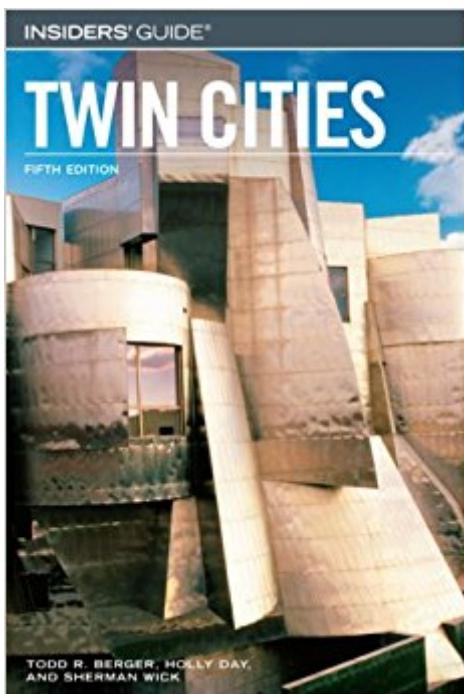


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# Insiders' Guide® To The Twin Cities, 5th (Insiders' Guide Series)



## Synopsis

Discover what makes the Twin Cities one of the great underrated metro areas of the United States with this informative guide. Explore the active arts district, enjoy the many opportunities for fine dining, and discover the world beyond the city limits of Minneapolis and St. Paul filled with fossil beds, lakes, and wildlife preserves.

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"Everything you always wanted to know . . . and then some: places to stay, restaurants, folklore, art, natural and man-made attractions, shopping."--Travel and Leisure (Praise for the Insiders' Guide series)

For more than twenty years the Insiders' Guide® series has remained the essential source for in-depth travel and relocation information. Each guide is written by locals and true insiders and offers a personal, practical perspective that readers everywhere have come to know and love. The Twin Cities' rich ethnic heritage and diverse economy is reflected in its multifaceted cityscape. From beautiful historic buildings to whimsical architectural experiments, from an active arts district to rich fossil beds and peaceful urban fishing holes, St. Paul and Minneapolis possess abundant cultural and natural attractions. This authoritative guide will show you how to experience the traditions and treasures of this unique area to their fullest. Inside you'll find: countless details on how to live and thrive in the area, from the best shopping

to the lowdown on real estate; the inside scoop on popular attractions such as the Weisman Art Museum, the Minnesota Zoo, and the Minneapolis Riverfront historical trail; comprehensive listings of restaurants, lodgings, and recreational opportunities; sections dedicated to children, relocation, seniors, and much more

THE INSIDERS' GUIDE TO THE TWIN CITIES, 5TH EDITION is a wonderful book that describes not only the urban neighborhoods in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but many of the suburbs as well (although it does manage to miss close-in ones such as Golden Valley and Edina), as well as the many shopping and dining experiences available in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, including the humongous Mall Of America and some of the smaller record stores and book stores. Overall, this book shows the Twin Cities to be an ethnically diverse area, with a vibrant mix of people and places, including several colleges (the University Of Minnesota being the largest and best-known). This is a wonderful reference book as well as a great guidebook.

(These comments are on the 4th edition: I hope the 5th is better!) Finally, a guide book designed to prevent visitors from going places and seeing things! Sancho and I bring the book out to the car, which we'd parked downtown, and open to a page that says "it's next to impossible to find a place to park downtown". Now that's what I'm talking about! Next we decide to go to the Weissman Art Museum, which--according to the book--is located by the banks of the Mississippi river on the U of Minn. campus. However, since we're visitors READING A GUIDE BOOK, we don't know where the river or the U. of Minn. are... No problem, we just look up U of Minn, and the book tells us the campus is near Dinkytown by the river. Undeterred, we look up Dinkytown, and it's carefully described as "near the Weissman Art Museum". OK, I'm making that up, it actually says it's "near the University of Minnesota", but you get the picture. And oh, the maps are basically jig-saw puzzle pieces with no uber-image to let you know what section of the city is being mapped. And no, there's no "Dinkytown" on any map, nor ANY of the neighborhood names sprinkled throughout the text. There were two U of Minn. campuses shown, however, so naturally you'll go to the wrong one. Terrific fun!

This book is full of useful information. As with any book of this nature some of it is going to be out of date before printing but most everything that remains is useful and helpful.

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