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**Danielle Birrer, Christopher Birrer, Richard Birrer : Climbing Across America: A Family Guide to Highpointing the 50 States** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Climbing Across America: A Family Guide to Highpointing the 50 States:

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not A Travel Guide By Randy Given This is not a travel guide, in the narrative sense. I was expecting a book that had many chapters dealing with their travels across the states. Because it is

not, I would have given it 3 stars. However, even though I have several highpoint guides, this one is a welcome addition. I think the second edition of the Winger's book is still my favorite, but this one has some highpoints (pun intended). This book has more items for the family -- things to do in the area. It also has a good couple of chapters on the necessary preparations for highpointing. For that, I would give it 5 stars. However, some of the highpoints have very slim descriptions of the actual hike. For that, I give it 4 stars. Overall, 4 stars.4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A book that delivers as promisedBy newbie highpointerActually, this book IS a guide to the 50 states--every one of them. It describes in detail the highpoint in each of the 50 states, in alphabetical order. Each listing gives all the info you would ever want: where it is, how to get to there, what you'll see when you arrive, the exact elevation, etc. A nice added bonus is information on places of interest near the highpoint, complete with driving directions. Also, the title does not say it is a "travel guide" but rather a "family guide." And that it is! For a book that easily fits in the glove compartment, it's packed with helpful tips and suggestions for highpointing with the kids. In fact, that's the story behind the book--it is written by three siblings who started highpointing with their parents at a very early age.As a parent--and a beginning highpointer--I found it just what I was looking for. Not a boring useless narrative but an informative "guide" to highpointing the 50 states. Thanks to it, we're planning a multi-state highpointing adventure next summer. I think it delivers precisely what it advertises: a guide to the 50 highpoints in America for the family. Highly recommended.5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Don't waste your moneyBy A CustomerIt would be less of a waste of money to climb to the highest point in your state and throw all your money off the top! You and your family are better off climbing/hiking as much as you can and keeping a journal. The book is boring and pathetic in its ill attempts to be witty. And that's not mentioning the pathetic climbing advice. The website documents that one of the authors is in college while the other two have graduated from Yale. I found this surprising as the caliber of writing made me assume that the Birrer children were much younger. Just save your money and have fun outside with your loved ones!

The Birrer family has climbed to the highest point in each of the 50 states. Now twin brothers Chris and Rich, along with sister Danielle, describe their travels with Mom and Dad in a fun and informative guide aimed at those in search of a uniquely American adventure. Written with the active family in mind, *Climbing Across America* offers advice on everything from when and where to go, to what to wear, eat and look for along the way. Provides maps, directions and a solid introduction to the wonders of Highpointing. Foreword by Jack Longacre, president of the Highpointers Club of America.

About the AuthorThe Birrer trio--twin brothers, Rich and Chris, and sister, Danielle--began their hiking and climbing activities at the ages of three and four while exploring their backyard sand pile and the park system of their native Long Island. Through scouting programs they mastered orienteering, camping, climbing, and wilderness survival, eventually achieving the levels of Eagle Scout (Rich and Chris) and Gold Award (Danielle). During the summers of 1988 through 2000 they planned family outings to the highpoints in each of the fifty states that exposed them to America's rich geography, history, and diversity. Each is a first-degree black belt in "Kyokushinkai" karate and has received the bronze, silver, and gold Congressional Medals for community volunteer activity. They are accomplished musicians, competitive athletes in the sports of diving and crew, and proficient in Spanish. Rich and Chris graduated from Yale University in 2002; Danielle will enter her junior year at Columbia/Barnard. Most recently, they successfully climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.