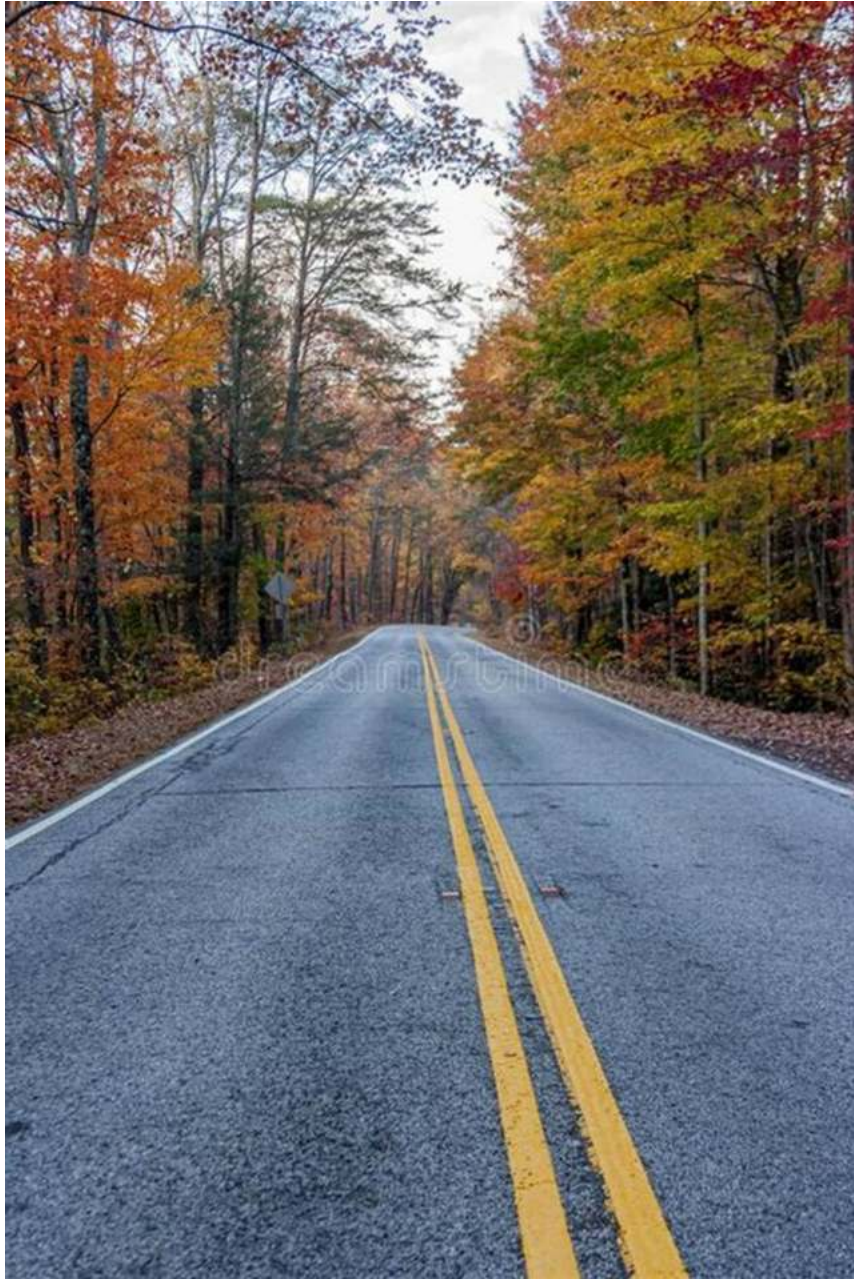


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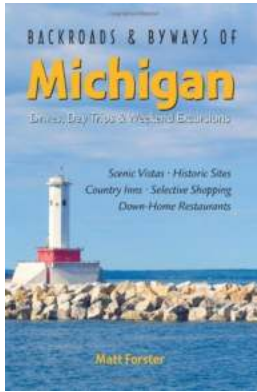
Michigan, fondly known as the Great Lakes State, is a treasure trove of natural beauty and captivating history. While many visitors flock to popular tourist destinations such as Detroit and Mackinac Island, there is so much more to discover in the backroads and byways of this fascinating state.

The Beauty of the Backroads



Michigan's backroads take you on a journey through picturesque landscapes, offering breathtaking views and tranquil settings. Whether you're driving along the colorful fall foliage of the Upper Peninsula or exploring the coastal routes along Lake Michigan, the stunning scenery will leave you in awe.

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One of the most iconic backroads in Michigan is the Tunnel of Trees, a narrow stretch of M-119 that winds its way through dense forests, offering glimpses of Lake Michigan along the way. The vibrant hues of autumn make this drive particularly enchanting, earning it a spot on many travelers' bucket lists.

