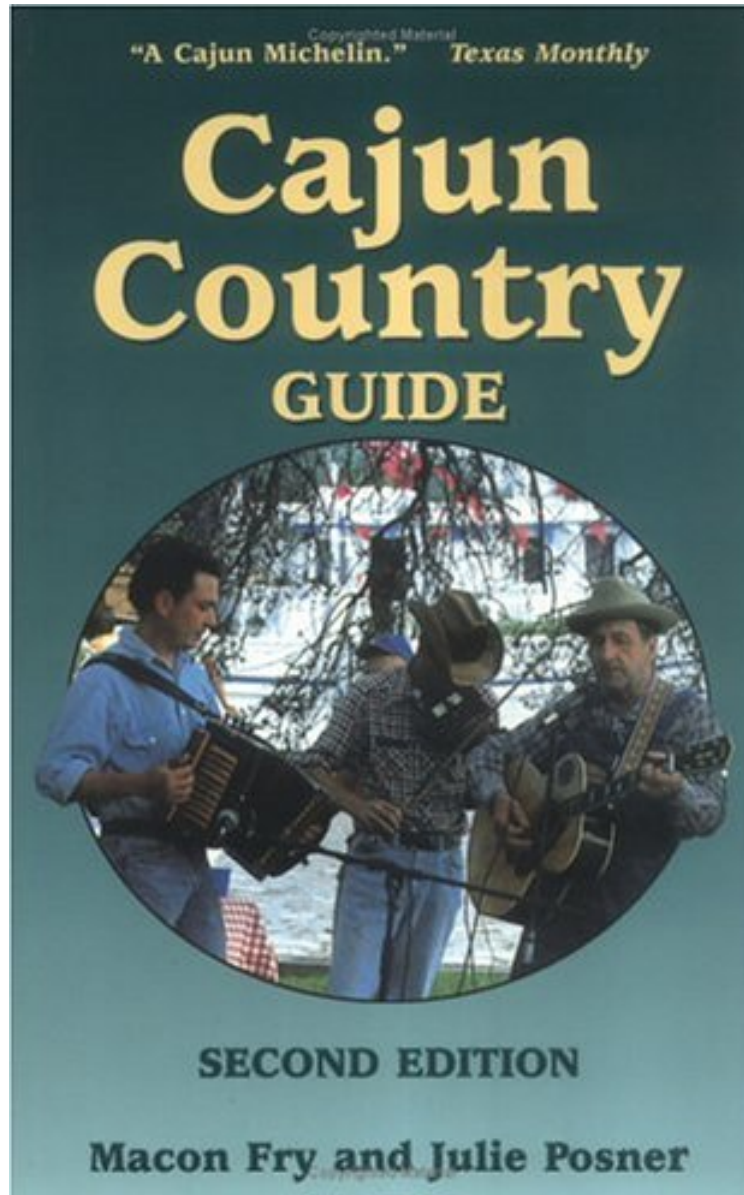


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Macon Fry, Julie Posner : Cajun Country Guide before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cajun Country Guide:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A bit out of date, but thorough By Jon L Albee Here's 450 pages dedicated to all things Acadiana. Another popular guide gives readers 350 pages for the entire state. Here you get 450

