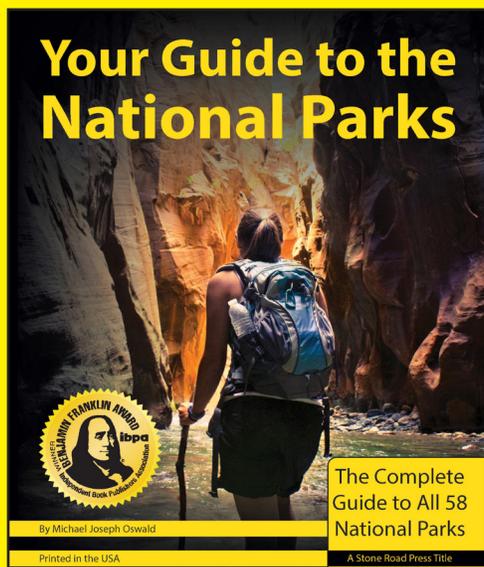


About the Author

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About the Book



More than 530 color images, 140 easy-to-read maps, and 55 hiking tables make this guide to America's most scenic wilderness areas—all 58 national parks—the most appealing, comprehensive, and indispensable book of its kind.

Your Guide provides step-by-step itineraries, kid-friendly activities, and all of the most popular ranger programs to help plan your family vacation. Thousands of hotels, restaurants, and attractions beyond the parks as well as 11 suggested road trips make it the ultimate dashboard companion. Exhaustive activity information, including hiking tables, easy-to-find trailhead markers, outfitter details, and backpacking essentials, serves as blueprint for an adventure of a lifetime. With something for everyone this is *Your Guide to the National Parks*.

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Manitowoc, WI – On November 14, Michael Joseph Oswald's debut title, *Your Guide to the National Parks*, received the National Outdoor Book Award (NOBA) for best Adventure Guidebook.

The NOBA, the outdoor world's largest and most prestigious book award program, is a non-profit educational program, sponsored by the National Outdoor Book Awards Foundation, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, and Idaho State University. A panel of judges—consisting of educators, academics, book reviewers, authors, editors, and outdoor columnists from throughout the country—select the winners. The NOBA saw Oswald's work as a valuable asset for the park enthusiast, stating "Slip this 695-page book into your glove compartment, and you'll have the perfect travelling companion when visiting the national parks."

When Oswald left for the parks, his primary goal was to commune with nature. During that process, he soon realized most visitors only went as far as their cars and there wasn't a comprehensive guidebook on the market to tell them otherwise. How can anyone appreciate the true magnificence of these places—Yosemite Valley, the Grand Canyon, Crater Lake—while bound to a car?

Oswald's work has won several awards and received overwhelmingly positive reviews. On Wisconsin Magazine said "Your Guide to the National Parks: The complete Guide to All 58 National Parks is quite frankly, amazing."

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