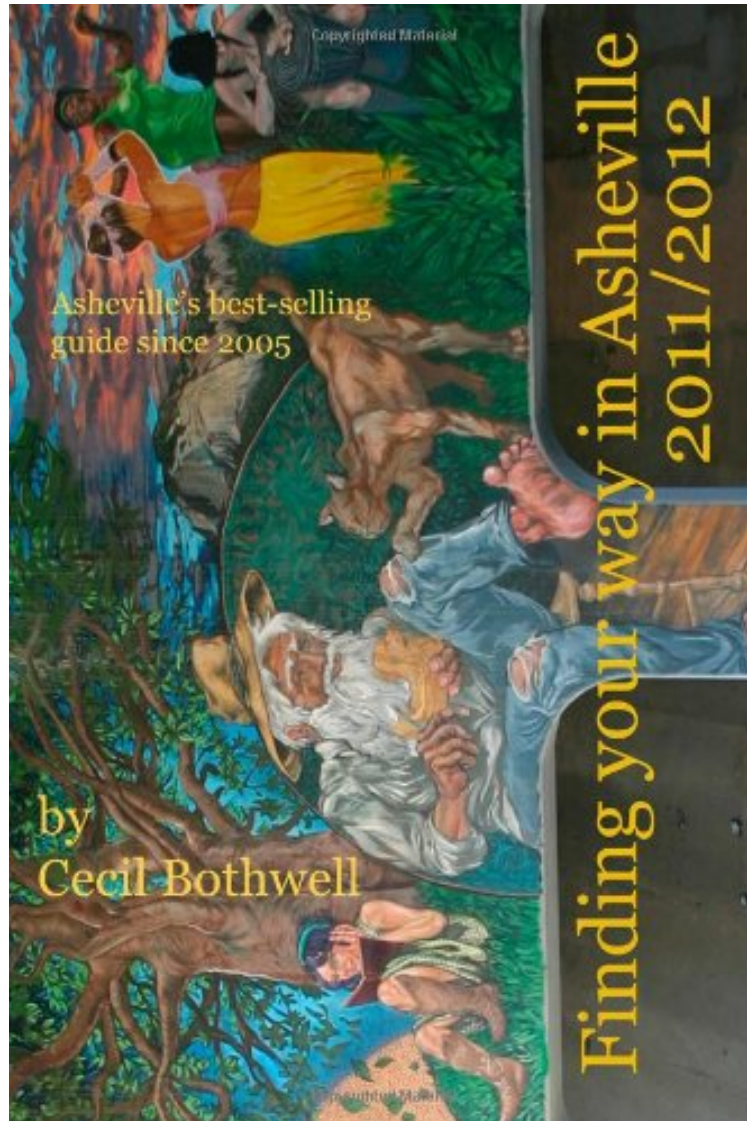


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Cecil Bothwell : Finding Your Way in Asheville 2011/2012 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Finding Your Way in Asheville 2011/2012:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pretty close to useless.By Joshua L. MooreReally awful at giving even the slightest credit to some of the biggest attractions near Asheville. He gives a disclaimer to that effect and justifies it by saying that the guide is there to go off the beaten path, but how am I supposed to know what I'm missing when you don't even describe the Biltmore Estate beyond its name? I buy travel guides for information about what I

could do in a place, not for the authors prerogative about which popular tourist sites are overrated, and I do not appreciate the fact that I missed the biggest attraction the town has to offer because my travel guide's author thought it was too mainstream. Aside from the glaring omissions, half of the book is restaurant recommendations - expected and appreciated in any travel guide, but not the main purpose since anyone who knows how to use Yelp can already get the same information. The remainder of the book outlines possible walks around town and some history articles of a style that seems rather arbitrary in a travel guide. Not a whole lot of really useful information overall. Finally, the book doesn't even do a good job of presenting what information it does contain. Maps look like they're drawn in Microsoft Paint and are only minimally used to begin with - none of the restaurant, attraction, art gallery, etc. listings or walks are ever presented in map form. In fact, half of the book is a description of how one might walk down road x and encounter restaurants y and z. Why not just put it in a map? Every single image in the book (including each map) is clearly presented in an incorrect aspect ratio so that every one of them looks awful and distorted. The writing is of a meandering style that makes it difficult and even tiring to try to find information. I had fun in Asheville, but definitely not because of this book, and I'm nonetheless bitter that the guide I paid for didn't even explain the Biltmore Estate. Actually, a five minute skim of the free Wikitravel article for Asheville gave me much more useful information than this book contains. I'm hoping I'll be able to return this book and get my money back.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An excellent guide
By T. J. Buckeye
My daughter loved this book during her trip to Asheville. She especially liked the restaurant recommendations; all the restaurants were great places to eat.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I found my way in Asheville
By Nerak Nomolos
The book was very helpful, and the author, who is known in the community, had great suggestions. I used it often.

This is the fourth edition of Asheville's best-selling city guide, updated and revised. In addition to the usual information about food, fun, music, festivals, parking and local beer, several articles highlight unusual bits of area history from conquistadors to trustafarians, an introduction to WNC's natural world, the local origins of NASCAR and the seldom reported history of our African American community.

From the Inside Flap
How to use this book: This guide is based on the way real people really visit a city, or at least the way we think real people should really visit a city. Going to eight different places in distal parts of town in one day not only wastes nonrenewable resources and generates air pollution, it fritters your valuable tourist time. There is more to life than driving and parking. Walking, particularly in a city of Asheville's walkable scale, generates memories of gargoyles and trees and flowers and bricks and faces and sounds and smells. Real stuff. Driving generates memories of your dashboard and your windshield and your rear-view mirror and that irritating grinding metallic noise somewhere under the hood that you are praying isn't going to be as expensive as it sounds. Warning! Warning! Warning! Warning! Warning!
If your idea of a great vacation is shopping at a mall (or, shudder, an outlet mall) and eating at national chain restaurants, you have just wasted your money on this book. Now would be a good time to return to the independent bookseller where you bought it and politely ask for a refund. Yes, Virginia, Asheville has a mall and a lot of chain restaurants and if you need a guide book to find them you are in a kind of trouble that we are not qualified to address. Look under "Counselors" in the Yellow Pages. We are not going to direct you to national chain anything. We have mentioned tiny regional chain somethings if we decided they are unique enough to warrant it. The only exception to this rule is a local health-food grocery chain that has become a big player in its field. But we both remember when it lived in a tiny, funky storefront downtown and we share a little (unwarranted) pride in its success.

About the Author
Cecil Bothwell was elected to the Asheville City Council in 2009. He's a writer and biographer based in Asheville and has received national and regional awards from the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies and the Society of Professional Journalists for investigative reporting, criticism and humorous commentary. He is former editor of Asheville City Paper, former managing editor of Asheville's Mountain Xpress, founding editor of the Warren Wilson College environmental journal Heartstone, served for several years as a member of the national editorial board of the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies and is a board member of two educational nonprofit organizations working in Latin America. His weekly radio and print journal, Duck Soup: Essays on the Submerging Culture, remained in syndication for ten years. He lectures widely on subjects ranging from environmental issues to ethics, the misguided war on drugs, and the necessity of separation of church and state.