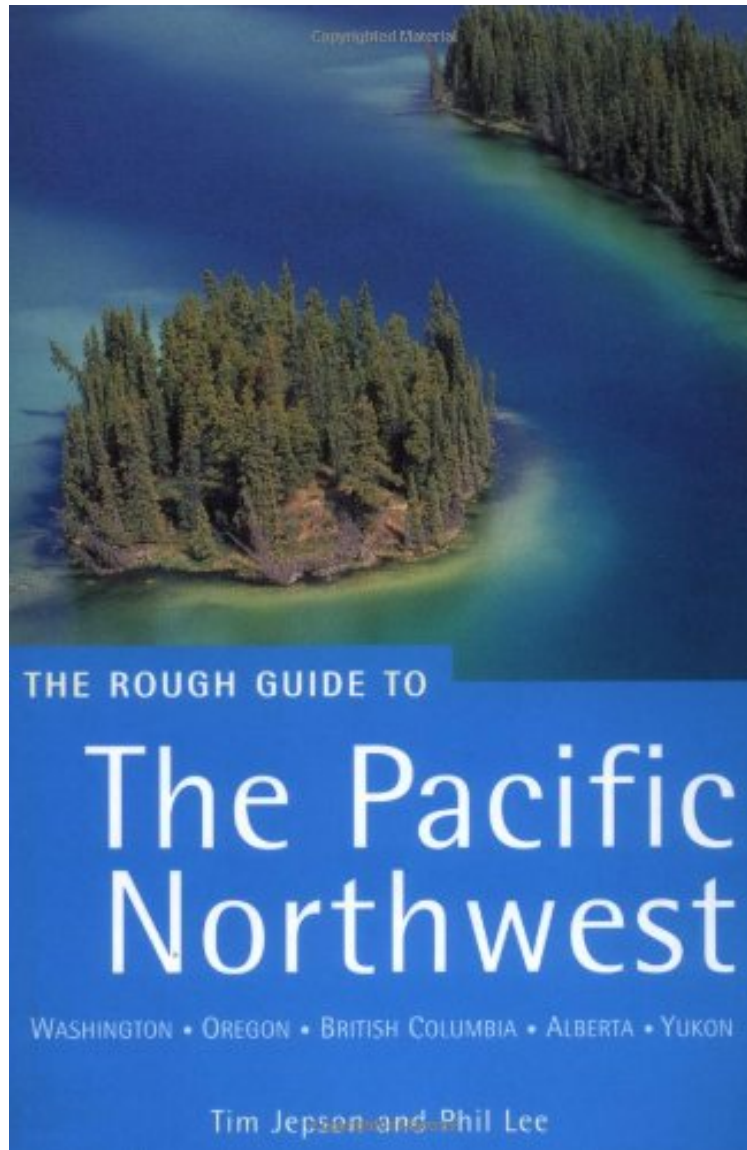


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Tim Jepson, Phil Lee : The Rough Guide to The Pacific Northwest 3 (Rough Guide Travel Guides) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rough Guide to The Pacific Northwest 3 (Rough Guide Travel Guides):

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and all the phone numbers and details that you will need to plan for a trip. In addition, I like the author's frankness in telling what are the better or not so worthed it places to go. Also, it provides interesting snippets on the history of the places and so makes it a really enjoyable experience reading them! It also provide details on hostelling so it caters really well to low budget backpackers!

This guide includes tips on skiing, whale-watching, camping, hiking, snowboarding, fishing and kayaking. Coverage includes the streets of Vancouver, Portland and Seattle, to the peaks of the Canadian Rockies and the ocean islands of the Inside Passage. New maps include one for Whistler.

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