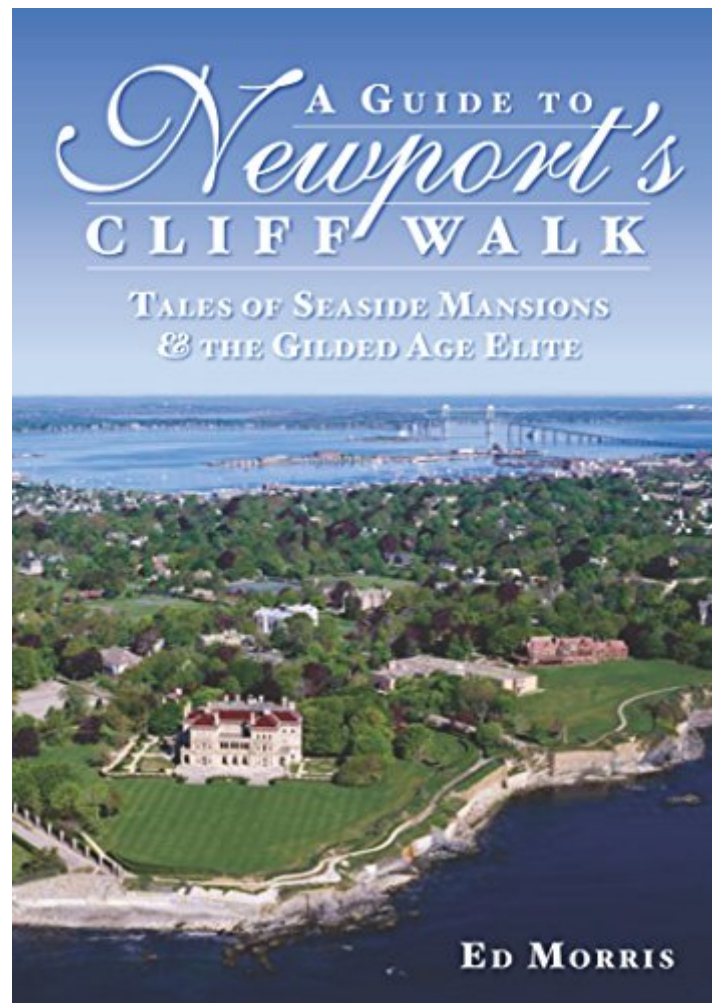




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From the grand majesty of the Breakers to the beautiful proportions of Rosecliff, these houses are enduring reminders of the architectural flowering of the Gilded Age. Where the salty air mingles with the far-off laughter of women in ball gowns, the houses of the Newport Cliff Walk preside in grandeur over the crashing waves below. Walking along the paved trail, it's easy to imagine the faintest hint of a waltz coming from the windows of Beechwood, or to envision the Duchess of Windsor's carriage arriving for a visit at Fairholme. Ed Morris takes you on a tour of twenty-four historic mansions and landmarks, entertaining along the way with tales of splendor and style, social maneuvering and matchmaking.

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Customer Reviews

I purchased this guide book prior to a trip to Newport. I had heard of the Cliff Walk but didn't know much about it. The last time we visited Newport we toured the mansions but we didn't have time to take the walk and this trip I intended to give the Cliff Walk priority. I googled for information on

Newport, RI and reference was made to the Cliff Walk and this guide. I was very happy with my purchase. The author not only gave descriptions and pictures of the homes along the way but a little history regarding the owners of the homes and informative and humorous stories associated with them. He divided the 3.7 mile walk into map segments with information on what you would see in each section. I think a trip to Newport, RI would not be complete without visiting at least some of the mansions and taking this walk along the cliffs behind the famous homes. The views of the ocean are beautiful and many of the homes are viewable from the path. I would advise, however, that if you go on a sunny day that you take sunblock and a hat!

I visited Newport and walked the Cliff Walk, or should I have said, hiked? It is a marvelous three miles of gorgeous acreage of the "backyards" of the summer "cottages" built more than a hundred years ago, impossible to duplicate today. The other side of the walk consists of the Atlantic Ocean, with no guard rails, it's just you and the sea. The book details the history of these mansions, as well as Newport itself, and also cautions the reader to truly beware on "the Walk" as a wrong twist of the foot could tumble you into the ocean. The book is an enchanting blend of pictures and narrative, written companionably to present a sublime image of one of Newport's greatest assets. It is marked to let the reader know where he is each step of the way. One word of warning, leave the book back at the motel, or read it before venturing out on Cliff Walk. One needs total concentration out there.

Really helped our trip. Just enough information for the tour.

A good guide while in Newport visiting mansions.

Easy to read and informative. Took it along to Newport two weeks ago.

Perfect little book to read before going.

I live in Newport and have walked the cliff walk many times. It helps to have some details as to what is going on with the many mansions.

A great book for walker!

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