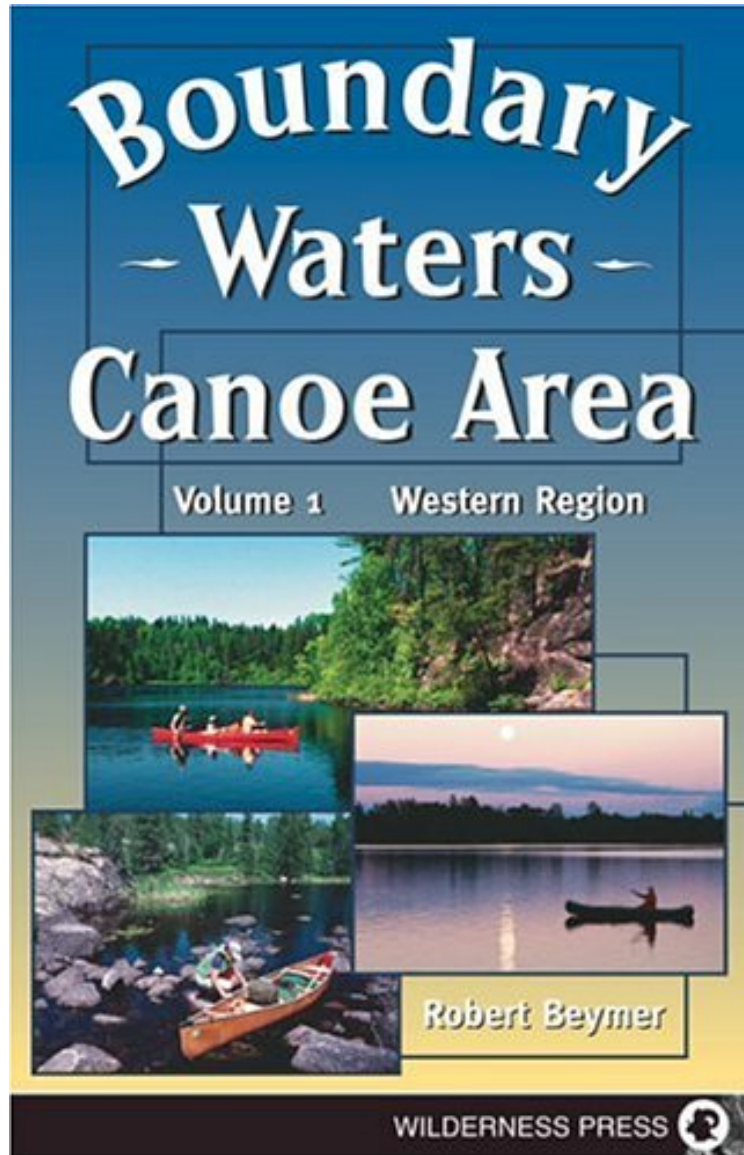


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**Robert Beymer : Boundary Waters Canoe Area: The Western Region** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Boundary Waters Canoe Area: The Western Region:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Essential planning material for first time trippersBy Nathan MuleskiThe first ~40 pages are a great overview of the history of the BWCA and a great introduction to camping/canoeing techniques. Not what I bought the book for, but really enjoyed this section. Especially introduction to the history of the land, from it's earliest beginnings to constant fight to preserve the area today.The real reason to

buy this book are the detailed routes. It's laid out so that each Entry Point (EP) has two planned routes. A shorter (not necessarily easier) and longer route are detailed. The shorter routes range from one night to four while the longer range from four to eight nights. I found most of the routes to be fairly aggressive, with lots of portages and ground covered each day. There are very few "easy" routes with infrequent, short portages. Then again, that's not really what the BWCA is about. Each route includes the following: \* Entry Point \* Difficulty Rating \* Fisher Maps Needed (Fisher is one of three companies that make dedicated maps of the BWCA. I enjoy McKenzie myself, but it's personal preference) \* Number of days \* Miles covered \* Number of lakes, creeks, rivers, and portages The detailed explanation of each route is broken down by days and heavy emphasis is given to the difficulty of each days portages and paddles. You can easily follow the routes laid out in the book or you can use them as a guide for your own routes. The author provides enough details so that it's easy to pick segments of a trip and combine different ones to create your own route. One thing this book lacks is maps. There is only one map in the entire book and it's a very rough overview of the entire section of Boundary Waters that is discussed in the book. That's why you have a detailed Fisher or McKenzie map though.

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By CRCExcellent book! The author offers details about portages and lakes that I couldn't find online anywhere...it's always good to know what you're getting into in the wilderness so you can plan for it. I like that routes are offered that include campsite, fishing, and scenery tips, and that those routes are rated for difficulty and approximated for travel time. I'd recommend this book (and its companion for the Western Region) to anyone planning a trip into the BWCA!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Check out the fishing charts in the back!

By CHUCK'S MOM This book is great for planning BWCA trips as a guide. We use it to decide where to go when we take the trip. We have previously checked it out of the library but since we have gone every year for the last four years, we decided to invest in our own...along with the Eastern Region book. The bonus we LOVE is that it lists the lakes with the type of fish that you find in them at the back of the book. That's one of the biggest selling points, in our opinions!

This is the first in the two-book series covering the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Offered are descriptions of nearly 200 miles along the Canadian border and over 1200 miles of canoe routes through some of the most beautiful country in the world. This book describes several routes from each of 28 entry points, covering distance, portages, difficulty, and Fisher maps needed. This volume comes with a 4-color foldout map of the region covered.