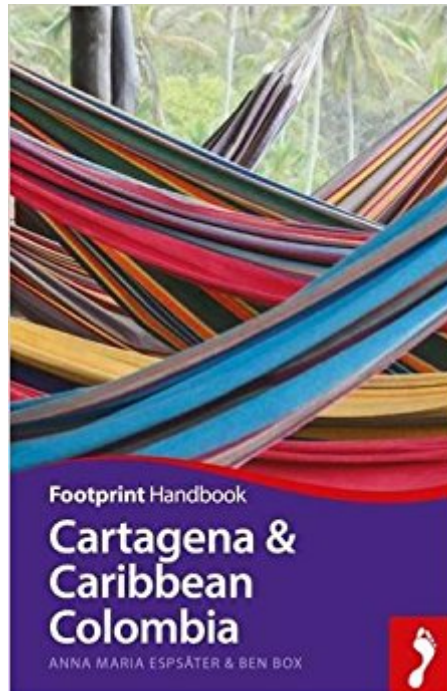




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Customer Reviews

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Ben Box - One of the first assignments Ben Box took as a freelance writer in 1980 was sub-editing work on the South American Handbook. The plan then was to write about contemporary Iberian and

Latin American affairs, but in no time at all the lands south of the Rio Grande took over, inspiring journeys to all corners of the subcontinent. Ben has contributed to newspapers, magazines and learned tomes, usually on the subject of travel, and became editor of the South American Handbook in 1989. He has also been involved in Footprint's Handbooks, and many of these titles he has collaborated with his wife and Footprint Caribbean expert, Sarah Cameron. Having a doctorate in Spanish and Portuguese studies from London University, Ben maintains a strong interest in Latin American literature. In the British summer he plays cricket for his local village side and year round he attempts to achieve some level of self-sufficiency in fruit and veg in a rather unruly country garden in Suffolk.

I was hoping to have a travel guide providing more information on the different towns and areas of Colombia. What I found in this book was a few pages about the attractions and a whole lot of pages on the hotels and restaurants which, in this day of Internet reservations, was not all that useful especially when the authors provided little in the way of rating these places. It was like they gave a list with little to no recommendations - not exactly useful when I was looking for information instead of a list that can be found on any simple google search. Maybe this is why it has been so long since the last time I bought a travel guide. Probably the last time I will buy a book of this sort.

It is okay. Info is cheap so even if it only adds one or two "aha"s to my trip, it is worth it. That said, the Lonely Planet book on all of Colombia has surprisingly more detail than this more specialized local volume.

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