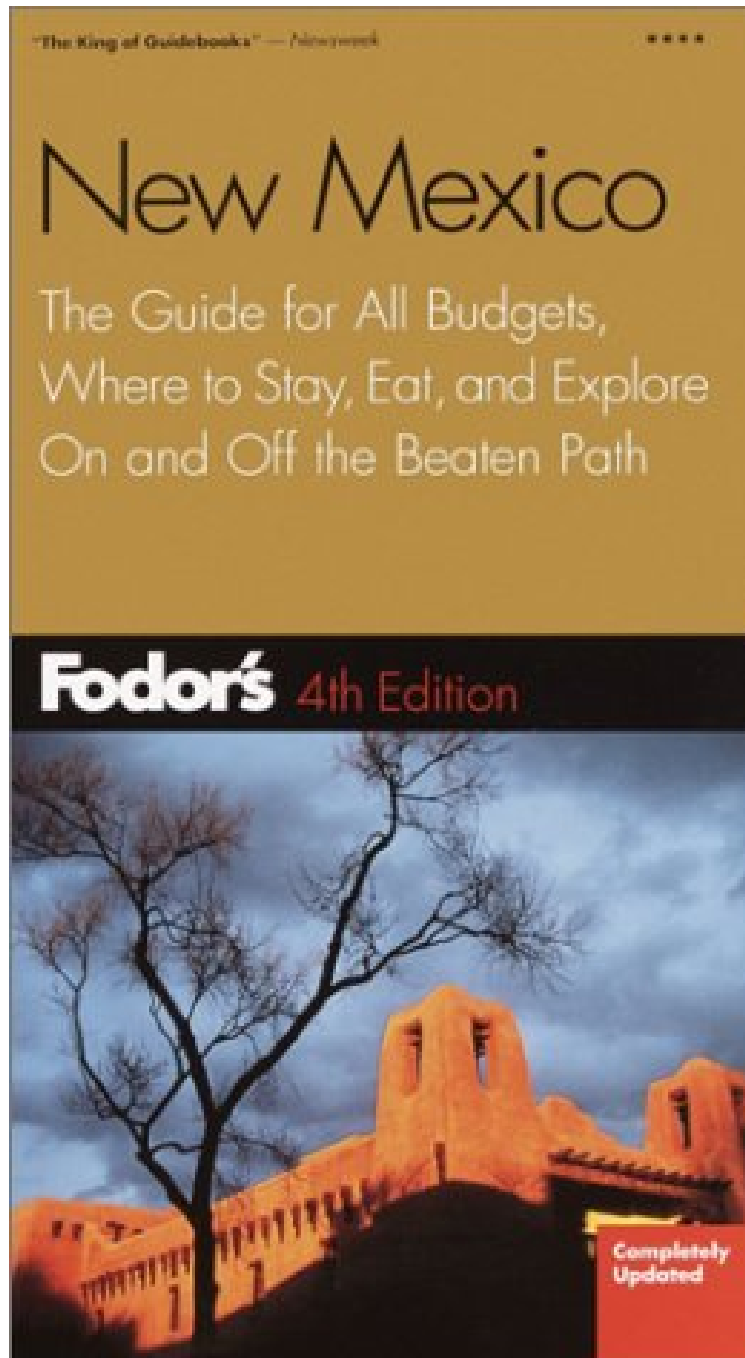


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By Michael Levermann
Not what I expected as far as a great guide book. I like photos so I have some ideas about what I am going to see. I know they can't take pictures of everything but a few pictures helps me in my decision and also gives an idea of what an area or an attraction looks like. The descriptions are OK, sometimes not enough information but I feel it could be better organized with maybe tabs for quick reference. Overall instead of buying one of these try to get the free travel guide from New Mexico tourist center or the AAA travel guide both are as good or better.
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I recently, for 10 days, drove around New Mexico, seeking this and experiencing that, and I took with me five guides (Fodor's, Moon's, Off the Beaten Path, Roadside History and NM Sanctuaries, Retreats, and Sacred Places). Fodor's was the most used, referred to and dog-eared of the lot, and here is why. Every time Fodor's recommended a restaurant or a lodging it was accurate and excellent. The descriptions of the properties were superb. After you were done reading about the place you had the feeling you had been there. For example, the comments on the Austing Huas in Taos Ski Valley states, "The breakfast room has large picture windows, stained-glass paneling and an impressive fireplace. Aromas of fresh-baked goods, such as owner Paul Austing's apple strudel, come from the kitchen." Fodor's strength is it's coverage of major cities, prominent towns and "must see" attractions. It is more contemporary and weak on the history, in fact it completely omits an introduction to New Mexico section that usually covers the land, flora and fauna, history, economy and the people (Moon is excellent here and Roadside History for regional history). You will find that Fodor's occasionally skips Interstate places that could be lodging stops (IE: Lordsburg, etc. [Moon does better at this]). Most irritating is the quirky, icon dollar sign rating that is supposed to delineate the cost of accommodations and eateries. Four dollar signs equal this much, Three this much, etc. but not in Santa Fe. It would be much better to tell the reader what the cost of rooms or food will be. Keep it simple Fodor's. And, the maps could be much better as well
That said, this is still the most trustworthy guide for you to use when you are selecting accommodations, dining establishments and sights to see. Get it. 4.5 stars.

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