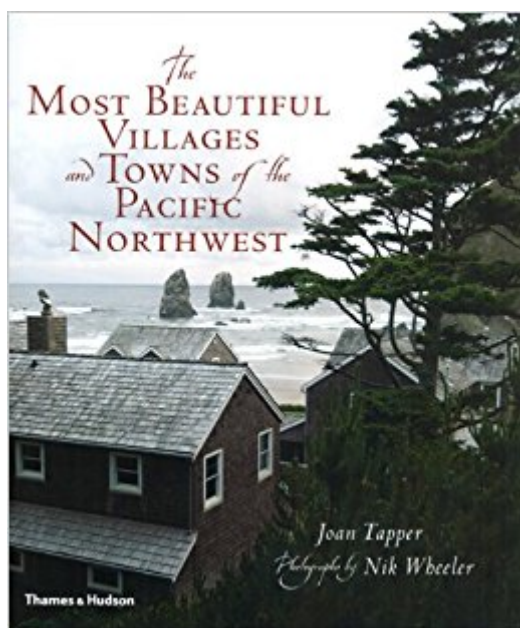


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# The Most Beautiful Villages And Towns Of The Pacific Northwest (The Most Beautiful Villages)



## Synopsis

A tour in words and photographs of the picturesque small towns of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia—of their architectural treasures, charming inns, quaint main streets, and magnificent scenery. What is the allure of the Pacific Northwest? Centuries ago it was the gifts of nature that brought the explorers, fur traders, and pioneers. Today Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia still draw visitors to the sparkling coves and waterways, pristine mountains, and broad beaches—and they charm them with artful towns and spirited communities. The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of the Pacific Northwest wends its way from nineteenth-century seaports like Port Townsend, Washington, to twenty-first-century ski resorts such as Whistler, British Columbia; from coastal getaways like Cannon Beach, Oregon, to Old West-style main streets in Joseph at the eastern border of that state. And it brings to life the stories of those who made epic journeys across the continent, trudging along the Oregon Trail or building the Canadian Pacific Railway in pursuit of the good life in this corner of North America. Along with tales of specific towns there are photo essays—on the picturesque lighthouses that protected shipping from the dangers of the Graveyard of the Pacific; on the gorgeous gardens that capitalize on the Northwestern climate; and on wine country, where new and acclaimed vineyards go hand in hand with an emphasis on lifestyle.. 240 color photographs

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## Customer Reviews

Joan Tapper was the founding editor of National Geographic Traveler and editor of Islands Magazine and the author of The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of California, The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of the Southwest, The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of the Pacific Northwest, and The Wild West on 5 Bits a Day. She lives in California. Nik Wheeler is the co-founder of the award-winning Insiders Guide series of illustrated travel guides and the photographer of The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of California, The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of the Southwest, and The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of the Pacific Northwest. He lives in California.

Joan Tapper's book, The Most Beautiful Villages and Towns of the Pacific Northwest, should be on top of the other books on your coffee table. The exceptional photography and captivating stories make this large-format masterpiece the one your visitors will want to devour. Make it easy for them to find it. As a resident of the Pacific Northwest, I take pleasure in the beautiful scenery and picturesque communities scattered around. One could spend every weekend traveling to a new spot and rolling around in its glory. Tapper, the author, who actually lives in California, along with the exceptional photographer, Nik Wheeler, have actually narrowed the choices with their words and photographs. As with so many books of this type, there are other locations we locals would have included but we didn't write the book. Tapper and Wheeler did, and they had to set up some ground rules about size, geographical location, historical relevance, scenic interest, and lifestyle choices before they started. Then, after some preliminary research, Tapper traveled to the selected locations, spent up to three days interviewing people who had access to local lore and relics before moving on to the next location. Wheeler performed his magic with the camera and, at some point, they brought the book together. They've done the same for California, the Southwest and the Caribbean. I noticed that most of the hotels listed were not exactly economy class, and some restaurants with award-winning chefs that locals know to be outstanding were not included. That probably comes with not really knowing the area. But the listings and comments in the appendix are mostly accurate and offer valid choices for the reader. Some comparative rates would have been helpful, but they tend to get outdated quickly, as Tapper no doubt knows. Most large-format picture travel books fall under what I call Chamber of Commerce horror hype. Dry, self-promoting drivel about the area and point-and-shoot photos taken by the office secretary are plucked off the internet by a writer who combines that with other Googled information about eateries and motels in the area and another electronically generated book is launched that will soon hit the discount rack at a second-hand bookstore. Tapper and Wheeler have too many chops to produce a book that

tawdry. Joan Tapper has been in the publishing business for about 40 years. She was a book editor at the National Geographic Society, founding editor of National Geographic Traveler, editor in chief of Island Magazine, and has won many awards for her journalistic efforts. Today she is a free-lance editor and writer of magazine and book projects. Nik Wheeler started out as a combat photographer for United Press. He's had assignments for Time Magazine, Newsweek, and National Geographic. He has been involved with many books, international news events, and publishing houses over the years. His library features more than 500,000 images from more than 80 countries that have been published in more than 300 magazines. Tapper and Wheeler have collaborated on three other Most Beautiful Villages and Towns projects so it's apparent their table top books have been well received. The Northwest book does everything it's supposed to. You'll pick it up again and again. You'll press it on your friends (and probably won't get it back). And you'll get itchy feet that compel you get out there and prowl. It really is that good.

Very dated and poorly printed. Photos look 50 yrs old... faded color, low resolution. Regret buying

Even if you never travel, you'll love this book. If you do travel, you'll soon find yourself making plans to visit as many of these villages and towns as possible. Tapper and Wheeler have produced a winner--a beautiful book with wonderful pictures, appealing and informative text, and useful information at the back for visitors. Each one of the locations covered in the book looks and sounds appealing. Having lived in both Washington state and British Columbia, and having frequently driven through the area covered in the book, I know much of the appeal of the incomparable Pacific Northwest. This book reaffirmed everything from my own experience, but introduced me to so many additional aspects of the region that I almost feel like I never knew it. It's time to pack the car and head there again! But there may be competition. I have just put Tapper and Wheeler's book on the American Southwest in my shopping cart.

This book goes straight to the point and helps the reader understand the locations described in it. Been a native Californian I know that there are many other small towns and areas much desirable and pretty, but then, the book it would have to be 10 times thicker, too.

A lovely book to use to plan a trip to the Pacific Northwest or just to browse through for a relaxing "arm chair" vacation. All the books in this series are terrific!

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Amazing book with great photos! Was a great gift for someone moving to the PNW.

Having traveled many places in the U.S. and around the world I am always grateful to come back home to the Pacific Northwest. This terrific coffee table book is already a hit with my Bed & Breakfast guests seeking new and exciting places to go in Washington and Oregon. Vibrant photographs grace this publication throughout and I credit the editors with great choices on which locales to feature. My great-grandfather settled in Roslyn, my father and I were born in beautiful Ellensburg, I grew up near Seattle and vacationed in places on the Oregon Coast and in the North Cascades near Winthrop. I'm more motivated than ever to follow their recommendations to tour villages mentioned in British Columbia. And, of course, if you haven't been to Baker City you don't know what you're missing!

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