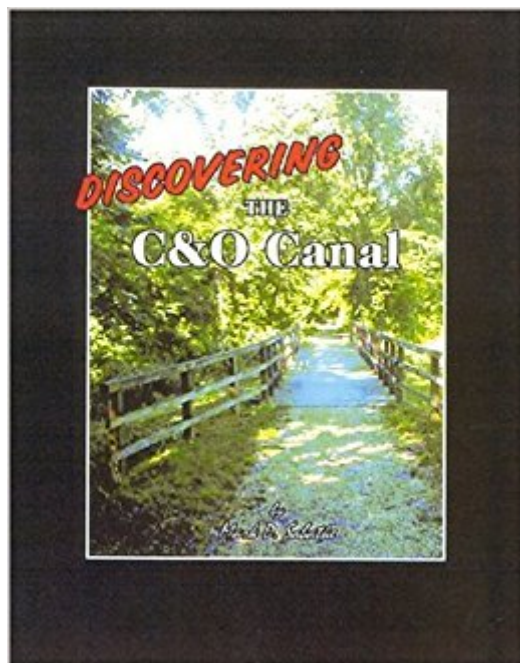


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# Discovering The C&O Canal



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## Customer Reviews

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Good book

This is a wonderful book that displays and describes the beauty of the C&O Tow Path. I plan to ride it next summer and am looking forward to seeing in person all the beautiful sights portrayed in the book.

My wife and I found this book to be quite useful for our October 2008 bike ride of the C&O Canal. It was one of those we brought along.

Based on reading half the book I'm giving it 4 stars - in 's parlance "I like it" - based primarily on content not form. The publication's form, for me, is wanting - lots of typos and grammatical errors and a somewhat amateurish design. The attractive color photographs are appreciably abundant but could be more probing in capturing critical details in support of the essential qualities of their

subjects. They feel more "stock" than inspired. In the narrative there was at least one pretty noticeable omission: the water gate! However the contents are generally impressive for their thorough presentation of information subdividing the canal into logical sections with summary descriptions of geology, flora and fauna, some historical detail, campsites, mile marker highlights, several maps, lists, etc. The endpapers is a 1939 map of the lower Potomac which is fascinating to scrutinize for anyone who knows the Potomac Palisades, Dalecarlia, and Cabin John sections on the east side. I'm not sure I'd give up backpack space for this book but it is a comprehensive and practical overview for beginning planning a trip. For more extended and narrative history of the canal and for more pinpointed field use see *The C&O Canal Companion* by Mike High.

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