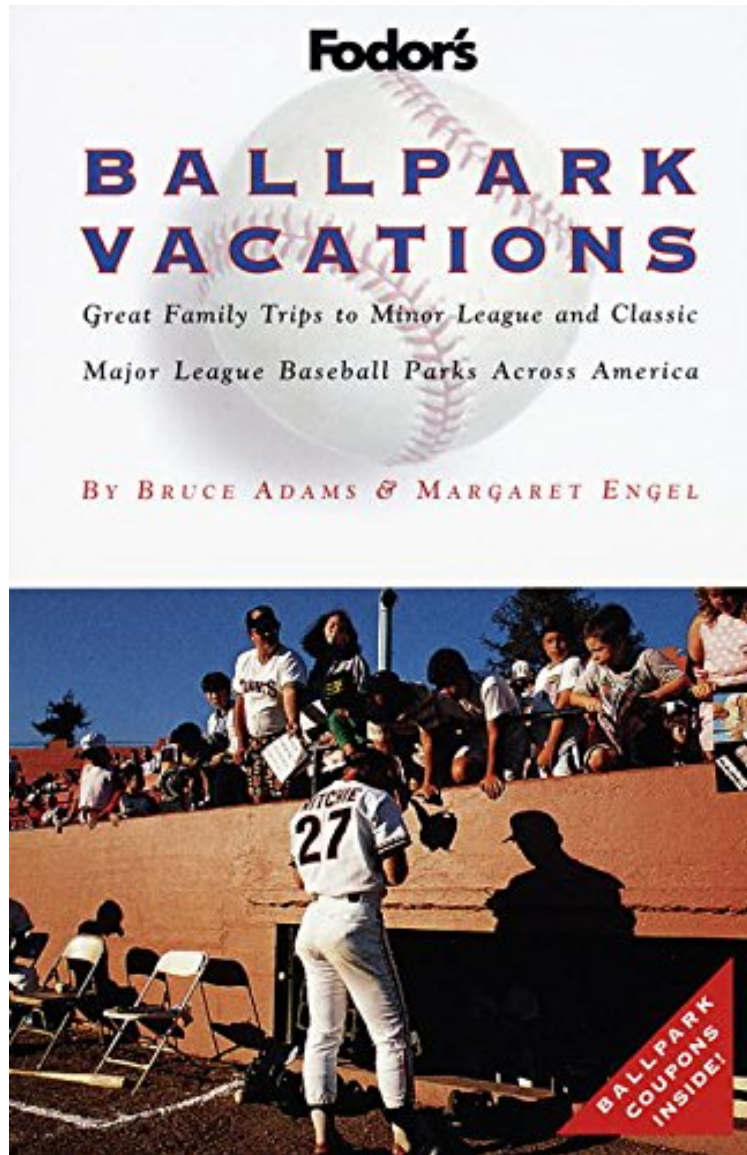


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the extraordinary beauty of our country to the shameful neglect of our downtowns. We wrote this book to help families plan realistic vacations that include baseball. It's a departure from the usual "guy trip" books that emphasize steakhouses, baseball trivia, and sports bars. Hey, we love those guys, but it's nice to know a restaurant with milk and apple juice. We've included kids' entertainments, from hands-on science museums to waterparks, and history stops that, for the most part, kids will want to see, like Indian pueblos, battlefields, and a corny Boston tea party. We divided the book into trips that could be accomplished over a long weekend, but that could also be stretched into a week, taking advantage of all the sights and entertainments in each town.