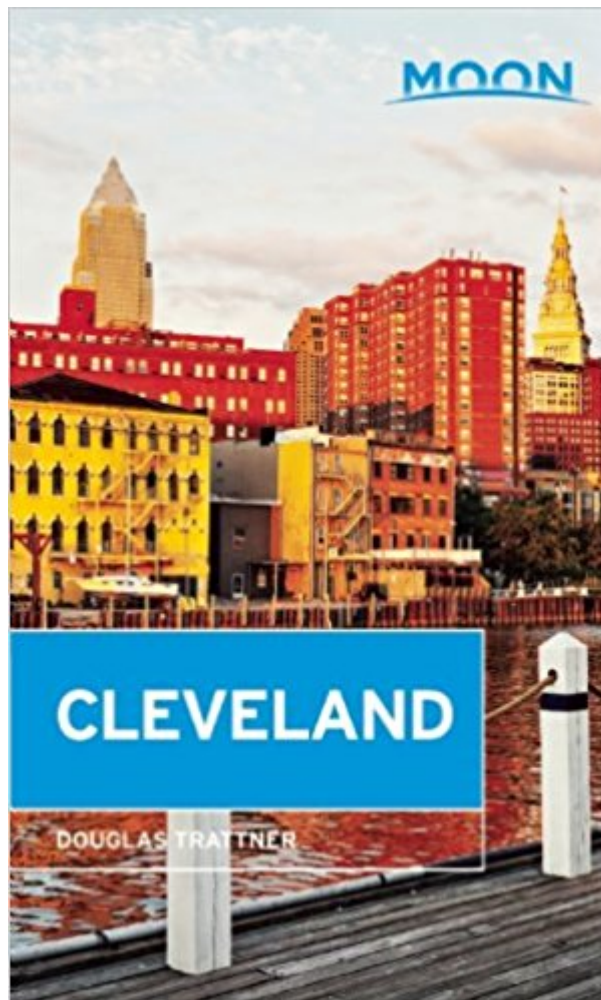


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# Moon Cleveland (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

Award-winning journalist and Cleveland native Douglas Trattner knows the best way to experience this often overlooked mecca. After investigating every nook and cranny of his favorite city, he now shares his expertise in *Moon Cleveland*. Whether you're interested in exploring the 20,000 acres of Cleveland's Metroparks or spending the afternoon indoors at the famous Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Trattner guides you to exciting activities for all ages—including hot-air ballooning over Amish Country, angling for Walleye on Lake Erie, and zipping through town on a Segway. Packed with insider's information on dining, transportation and accommodations, *Moon Cleveland* gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

For more than a decade, Douglas Trattner has worked as a full-time freelance writer covering every square inch of Cleveland for local, regional, national, and international publications. His work has been published in Food Network magazine, Miami Herald, Globe and Mail, and Wine & Spirits. In his longstanding role as dining editor of Cleveland Scene, Douglas garnered the title of "Best Critic in Ohio" from the Society of Professional Journalists. While Douglas still pens weekly restaurant reviews, he is also the founder and managing editor of Fresh Water Cleveland, a digital magazine that covers Northeast Ohio's most compelling people, businesses, and organizations. Douglas is the co-author of two New York Times best-selling cookbooks with chef Michael Symon: *Carnivore* and *5 in 5*. After writing professionally about his hometown for so long,

Douglas assumed there was little left to discover. With fresh eyes, he gave his favorite city a top-to-bottom reexamination during the research of this book. He walked away from the project an even bigger fan of Cleveland, uncovering new shops, restaurants, museums, and hidden gems. He lives in Cleveland Heights with his wife, two dogs, and four chickens.

Like St. Louis or Pittsburgh, the rust belt city of Cleveland has experienced a renaissance. There's good reason for this. Here, for a rather modest price of admission, are world-class cultural institutions, awesome historic architecture, many square miles of beautiful green space, four distinct seasons, ethnic diversity, and beautiful restaurants and boutique hotels all rolled up into a neat package along the shore of Lake Erie. For those in the know, it's almost too good to be true. Cleveland deserves a guide this good. While the city has many great things to offer, it's not without problems, including violence and poverty. Steering clear of these areas makes a good guide to the city all the more necessary. Aimless wandering might get you into a bit of trouble. This book will keep you focussed enough to avoid trouble, but free enough to explore at leisure. I've found that Moon city guides can be a bit thin in their coverage, as if they've simply been lifted from larger state guides. I'm happy to report that this book is a stand alone guide to the city that is properly fleshed out. No cutting corners here. And readers will be treated to all the sights, sounds, and colors of the new Moon format, which really bring Cleveland to life. This is no rotting industrial wasteland, no Sir! The book is organized by major category (sights, restaurants, lodgings, shopping, etc...), and then by neighborhood within each category. It's a format that Moon readers will be familiar with. Cultural and historical contexts are at the end of the book, and practical information is at the beginning. Avalon has put a lot of thought (and money) into making these guides attractive, and that effort really shows here. Beautiful color photography graces nearly every page, and the text is both engaging and clear. It becomes obvious quickly that the author is both familiar with, and dedicated to, his subject. Listings are nearly comprehensive, and right up to date. They are chosen for their authenticity and quality. No Holiday Inn Express here. Follow the recommendations, and you'll come away from Cleveland with an appreciation that few visitors experience. While this book is targeted toward the domestic traveler, it easily fills the role for visitors from abroad as well. A book like this raises Cleveland's international profile, and international visitors would do well to include this amazing city on their travel itinerary, especially if they want to see what American urban living is really like. Most of us don't live in New York or Washington, DC. I would recommend Cleveland as a destination in its own right, but it's an absolute must if you're within an easy day trip. Either way, this guide is the obvious choice for directing your travel.

This is one incredibly thorough guidebook. It doesn't just hit the highlights you probably already know, but it takes you around the city as if on a guided tour. I didn't purchase the book until after moving here, but if this book is any indication of others in the series, you can bet I won't make that mistake in the future

This was a gift for my nephew Brett, who will be moving to Cleveland in the spring with his bride, Veena. They really welcomed the info.

Quite comprehensive.

good review

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Fun book.

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