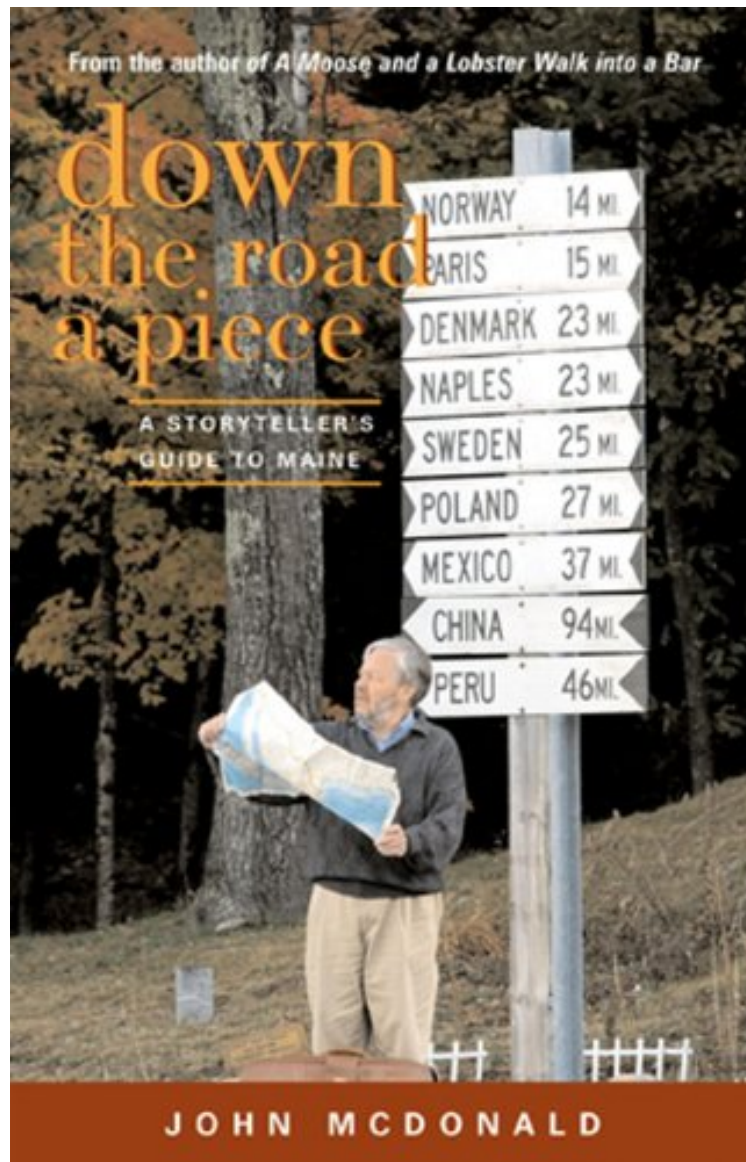


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Dancergood read0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Learn and laugh at the same timeBy Corinne H. SmithMaine journalist and humorist John McDonald follows his first book of essays ("A Moose and a Lobster Walk into a Bar") with this entertaining sequel. This time he

aims his observations directly at tourists invading his home state -- people who are "from away" and should be considered "Summer Complaints" -- and makes every attempt to enlighten them so that they don't stand out any more than necessary. The text is organized by general subject, with browseable chapters dedicated to the history, language, food, etc. unique to The Pine Tree State. In each instance, McDonald combines fact with stereotype and then covers it all with a sense of humor. He points out the state's signature threefold appeal to visitors -- moose, lobsters, and lighthouses -- and even answers the age-old question about lobsters feeling pain in the pot. A lot of useful information shows up here. And veteran storyteller that he is, McDonald has to include a few appropriate yarns from time to time. Some are familiar, some are newer, and most will result in smiles, if not outright giggles. You'll get the most out of this book if you already know a little something about Maine. Whether you are a tourist or a native: if you come to these pages armed with some knowledge, you'll find yourself nodding along with McDonald's explanations until you reach the point of laughing at the jokes. That's the fun of it. (I'm reminded of Richard Armour and books like "English Lit Relit.") You'd best be able to laugh at yourself, too, especially if you hail from Massachusetts. Mainers hold a special contempt for their pre-1820 fellow Commonwealth residents. (Not that it's not deserved. Try driving north to Ogunquit or navigating Route 1 through York County on any summer weekend. It's true, it's all true.) A fun read for anybody who agrees that Maine is a special place. That has to be everyone, right? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Pretty funny

By Terry Mingle
John McDonald gives us Maine "outsiders" a look into how we are sometimes viewed (humorously...or perhaps not so humorously?) by the Maine natives as we invade their beautiful state during the summer months. I work in Maine part-time over the summer months, and after spending a good deal of time there over the last few years, I found this book to be quite humorous, and at times, partly true. Not having hailed from Maine, I can certainly understand how vacationers could easily get underfoot and annoying....but I am sure that the Mainers know that we also love Maine (in the SUMMER) and so we return year after year (despite some of them poking fun at us), and keep pouring our money into the state. I'll certainly return! I guess they didn't label Maine as Vacationland for nothing. I do plan to buy John's other books, as I enjoyed this one very much.

Maine Storyteller John McDonald offers tips to tourists and tries to help them better understand the state of Maine--from its history, to its weather, to its unique vocabulary. The book is also great for natives looking to brush up on their home state or just looking to laugh. In *Down the Road a Piece*, McDonald provides a colorful version of Maine history, gives his take on Maine destinations that should not be missed, helps interpret Maine-speak, and offers tips on where to shop, what authentic Maine food to eat, and much more.

It's all in good fun, sure to bring self-effacing chuckles from Mainers and good, honest laughter from those who know the state and its people only from depictions or stereotypes. --Bangor Daily News
Some of the best stories are the ones we tell about ourselves, and nobody does it better than John McDonald. --Kennebec Journal
About the Author
Storyteller John McDonald performs at events throughout Maine and New England and has done so for decades, constantly perfecting his unique brand of Maine storytelling and humor in front of audiences large and small.