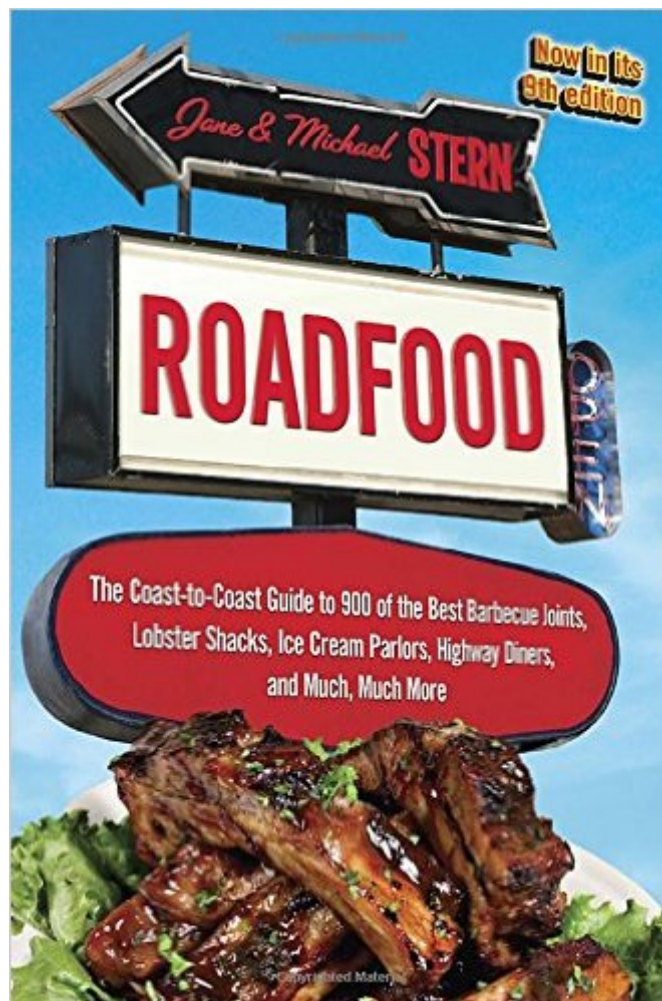


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# Roadfood: The Coast-to-Coast Guide To 900 Of The Best Barbecue Joints, Lobster Shacks, Ice Cream Parlors, Highway Diners, And Much, Much More, Now In Its 9th Edition



## Synopsis

• The bible for motorists seeking mouthwatering barbecue or homemade pie. • "USA Today For the road warriors and armchair epicures, the updated ninth edition of Roadfood is your indispensable guide to more than 900 of America's best local eateries" now with more than 200 completely new listings. Explore the affordable, enjoyable, one-of-a-kind dining destinations along America's roadways with this indispensable guide. In this fully revised edition, Jane and Michael Stern introduce the Roadfood Honor Roll "a tip sheet to the 100 must-visit stops" just in time for your next roadtrip, no matter what state you're driving through. With up-to-date information on restaurants' hours of operation, phone numbers, and websites, you will never go hungry on the road or get lost finding the best off-the-highway gems.

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## Customer Reviews

I've had this book since the first edition was printed. I'm not a constant traveler but a yearly traveler. This guide has always been helpful to locate local restaurants where locals know and frequently eat at. This latest edition not only has websites listed but also maps that pinpoint where each restaurant is from major interstates and state roads. They are all within 15 minutes from a major highway. By using common sense it's always easy to order something that is healthy from the menu and avoiding the high calorie, high cholesterol items on the menu that each restaurant may be most known for. Including the phone numbers in the listings is also a big plus to call ahead to be sure they are open when in the area. I'm so glad the Sterns continue to update this guide after so many years. It's a great reference to seek out alternatives to chain eateries and discover a part of

Americana.

So excited about this book! Being a military family we travel frequently so this guide will come in handy for a long time! I recently moved to Kentucky and had no idea what regional foods came from here (aside from the obvious KFC and bourbon). I have been trying to stay away from all the chain establishments I'm accustomed to and venture out into more local places. This book has truly enlightened me and has made me more appreciative of my current location. When reading descriptions such as 'pulled up to sturdy old brick-façade building that is Bell's Drug store" or "Bon-Ton Mini Mart has the best fried chicken" my interest was peaked. I would have never gone into either places for food. Now I drive with my windows down and stop at little places that have aromas pouring out that are too good to pass up, regardless of if its a large or well known looking place. Roadfoods is divided by regions; New England, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-South (which is where I'm located, wouldn't have guessed that!), Deep South, Midwest, Southwest, Great Plains, and West Coast. Not sure what region you live in? All the states are listed so its easy to find the best food joints close to you! There are handy maps at the beginning of each section for quick reference as well. I love this idea, so easy to find out if one of these great eateries are nearby or on your way when planning a road trip. Roadfoods also lists a Top 100 Honor Roll which is nice since there are over 900 restaurants reviewed. The top 100 are extra special because of a unique expression of something wonderful about American food. The authors include notes about using Roadfoods like approximate cost guide using dollar signs (\$\$). Each restaurant listed has the name, address, phone number, website, whether open breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner and cost along with the brief review. I received a copy of this book in exchange for a review.

I was recently asked to join Random House's Blogging for Books program and much to my surprise, this was the first book I chose! A great read about the joys of eating all across our great country in everything from dives to diners to truckstops and more. Roadfood.com is the lovechild of Jane and Michael Stern (assisted by a whole lot of eaters, support writers, and forum chatters) who created the concept of eating great local/regional cuisine that you find out on the open road. Most everything is going to be cheap (\$), relatively cheap (\$\$), or basically inexpensive (\$\$\$), but good food and a great experience. Each quintessential place on the blog is featured with details about what was eaten and the great thing about it. There's price point offerings, ratings, and pictures to make your mouth water (and sometimes, not). Roadfood the book, now in it's ninth edition, features the same great diatribe with a Top 100 list, a cross-section of the United States breakdown by region, a

cross-reference section in the back for easy dining, and a little bit about how to use the book (which ends up being pretty self-explanatory - Where am I? What's great to eat around here?). All around, a pretty great book concept with some interesting detailed observations and eating experiences. One slight miff (and I might be biased here), nothing in Colorado made their Top 100 list, but two in Seattle did. Apparently, they haven't spent enough time in either place. Happy reading and then, eating!

I don't know if I would compare the Sterns to Guy Fieri -- to begin with, without the Sterns there would be no Guy Fieri or Andrew Zimmerns; they were the first people to write primarily about regional American cuisine (in the process, validating and popularizing it) and are still the best. While Fieri's schtick gets tiresome very quickly, the low-key Sterns are always fun to read and their suggestions are always worth checking out.

I bought, then skimmed through this book with the intention of storing it in the trunk of our family car where it now permanently resides. Being retired, my wife and I travel a lot throughout the country. While not, in my opinion as good as Guy Fieri's similar books, this book does serve well as a travel guide to restaurant destinations we likely would never have known about and is very helpfully organized.. It's a good driving-trip companion.

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