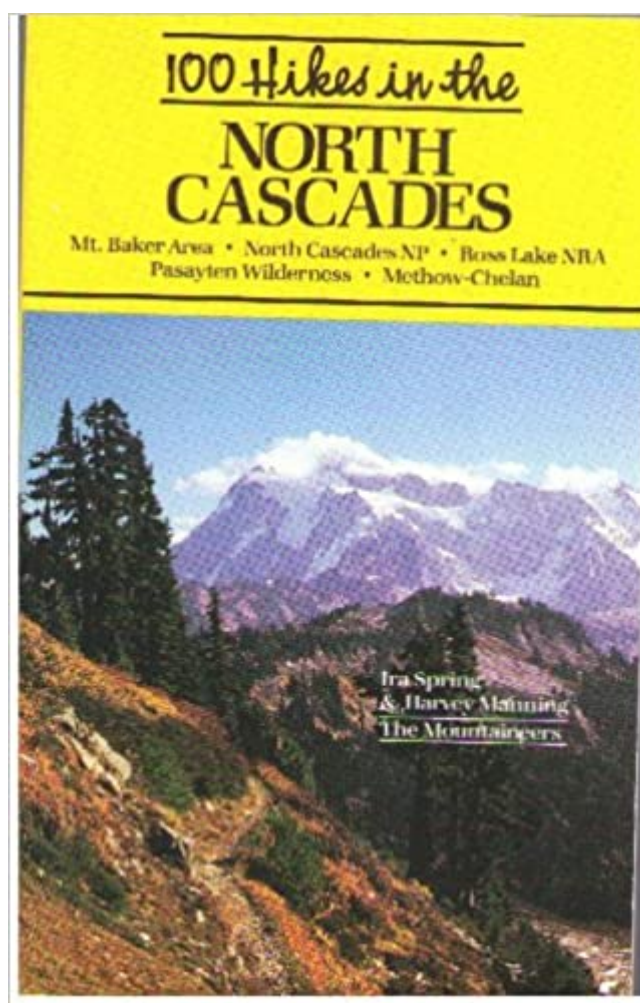


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OK, but well used. Pages falling out. Good content but this copy not so good.

A little known fact is that Harvey Manning, not Ira Spring wrote the hiking guidebooks. Harvey Manning was a visionary not a businessman and ended up taking second place to Ira Spring. What Harvey Manning did for wilderness Andrew Engelson at Nov 12, 2006 The Mountaineers Books, Harvey Manning's publisher, just sent out a press release listing all the ways Harvey worked to protect our state's wild places. It's up on WTA's website here. He passed away on Sunday at the age of 81. Harvey was definitely a hero of mine. Although we'd never actually met (something I now regret) we had chatted on the phone occasionally, and I was always left with the feeling of being in the presence of a generous and determined spirit. He was the real deal. The environment and the landscape always came first for Harvey. And I really respected him for that. It was important to have someone out there reminding us why we were out there hiking or climbing in the first place: That it wasn't just about hikers and trails and Gore-Tex and titanium stoves. It was about wild country: elk foraging in the Quinault River Valley, fields of shooting star and lupine in a high alpine meadow, the

thick hemlock forests mantling the Suiattle River below Glacier Peak. He once wrote that "we revere the trail for what it does, not for what it is." Harvey was also quick to remind hikers of their obligation to protect those places. That was the reason for everything he wrote about the outdoors: saving it. His forewords to the 100 Hikes books (including 100 Classic Hikes in Washington) weren't just a place for stale thank-yous and legal disclaimers. They were manifestos--well-written, inflammatory, pissed-off calls to arms for the booted masses. And those manifestos worked. His dogged persistence was essential to the protection of North Cascades National Park, the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and Cougar and Tiger Mountain in the "Issaquah Alps," which he named--in order to save them. Harvey was always a straight shooter, and didn't care much what anyone else thought. There are plenty of words both friends and foes would use to describe to Harvey: abrasive, curmudgeonly, stubborn, uncompromising. But those qualities were necessary just at the time Harvey arrived on the scene in Washington's history. Land managers and the general public needed to be awakened to what was happening in our mountains: that trails and landscapes were being destroyed by logging, mining, and motorized transportation. He was the sort of galvanizing, Thoreau-like voice in the wilderness (and for it) we needed. With the help of visionaries like Louise Marshall and Ira Spring, Harvey helped leave a huge legacy for generations of hikers. And even later in life, when some had thought he'd gone too far in the direction of the needs of the environment over the "needs" of recreationists, he provided an important conscience for hikers--he kept reminding us (even if some tired of hearing it) that wilderness has value in itself, apart from how many hikers ever see it, or what impact it has on the local economy. And he was of a generation that didn't need GPS units and cell phones to explore the high country. All that fuss over gear and gadgets--even tents--was a distraction. He once told me in an interview for a story I was working on that you didn't need a tent to go backpacking. If you brought a tent, you were either 1.) scared of the dark, or 2.) doing something you didn't want other people to see. Thanks again Harvey, you're up there in the hills you loved now. In lieu of a memorial service, the family asks that donations be sent to the North Cascades Conservation Council, P.O. Box 95980, Seattle, WA 98145-2980; [...]

The interesting thing about the 100 Hikes series is how well it integrates with Fred Beckey's books. Ira and Harvey get you to the base of the peak; Fred gets you up it. The series go hand-in-hand. Some of the most valuable information in the whole series comes in the form of the forewords and introductions. While opinionated, the views expressed are those of someone who has spent a lifetime exploring, protecting and enjoying the areas treated by the books. The route descriptions are accurate (more or less), and the small maps are clear and understandable. If you don't have this

book, go get it. You would do well, in fact, to get the whole series. NOTE: hikes 10, 14, 33, 70, and 79 are awesome.

I've just purchased this book and I'm more than *delighted*! The photographs are ultimately enthralling, and the narration is so honest. I work for a non-profit striving to protect more public lands in Washington permanently as Wilderness, and books like these that reach a large public audience and tell it like it is help us along our path to success... I love to hike and I love to see the areas that I hike in stay put! It's nice to be able to see which areas are protected and which are not before even exploring on one's own. BUY IT!

Sure, Harvey's opinionated, but it's excellent stuff. Nice, quick background on these amazing places, why they are still wild and protected, and just enough detail to get you in and out without giving away all the surprises. The best guide out there.

I really wanted to like this book, has maps, directions ,pics, but the book is old, and the writer is complaining too much about how bad it is in 1980! so I got out my hikes with children and gave this the heave ho.some new writer needs to make a new one with out all the fussing.

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