pages for the southern third of that state. Suffice to say that this book is rich in detail. Cajun Country is one of the most culturally distinct regions in the United States, and here's a book that puts the spotlight firmly on it, rather than watering it down as an afterthought of New Orleans. The introductory chapters cover various cultural topics before the book changes into a catalog of important sites, plantations, parks, restaurants, inns and swamp joints. There are very few (black and white) photographs, but it's not all that important because the text is thorough and insightful. There is a nice emphasis on historic and unique cultural sites. This is a book that oozes authenticity. It's out of date, but that doesn't make the book useless. We all know that things of authenticity and quality tend to stick around... for a long time, and things move pretty darn slow in this part of the world. Most of the sites and listings in the book are still around today. Practical information is going to be inaccurate, so don't buy this book looking for e-mail addresses, business hours or the latest nightly room rates. Rather, use this book as a guide to feed your curiosity and to point you in the right direction. The authors obviously know this region well, and they indicate listings that deserve special attention with a star. Nice touch. A new edition gets five stars, easily. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. **STILL THE BEST CAJUN GUIDE** By kaydeeeven though this is an old guide, it is still the best guide for cajun country. although many of the food and dance joints are not still around, this gives the best overall info on cajun country. some of the best music is still there, including the saturday morning jam session at the savoy music center in Eunice and saturday (only) at Fred's in Mamau. not to be missed! 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. **Great resource** By Carolyn Shearlock Spent several weeks in Cajun Country last winter with this book as our guide. Found a LOT of wonderful, out of the way places and experiences that we never would have known about otherwise. My New Orleans "born and raised" friends didn't even know about many of them. This is a wonderful area to visit -- we camped, but ate most of our meals out to really get the "local flavor" (I'm getting hungry just remembering). This book does a good job of describing all the local foods, too. Good directions to all the "little places" and good descriptions of what you'll find there. If you go to any of the dances (and you should!), be sure to call ahead and find out what the current start time is. In the Christmas season, try to catch one of the many "boat parades" on the bayous -- they're not listed in the book, but just ask around and people will tell you when and where.

There's just nowhere else but South Louisiana to find real knee-slapping, crowd-hooting Zydeco music. Even the big-city chefs can't cook up a Cajun meal the way they do at the roadside restaurants deep in the bayous of Acadiana. Likewise, no other guide matches the amount of in-depth information presented in Cajun Country Guide. It's a study of Cajuns that tells visitors how to find the sights, sounds, and flavors of one of America's most culturally unique regions. Take a vacation to a part of our own country that, in some places, didn't even speak English until nearly fifty years ago. While modern technology is weeding out some of the one-of-a-kind qualities of this subculture, not all of them are gone, or even hard to find, if you know how to hunt for them. And there are no better hunters than authors Macon Fry and Julie Posner. With the handy maps, reviews, and recommendations packed into the Cajun Country Guide, a trip to the bayous won't leave one feeling like a visitor, but more like a native who has come back home.

From the Back Cover **EXPLORE CAJUN COUNTRY**, a land of black coffee and bayous, steaming crawfish and swamps, and miles of sun-drenched prairie stretching along Louisiana's Gulf Coast from the great River Road to the Texas border. Cajun Country Guide provides visitors with the most information on the best: - Creole and Cajun restaurants serving roasted game, fresh seafood, jambalaya, gumbo, touffe, alligator sauce piquante . . . - Rustic seafood joints, roadside cafes, barbecue stands, and markets selling everything from boiled crawfish to Cajun beef jerky and boudin - Cajun dance halls, tin-roof zydeco clubs, swamp-pop lounges, and restaurants where you can dance to the music of Cajun Country - Swamp tours, gardens, hiking trails, alligator-and bird-watching spots - Plantation tours, historic homes, small museums, and local craftsmen - Bed and breakfasts, hotels, houseboat rentals, swamp cabins, and beach cottages "Next to a wallet stuffed with greenbacks, this book may be the most valuable commodity for anyone exploring Cajun Country." --The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune "The authors take you to every run-down dancehall at the end of some unnamed road--where the bon temps really do roller." "A comprehensive guide to every shop, store, honky tonk, and food stand in the area." --Touring America "The most comprehensive guide to Cajun Country ever published." --Juke Blues "To call this book a labor of love is an understatement. Macon Fry worships at the shrine of Our Lady of the Authentic Down Home Experience. After perusing Cajun Country Guide you will want to join the congregation." --Jazz Potpourri Macon Fry and Julie Posner are freelance writers who live in New Orleans. Fry's features have appeared in publications including Louisiana Life, The Times-Picayune, and Gambit. Ms. Posner is the creator of the Louisiana Festivals and Events Calendar and the Louisiana Festivals and Events Guidebook.