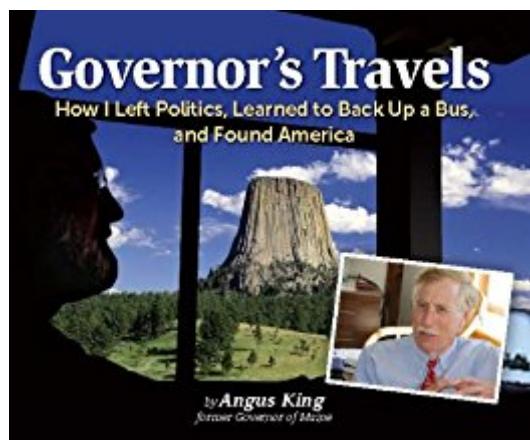


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Governor's Travels: How I Left Politics, Learned To Back Up A Bus, And Found America



Synopsis

In January 2003, after two terms as Governor of the State of Maine, Angus King hit the road. Packing his wife and children into a Newmar Dutch Star RV, he set out on a five-and-a-half-month journey to circumnavigate the United States. Governor's Travels is the story of that adventure, describing the places they went and the people they met along the way. Interspersed with the travelogue, Governor King reflects on the transition from public office to private life and includes helpful information about selecting the right RV, a daily pre-drive checklist, and tips for handling a vehicle that large on the road.

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Customer Reviews

Angus King seems like a pleasant and convivial fellow who would get along with just about anyone - good skills for a man who was a two term Governor of Maine. His pleasantness comes through in this breezy travel tale of the trip his wife and two kids took in a big RV exploring America for half a year. King's promise to his wife and himself after two terms of public service was intense family time touring the country. Not only way for him to reconnect with his family (success in public life entails a lot of night meetings and missed little league games), but as a way for him to transition to "next"

after his police driver, car and the solicitude of Official Maine disappeared the moment his successor was sworn in. This book is the travelogue of King and his journey around the perimeter of the continental United States. Although this book has a couple of good points, it still reads like you are sitting too long looking at your second favorite uncle's vacation home movie. Tough to escape that reaction when the book is really a list of places they visited, their pictures and a few funny occurrences that happened along the way. When it is not your family, your pictures or your anecdotes, these travel sharings have a half-life that is invariably shorter than the story teller thinks. The really good points of this book are several. If you ever wanted to rent an RV, King's experience will lend some good pointers and things to think about. Second, his travel style was to get to an area, spend some time and be prepared to visit places they heard about or ran across in addition to the big national parks and other attractions many target when visiting a particular region. I got some good ideas for a couple of neat places I had not heard of for my next trip to areas the King family visited. The most important part of this book, for any parent I would venture, is the message to do something like this with your kids. King writes well about this and what he believes he gave to his kids as well as what the experience meant to his wife and him. His children were ten and fourteen I believe and the right age to connect with a lot of what this country has to offer. I don't have the luxury of being able to take six months off of work for a trip like this with my kids, but I've tried to show them the country in two week blocks every summer. It is a very rewarding experience to see one's children appreciate what's out there as well as just be able to spend a concentrated amount of time together without the competing people, schedules and responsibilities that characterize almost all non-vacation time.

This is a really fun read! I had not known our former governor now senator had done this, but as we prepare to move into a similar motorhome and live in it for a few years touring North America, this was really cool to review the King family experience.

Fun book by our former governor, taking a trip to places the people to whom we gave this as a gift will travel. Some good practical tips on a long camping trip.

As a Maine resident and supporter of Angus King, former Maine Governor, I enjoyed reading about his travels after leaving the Governor's office - as Senator, he will bring much honor and respect to Maine.

It's kind of nice to have an inside look at the Governor's life after his 8 years were over. I gave this book to my mother in law and she loved it, now I'm reading it. Angus King has a great sense of humor.

Very informational. Loved the fact that he gave up his "former" life and took a plunge into something new! We're going to try that! !

I bought this as a gift for my daughter who has also travel accross the country. She wanted to compare her travels with King's and the places they saw. She loved it.

This was just what I was looking for. Great shape for a used book. Just as described. Shipped ASAP. Thanks

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