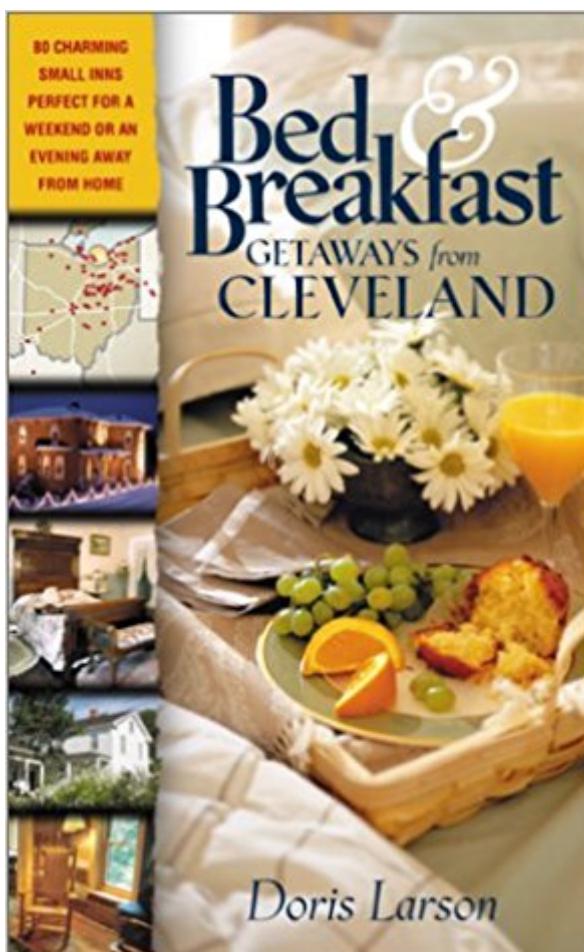


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Bed & Breakfast Getaways From Cleveland



Synopsis

Bed & Breakfasts make great destinations for overnight and weekend trips. Here are 80 B&Bs and small inns that Clevelanders (and Cleveland visitors) should know about, because they're perfect for a quick getaway--just a short drive from home. Visit a quaint town filled with antique stores and homey restaurants, sample the nightlife in an exciting metropolitan area, or take some time away to do . . . nothing. These B&Bs are organized by location, to make finding one easy if you already have travel plans taking you to some part of Ohio or neighboring states. Special chapters organize B&Bs by type of location--college towns, for example. Or use the Idea Index--it groups B&Bs by specialties, such as "Cozy Firesides" or "Outdoorsy Activities Nearby"--when you're not exactly sure what you're looking for yet. Each inn is described in objective detail, so you'll know what to expect. (You probably don't want to bring the dog to a lace-filled Victorian--or spend your 1st anniversary at an inn where everyone else has brought their kids!) All the facts you'll need to plan your visit are included--price, directions, credit cards accepted, number and types of rooms, meal info, pets allowed, reservation requirements, and more. Unlike some Bed & Breakfast guides, this one accepts NO advertising or payment for listings. These B&Bs were selected by travel writer Doris Larson solely based on their quality. She knows, because she visited them all in person.

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Takes all the tedium out of trying to get away. Believe me, you can drive all around this region and not find the gems Larson has uncovered in this book . . . This isn't a coffee-table book, but something to be well thumbed again and again. Don't leave home without it, or you'll be sleeping in

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Doris Larson is a professional travel journalist who has written more than 100 articles on accomodations and destinations. Her work has appeared in Ohio Magazine, Northern Ohio Live magazine, Cleveland Magazine, Inns & Retreats, Country Living, and many others. She personally visited each bed-and-breakfast reviewed in this book. She lives in Kent, Ohio.

The eye-catching cover is just one of the many delightful features in this easy-to-read guide. Ms. Larson has filled its pages with informative research, maps, and events near and around the inns. That the author herself meticulously researched the inns and surrounding areas is enough to reassure even the most cautious traveler that they won't be disappointed. The locations she's selected are not limited to Ohio, but include lovely locales in Canada, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania and Kentucky - the perfect getaway guide for travelers and romantic stays.

Not only does Doris Larson's new book give all the important details about the destinations she writes about. It offers descriptions so personal and vivid that one feels they had already visited these places in another life. Nuances abound, describing ambience, innkeeper personalities, surrounding culture and little known gems to be discovered in each location. Points of historical interest are described as much more than a footnote. Architectural highlights abound. All in all, this book surpasses its status as a guide book and qualifies as a good read.

Ms. Larson has written a complete and wise guide to the area. I have visited a couple of the Inns she discusses and found her observations to be very close to my experiences. Her local commentaries are wonderful and reflect a very thorough knowleged of her topic. She writes with warm perspective and lovely appreciation for the Inns, their histories and their owners. I am looking forward to trying a few of her choices. For anyone in the region or thinking about visiting I would consider this book as one of the best resources available.

This B&B guild is among the best on the market and definitely the most complete of this region. Ms. Larson prefaces each section with her special commentaries about the specific areas and her grasp of the area is immediately evident. Her warm personality matches the character of the B&Bs she describes. For anyone venturing into the historic nooks of the region this is the guide to have. I live nearby and have visited several of the homes she has reviewed and find myself happily surprised at her thoroughness and accuracy.

I found this book to be a pleasant diversion while I was having car work done. (That alone is a good recommendation.) I know of one of the inns Ms. Larson reviewed, and her descriptions of the area and the restaurants are so accurate, I would feel confident to trust any of her other reviews. I hope that I'll get to try some of these places soon, but until then, I can enjoy her descriptions and great pictures.

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