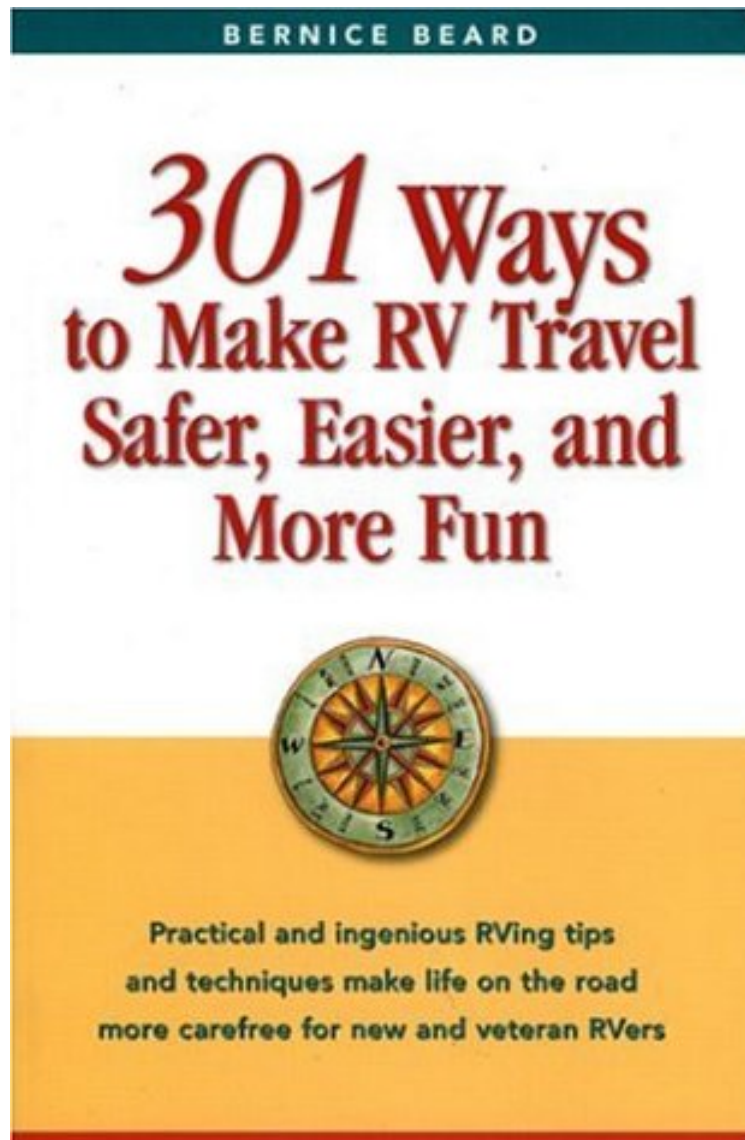


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CyberbunnyLove it!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love this bookBy L. SThis book has all kinds of practical tips for various aspects of RVing. It's very readable, and I recommend it.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Don't waste your money.By Philip W. MayMy wife and I are considering the idea of getting an RV motor home in the next couple of years. I wanted to read

up as much as I could to find out as much as I could about the advantages and pitfalls. We bought three books, this one among them. Mrs. Beard sounds like a very nice person who is not too many years older than I. But, she could have given these "tips" in about 75 pages, instead of the 246. The majority of this book is basically a journal of a several week trip Mrs. Beard and her husband took from east to west and back in a motor home. To be honest, it is a mostly boring trip for a reader looking for the ins and outs of RVing. Nothing much happens on the trip that can be considered a "tip" except several recountings of her husband draining the water filter from their diesel engine. Oh, and making sure your camping spot has enough room for slide-outs. We meet several old friends Mrs. Beard really cares about, but whom, as readers, we don't care about at all. Nor should we. We bought the book for tips. If you want valuable tips and information, get *The COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE TO RVING*. It was much more interesting, informative and good reading. Most of the tips in Mrs. Beard's book are in that one and in others. If you want a travelogue, try *TRAVELS WITH CHARLEY* by Steinbeck or *BLUE HIGHWAYS* by Least Heat Moon. I genuinely feel we wasted our money. Sorry, Mrs. Beard, but that's one reader's view.

Plenty of great new ideas readers can use right away whether they're new to RVing or old pros, whether they're buying or renting. They'll learn how to prepare for any trip; how to make the most of an RV's storage space; how to make sure the children have fun; how to cope with mechanical problems on the road

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From the Author If you're one of the millions of Americans who enjoy traveling in a recreational vehicle (RV), this book will help make your experiences more carefree. As I roam around the country, I love talking with other adventurers who travel by RV. During our conversations, I often learn about a special tip that saves time or makes life on the road more relaxing for them. And I'm more than happy to share what I've learned with them. I've compiled the best tricks and techniques I've heard from others over the years, plus lots from our own experience, and arranged them by categories so you can find the help you may be looking for. The tips in this book have been tested by experienced RVers and they really work. To illustrate how the tips can be applied, I've included the story of a trip we made from Maryland to California. As an added bonus, the appendix provides details about restaurants, campgrounds, places of interest to visit, the route we took, cost and mileage statistics, publications related to RVing, membership benefit passes, national park passes, recipes, and a full checklist. A glossary with definitions of RVing terms follows the appendix. The destinations and excitement of traveling in a recreational vehicle are endless. I hope that the tips I've included here help you get the most out of all your future RV adventures.

About the Author Bernice Beard, author of *301 Ways to Make RV Travel Safer, Easier, and More Fun*, is a veteran motorhomer whose numerous trips with her husband have included a 44-day caravan through Alaska and a 5-week excursion from Maryland to Arizona. She has chronicled several of her trips in *Colorado at Your Own Pace: Traveling by Motorhome with Friends*, *Alaska at Your Own Pace: Traveling by RV Caravan*, and *At Your Own Pace: Traveling Your Way in Your Motorhome*. Her articles have appeared in newspapers and magazines including *The Mature Traveler*, *Bus Conversions*, *Family Motor Coaching*, and *Holidays*. She has shared her RVing experience and expertise in numerous radio interviews with stations across the United States. While traveling, Beard collects information, takes photographs, and records observations in her laptop computer, working in a specially adapted office space in the Beard's 37-foot motorhome. These materials and insights provide the basis for her manuscripts, such as her first book, *At Your Own Pace*, which Beard decided to write when a friend kept asking discerning questions about motorhoming. A Maryland native, Beard earned both her bachelor of arts and master of liberal arts degrees from Western Maryland College where she was also employed full time until her retirement. She and her husband, Paul, reside in Westminster, Maryland. They have one grown son and a daughter-in-law. Beard is a member of the Westminster Church of the Brethren Camping Group, the Family Motor Coach Association, and the Good Sam Club. She also belongs to the American Association of University Women and is a charter member of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. She is listed in *Who's Who of American Women*. RV travel remains a source of joy and adventure for Beard and her husband. They camp on weekends and take a major trip of several weeks or months each year. New dreams and destinations always seem to call them back on the road.