For a taste of history, take a drive along the River Road Scenic Byway, which follows the banks of the Au Sable River. This route will transport you back in time as you pass charming small towns, historic lighthouses, and old logging sites. It's a perfect way to immerse yourself in Michigan's rich heritage.

Unearthing Hidden Gems



The backroads of Michigan are also home to numerous hidden gems that often go unnoticed by mainstream tourism. These off-the-beaten-path destinations offer unique experiences and a chance to connect with nature away from the crowds.

Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, located in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, is a lesser-known gem that rewards visitors with sweeping views of Lake Michigan, towering sand dunes, and lush forests. This scenic drive includes several lookout points where you can soak in the beauty of the surrounding landscapes.

Another hidden gem is Brockway Mountain Drive, often referred to as the "top of the world." This incredible scenic drive in the Upper Peninsula takes you to one of the highest points in Michigan, offering panoramic views of Lake Superior, the Keweenaw Peninsula, and Copper Harbor.

Adventure Awaits



Michigan's backroads and byways not only showcase the state's natural beauty but also provide opportunities for thrilling outdoor adventures. From hiking and biking to kayaking and fishing, there is no shortage of activities to satisfy your adventurous spirit.

The Pere Marquette State Forest offers miles of scenic trails for hikers and bikers. Traverse through towering pine forests, alongside pristine rivers, and witness wildlife in their natural habitats. The forest's diverse ecosystems make it a playground for nature enthusiasts of all kinds.

If you're a water lover, Michigan's numerous inland lakes and scenic rivers provide the perfect backdrop for kayaking and fishing excursions. Explore the

calm waters of the Huron River or cast your line in the remote streams of the Manistee National Forest. The options are endless!

Preserving the Backroads



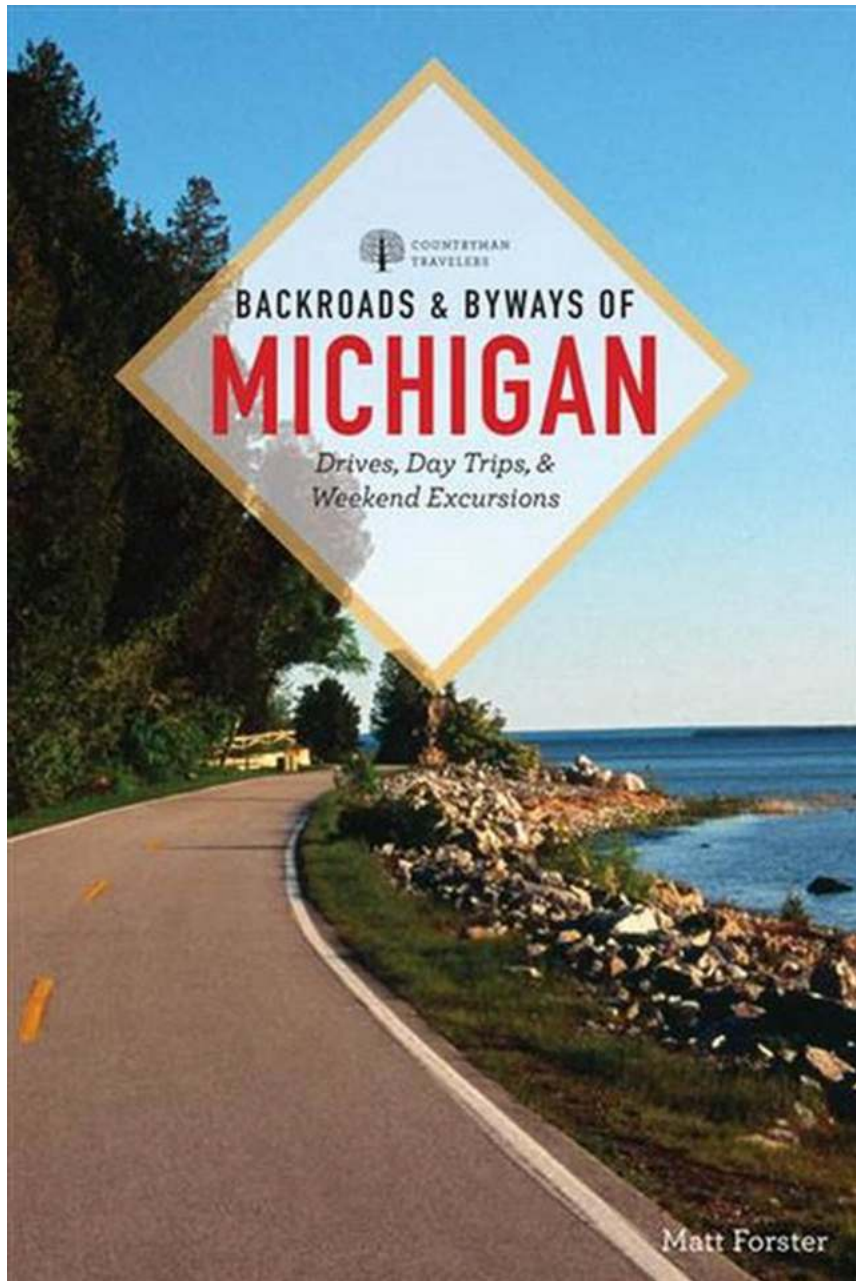
Preserving the backroads and byways of Michigan is crucial to ensure future generations can continue to enjoy their beauty. Thankfully, there are various

organizations and initiatives dedicated to maintaining and preserving these hidden treasures.

