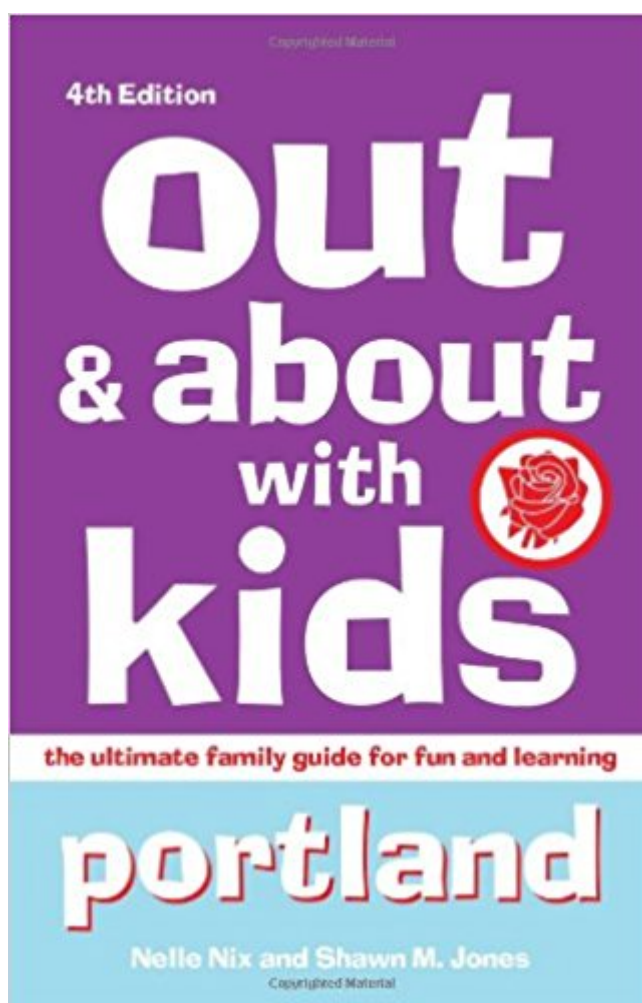


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# Out & About With Kids: Portland, 4th Edition: The Ultimate Family Guide For Fun And Learning



## Synopsis

Kids just wanna have fun! And parents who are in-the-know head straight for the Out & About guides, with hundreds of activities the whole family can enjoy. From neighborhoods, outdoor parks, and indoor playgrounds to museums, children's theaters, and sports arenas, this guide has it all. This revised edition contains updated maps, a guide to free activities, and fully updated information on Portland's boss neighborhoods. Whether you're a tourist or a Portland native, let this candid and comprehensive book guide you and your family on hundreds of new adventures to come.

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## Customer Reviews

Praise for the Out & About series: "Packed with detailed information on most outings [with] tip boxes that alert parents to fun -- and potential problems." --Seattle Times

Nellie Nix and Shawn Jones both live in Portland, OR.

I just received this book today and am preparing for a trip to Seattle with my toddler. I really like that the entries are often fairly extensive. It goes into more detail than most travel guides which is nice. It also attempts to explain which age groups will like sites the most and why. Again, a nice departure from the regular travel guide. But, it is obviously directed at locals, which isn't a bad thing, but it does make it less user friendly for visitors. One of the biggest problems is that she did not organize by location. Yes, the book is organized by type of attraction, which works, but within the chapter, there

is no organization. This is especially problematic because, despite the title, the attractions are not only in Seattle, but in the surrounding area. So, any given listing may be in Seattle, or it may be in Eatonville or Bellevue or Tacoma. It would have been far easier to navigate the book if the individual chapters had been organized by geographical region. My last complaint is as a traveler, which is obviously not her intended audience. So I write this information for other travelers considering this as a travel guide. The author does not include any relevant travel information, such as kid-appropriate hotels, public transportation information, and other travel necessities. Additionally, no listings included public transportation information which I would have appreciated. I was really hoping for an opinion on public transportation with kids, but this book doesn't offer anything like that. I also ordered the Northwest Kid Trips by Lora Shinn and that is much more in line with what I expected, though still lacks some traveler information I would have appreciated. Buy that one instead.

This is an excellent book for families with small and grade school children. There are hundreds of things to do with children and you will enjoy it immensely. It is also the perfect gift to give to a family with their first born child. I never knew there was so much to do in Seattle with children. Great investment.

i would recommend this book. it is very helpful for a parent who's new to the area and looking for things to do with the family. i would've liked more specific reviews, summaries, and accommodations of each specific place but overall a great guide for general sights around portland.

I bought this as a gift for a young family in my building who were moving from here, Chicago, to Seattle, with two young children and no family there. They seem to love it!. P. Blake

great

not current info

I bought this book a few years ago, when daughter was 2-3 yrs old. At that time, I found it not very helpful and could find much better suggestions in other websites or in local kids magazines. However, now that daughter is a bit older, I am finding it to be very helpful -- we had a "staycation" in Portland this week and every day we got an idea from the book of places to go -- Sauvie Island,

local lakes for fishing, Oregon state fair, even the day trip to Columbia Gorge, complete with stops at Multnomah Falls, the Fish Hatchery and a stay at Skamania. I am looking for a newer copy/edition, as the 2009 was a significant underestimate of prices in some cases. It would be much more robust if it did have rankings for each activity for different age groups.

First let me start off by saying I rarely buy books. Only when I realize I've checked them out of the library more than half a dozen times do I consider buying them. Anyway, I live in Portland and I'm planning a trip to Seattle with my 1.5 year old in a couple weeks. I've been there a few times before in the past 6 years but have always visited with other adults - no kids. I saw that my library had this book in their travel section and decided to check it out. It's true, this book would be a bit more handy if it came with a big fold out map keyed to all the activities listed in the book... but it doesn't. That's OK because I am reading this book ahead of time. I can skip the chapters and activities I know my kid has no patience for yet (art museums) and just make a list of the places I read about that might be interesting to myself, my kid and the friend we are going to visit. Then I can go on google and read more about these places or look at maps, or I can just note the address/phone numbers (listed in the book). The previous review said this book is crap because it doesn't have pictures, and it's a bunch of text crammed onto a page... well, I like it for this reason. I like books. I don't want to sit on the internet all day and search for kids activities while being bombarded by advertising. Pictures are nice of course, but I'd rather have more suggestions of things to do. This book is perhaps best for someone like me. Someone who visits Seattle once or twice a year. Looking for new and different things to try, not the same old tourist spots.

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