

# Motorcycle Journeys Through the Rocky Mountains

by Toby Ballentine

Taking a summer journey through the Rocky Mountains will be one of the most rewarding experiences in your life. These mountains are a statement in diversity and resplendent natural beauty. Combine that with a little Old West history, a few abandoned ghost towns, some of the world's grandest national parks and, of course, the ultimate in black tarred twisties, and you have the formula for a trip you cannot afford to miss. Save up your vacation time!

All directions in the Rockies lead to soaring peaks, July snowdrifts, mile-high valleys with arrowheads, and columbine ultimately giving way to barren, half-frozen tundra 12,000 feet above sea level. Don't be surprised to go from t-shirt weather at 3,000 feet to heated grips and back again to summer weather in a single day.

Explore the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, the Glen Canyon Dam, the Sedona Vortex, three 10,000 foot passes in the San Juan mountain range, Monument Valley, Zion National Park, Mt. Carmel Scenic Byway, Bryce Canyon, Valley of the Gods, countless crossings of the Continental Divide, Mt. Evans, and the great Yellowstone National Park. Enjoy popular motorcycle roads like the "Oh My God Road," the Beartooth Highway, the Lewis and Clark trail, and the Going-to-the-Sun Road, just to name a few.

Ballentine doesn't just lead you to the places that all the tourists go. He takes you where motorcyclists go and love: roads free of traffic, tourists, and all the hassle. He shows you how to ride the Rockies at their unspoiled best, to see the spectacular scenery and smell the freshness of the snowcapped peaks and the desert valleys, all with an eye to saving your wallet.

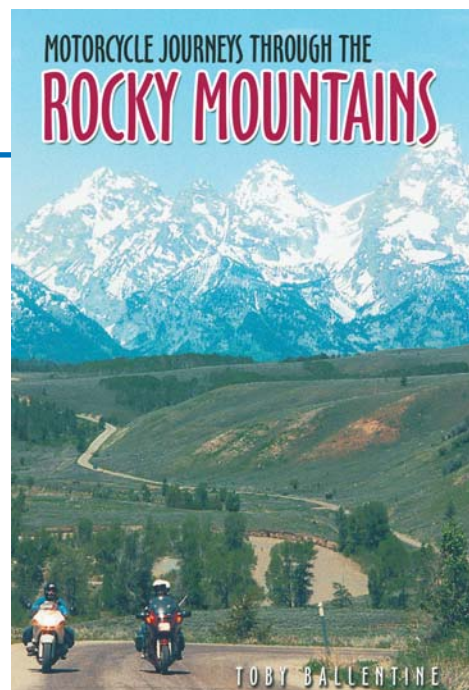
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## The Author

Toby Ballentine has lived in the Rocky Mountain area (Utah and Arizona) for over 20 years. His parents were raised in Idaho. His great-grandfather was one of the original founders of Pine, Arizona (he's even got his picture in the local museum!).

Ballentine has spent tens of thousands of miles riding and camping through the Rockies, and though he has motorcycled all over the world, his favorite rides are right here at home—in the Rocky Mountains.



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- Best places to eat, sleep, shop, and pitch your tent
- The Motorcycle Journeys series is the nation's preeminent motorcycle touring resource

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