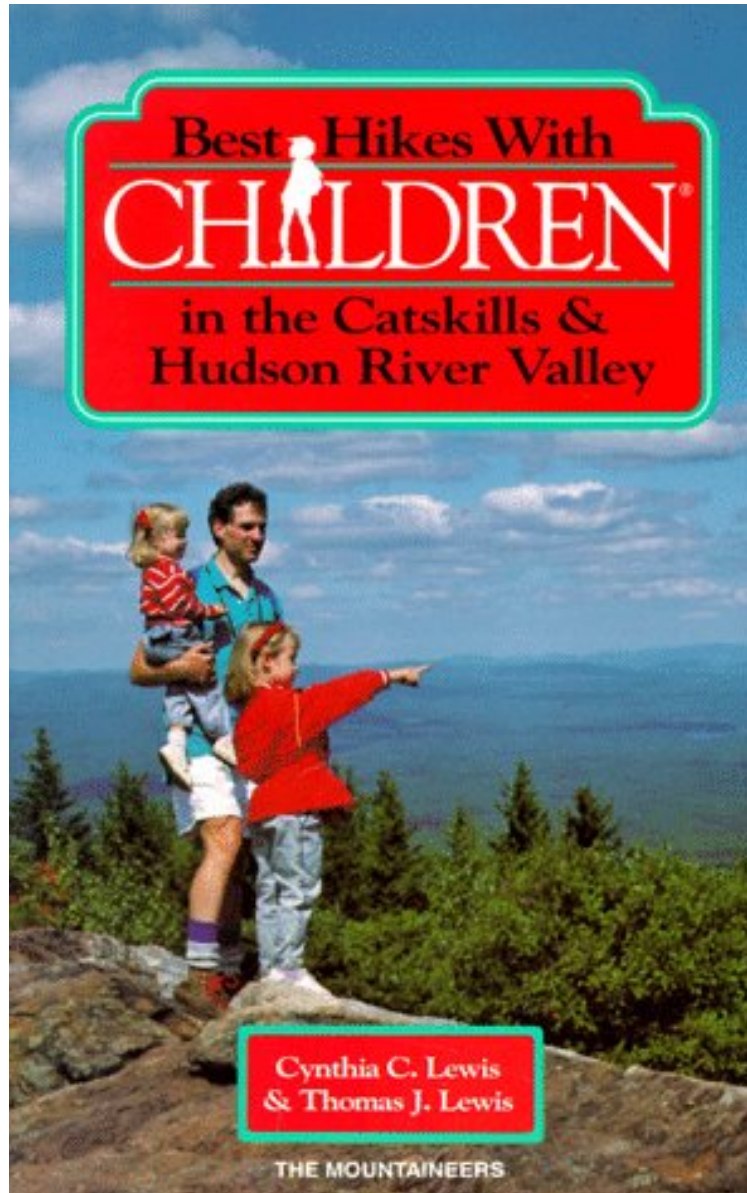


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#7018507 in BooksSize: One SizeColor: One Color Mountaineers Books 1992-06Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 8.25 x 5.25 x .50l, #File Name: 0898863228222 pagesIncludes hikes and trails from Catskills State Park, Bear-Mountain-Harriman State Park, Hudson Highlands, Shawangunk Mountains, Southern Taconics, the Long Path, and the Appalachian Trailmore than 50 outdoor adventures. Includes ideas and games that will keep kids engaged and enjoying the trails. Hikes detailed include shorter two- and four-mile hikes to six-plus miles and overnights.Practical information on hiking with childrensetting a realistic pace, playing games, and encouraging personal and environmental responsibility. Includes tips on safety, equipment, food, and camping with photos and maps. Authors: Cynthia Copeland and Thomas Lewis; revised by Sheila Buff.2nd edition, 2002. Paperback; 256 pages. | File size: 50.Mb

Cynthia C. Lewis, Thomas J. Lewis : Best Hikes With Children in the Catskills Hudson River Valley before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised **Best Hikes With Children in the Catskills Hudson River Valley**:

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Trespassing and Bushwhacking
By A Customer
This book led me up to Taconic State Park with my family. We followed the very detailed trail directions for a hike labeled as "Easy for Children". The trail was reasonably easy to follow at first, but led us through over a mile of land that was regularly posted as private property / no trespassing. But much worse, at the end, the trail simply disappeared. The book mentions that you may have to bushwhack for 100 feet at the end, but we were up to our waists in thorns, unable to see our destination and at least several hundred YARDS from where we needed to go. Definitely not easy to do when you are carrying a three-year-old. In retrospect, we should have verified the trail with the park rangers who would have told us that no such trail exists on park land. In the future, we will not trust this book.
4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not bad, but needs some updating
By Tess
I've generally had good luck with the hikes described in this book, and have taken my children on several. As with other hiking books I've used, though, 8 years (from the time of publication) can make a big difference in the condition of trails, for better and/or worse. An update might be helpful. We've discovered some really cool places with this book (I like the emphasis on what kids would like about a trail, not just what the adults want to see) and the time and distance estimates are accurate. Nevertheless, I plan to avoid the Taconic Trail mentioned by the previous reviewer . . .
7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Non-local authors, non-local publisher.
By A Customer
The Lewis's have quite a routine: move into an area where there is already a plethora of good guide books, borrow the research and trail information, change it round to suit their niche (hiking with kids), provide no acknowledgement or recognition of their sources, no bibliographic matter, no reference lists, and bingo, an "original" book. This formulaic approach to authorship is in many respects dishonest, infringing, and presumptuous. As for guidebooks in general, there are much better ones around.

New York's Catskills have long been an outdoor playground for families escaping from the city. Here's a guidebook that shows you hikes that the whole family can do. **Best Hikes with Children in the Catskills and Hudson River Valley** includes games that will keep the kids engaged and enjoying the trails. There's something for everyone in this all-inclusive guidebook.