One such organization is the Michigan Backroads Alliance, a group of individuals passionate about promoting the exploration and preservation of Michigan's backroads. They organize volunteer efforts, trail cleanups, and awareness campaigns to protect these valuable resources.

Additionally, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources plays a vital role in managing and preserving the state's natural areas, including the backroads and byways. Through their conservation efforts, they strive to protect Michigan's rich natural heritage for years to come.

Discover the Magic of Michigan's Backroads Byways

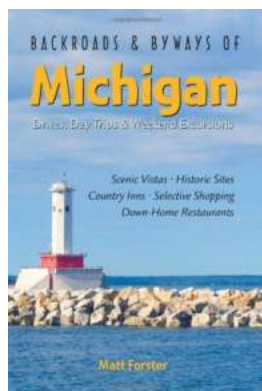


So, why stick to the well-trodden path when you can venture into the captivating backroads and byways of Michigan? Discover hidden gems, experience breathtaking landscapes, and embark on thrilling outdoor adventures in this scenic and historic state.

Explore the beauty of the Tunnel of Trees, uncover the secrets of the River Road Scenic Byway, and soak in the grandeur of Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive and

Brockway Mountain Drive. Engage in an array of outdoor activities across the state's stunning natural landscapes.

Preserve these priceless treasures by joining hands with organizations dedicated to their conservation. Let's ensure that future generations can continue to delight in the wonder of Michigan's backroads and byways.



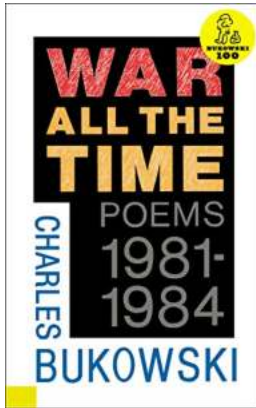
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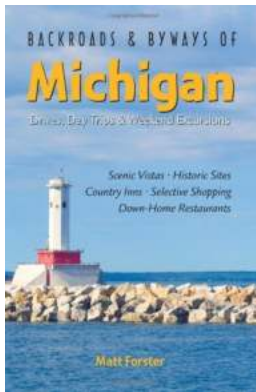


With natives at your guides, the Backroads and Byways series steers you down the most scenic and historic byways, with plenty of intriguing points of interest and places to eat, stay, and shop along the way. Backroads & Byways of Michigan offers travelers a chance to get beyond the usual tourist destinations and to discover what the state has to offer along the way. Twelve carefully researched routes introduce readers to regions across the state, from southwest Michigan's wine country to the U.P.'s Copper Country, from towns stocked with art galleries and boutique shops to fishing towns with tackle shops and canoe liveries. Sidebars highlight colorful characters and interesting historical details. 50 black & white.



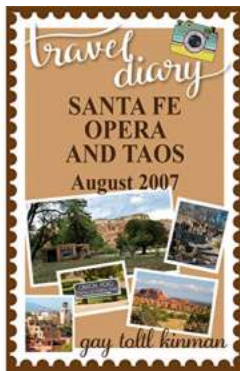
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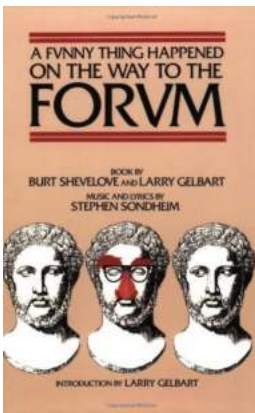
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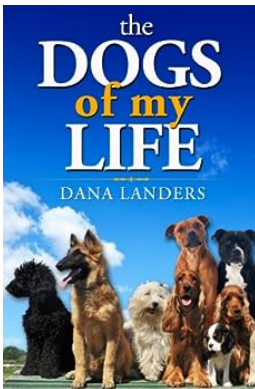
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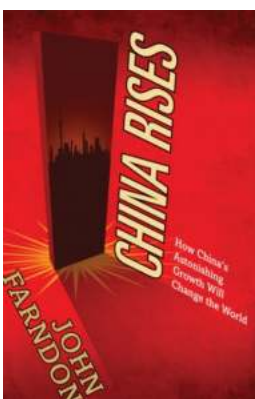
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