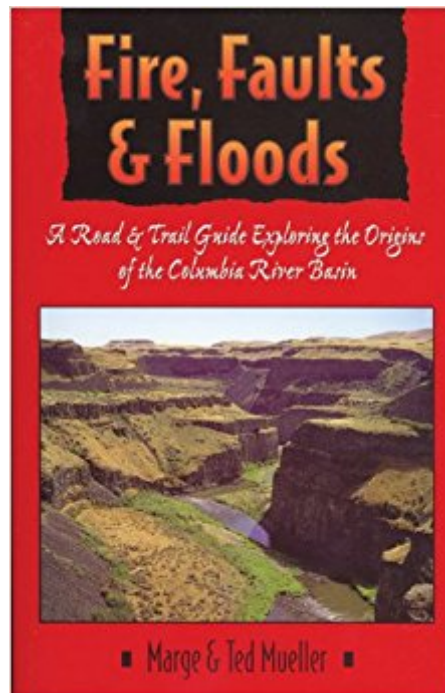




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Synopsis

This road and trail guidebook introduces readers to outstanding geological features found in the Columbia River Basin. Marge and Ted Mueller lead you on a fascinating tour, helping you explore the geologic events that shaped its unique features.

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Customer Reviews

Marge and Ted Mueller are outdoor enthusiasts and environmentalists who have explored the Pacific Northwest for over 40 years and have instructed mountain climbing through the University of Washington. This is their eleventh book on the Pacific Northwest.

I love the Channeled Scablands. They consist of the most amazing area in which I've ever lived, and I've lived all across the United States, Europe and Eastern Canada. The Muellers have done an awesome job putting together this wonderful book. When used in conjunction with the PBS Nova Mystery of the Megaflood, the reader learns more and more about the cataclysmic events that shaped the area which encompasses an area from Missoula, MT to the mouth of the Columbia River. This book is highly recommended to historians, amateur geologists, hikers and backpackers alike.

If you have interest in geology, catastrophies, and particularly in the Missoula Floods, this is one of the best books to read. It provides an overview of the geology and effects of these massive floods of

15,000 years ago, but even more, it provides driving directions, lodging and fuel suggestions, and fantastic day and multi-day trips to view the current day results of the Floods. I've been to many of the areas covered by the book, and it still pointed out many things I had failed to see and understand. If you are going to be traveling anywhere in Eastern Washington, the Columbia River Gorge, Northern Idaho, or around Missoula Montana--buy the book. It's a very entertaining read and a wonderful way to open your eyes to what has happened to create the extraordinary formations in the inland Northwest.

This book tells of events so implausible that even your imagination will have difficulty comprehending them. If I have any complaint about the book it is that it fails to sufficiently emphasize how amazing it is, for example, that molten lava once upon a time ran nearly 400 miles before coming to its stopping place. The authors seem to almost be afraid that if they point up the apparent absurdity of it all, the reader would decide the whole book was a well written hoax! It was not a hoax, though, and the story of what happened in the Pacific Northwest once upon a time is well told. It is of greatest interest, obviously, to those of us who live here in the midst of the results of fire, fault and flood, but, for those elsewhere with vivid imaginations, it is a cracking good book. This is one time when what actually happened is more exciting than anything one's imagination can possibly conjure up!

I loved the book it was in good to excellent condition only had stickers on the back. If anyone is interested in the geology of the inland north west this is a good book to read so is northern exposures by David Alt and Donald Hyndman.

I've been fascinated with these floods for many years. This book tells where to see the evidence for yourself, and how to get there.

Buy this for your tour of Lake Missoula and downstream

I've just come back from a few days of touring around Potholes Coulee, Grand Coulee, Dry Coulee and Lower Moses Coulee. We took this book along to help us find and understand key features of the area. It was very useful. I've tried to use other books for this purpose ("Cataclysms...", "On the Trail of...") and the result was mostly frustration because of the poor writing. "Fire, Faults and Floods," on the other hand, is written very succinctly and with less of the confusing geologic

distinctions that are important to geologists but difficult for the casual tourist like me. (There is still room for improvement... note to budding tour book authors.) The flood features are the most interesting to me, and the book is arranged to follow the flow of the Lake Missoula flood waters. This means that driving directions are given from east to west, but the maps and directions are very clear so we had no trouble using it to tour from west to east. I also found it helpful that the book describes ways to get to key sites where access can be hindered by private property.

I really enjoyed this book. But I may be different than you. I like rocks, massive basalt cliffs, immense coulees, and the beauty of arid lands. These and much more can be found in this wonderful book by Marge and Ted Mueller. If you're excited about these things then this may be a book you'd enjoy also, especially if you live in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. This book is really more than just a basic, easy-to-read geological primer of the Columbia River Basin. It is a trip-planner with detailed instructions on how to go and see the stuff for yourself. I've already been to a couple of the locations and have another short trip planned for this fall. This book is exactly what I hoped it would be when I bought it from .com. I've never found another book quite like it. Enjoy!

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