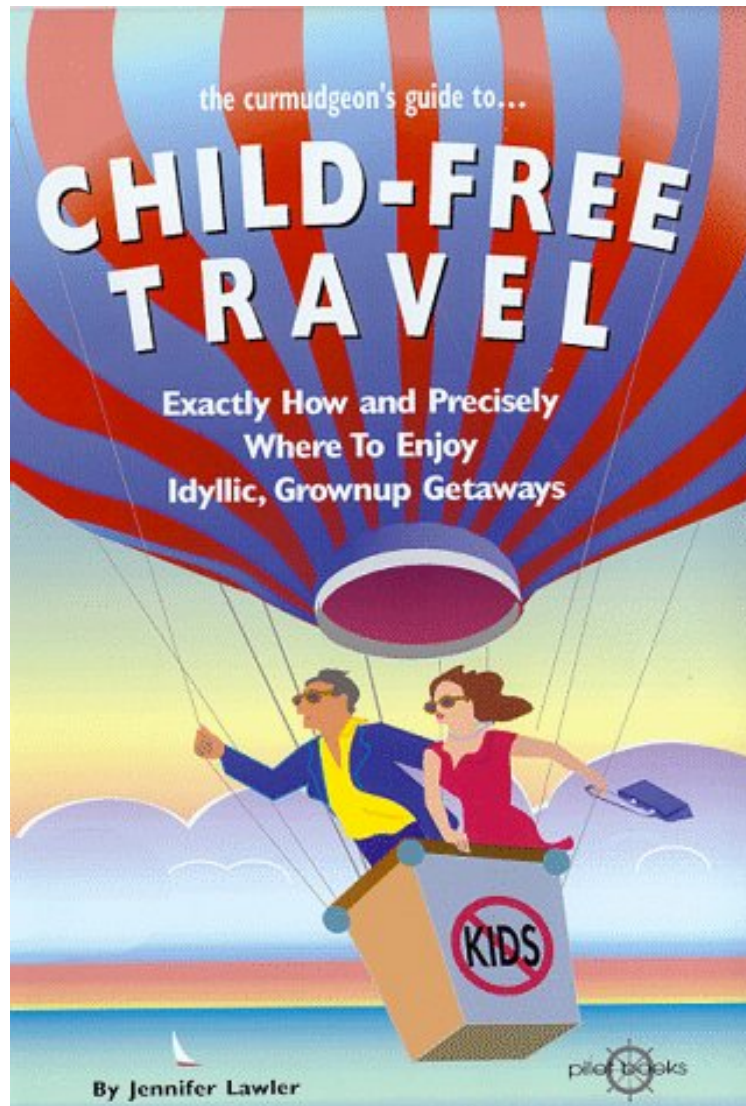


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5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not as good as I'd hoped
By A Customer
First, I was astonished to learn that Jennifer Lawler has a child. However, if she keeps her child out of places where children don't belong, then she's ok!
I read this book because I thought there would be a wealth of information about where to go and how to avoid crowds of children. The book didn't tell me anything that I didn't already know as far as eating at later hours, avoiding theme parks, etc.
I did enjoy her candor. Children, although sometimes pleasant, are just not welcome everywhere. Some people, parents and childfree folks alike, just want to have a relaxing vacation without hearing screaming children, tripping over children, etc. Ms. Lawler seems to have some common sense, which seems to be lacking in people who drag their children absolutely everywhere they go, whether the kids like it or not.
I'd recommend checking it out at a library to decide whether or not you like it first, and if you do, then by all means order it!
3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Very good intro for those new to the concept
By A reader in Southborough
Child-free doesn't mean child-hating, and I applaud the author for pointing this out. Her sense of humor helps the wary reader feel more comfortable about the choice of a child-free vacation. As the author notes, there are many times when a child-free vacation is most appropriate (on a honeymoon, for instance!) Even parents need a break away from children to get re-acquainted with each other. In my mind, that's much better done away from crowds of children, who would probably only make them feel guilty and remind them of child-related things. Having a break from parental duties can enable the parent to return to parenting refreshed and better able to handle stresses.
This book may seem elementary to those with lots of experience in child-free travel, but it included tips and resources I hadn't encountered before, including web links and links for educational travel for adults and tips for seniors, who, though they love their grandchildren, also treasure quiet time.

You don't have to hate children to want a vacation, weekend or elegant dinner...without the patter of little feet. Jennifer Lawler, author and curmudgeon extraordinaire, will give you some good laughs as she shares her years of experience shunning kids while traveling. She shows exactly how to plan and where to go to enjoy time away, child-free. Lawler covers the full range of adults-only vacation possibilities including sections on trips that highlight: romance, adventure, learning, culture, special events, senior interests, locations off the beaten track, alternative vacations ... even 'do- good' vacations. Each segment is arranged geographically with detailed descriptions including price range and best time to travel. CHILD-FREE TRAVEL, in addition to being a lot of fun, is the first comprehensive Guide to places to go and sights to see ... without encountering anyone who still thinks Mickey Mouse is their best friend.

From Library Journal
Lawler (Songs of Life: The Meaning of Country Music, LJ 3/15/96) belabors the obvious in this attempt to offer tips on how to plan a child-free vacation. Take, for instance, this bromide: "Never travel anywhere with 'Disney' in the name." A substantial part of the book consists of addresses, phone numbers (often toll-free), and web addresses of travel resources, making this a kind of travel Yellow Pages punctuated with commentary. The second section covers specific kinds of trips, such as learning vacations, adventure, singles vacations, or destinations that are off the beaten track. Unfortunately, the information provided is too brief to be of much use, and some of the listings are idiosyncratic. For instance, under "Museum Tours" only art museums are considered. Not recommended.
ARavi Shenoy, Hinsdale P.L., IL
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"Filled with endless travel tips, resources and child-avoidance strategies...will entertain as well as educate you. This useful guide belongs in the library of every traveler who prefers the company of adults." -- Mary VanMeer, editor The Thrifty Traveler
"Useful hints on how to travel free of screaming kids... ...a comprehensive, humorous book for people who prefer to spend vacations in places where there are few, if any, little ones." -- Kiplinger's Retirement Report