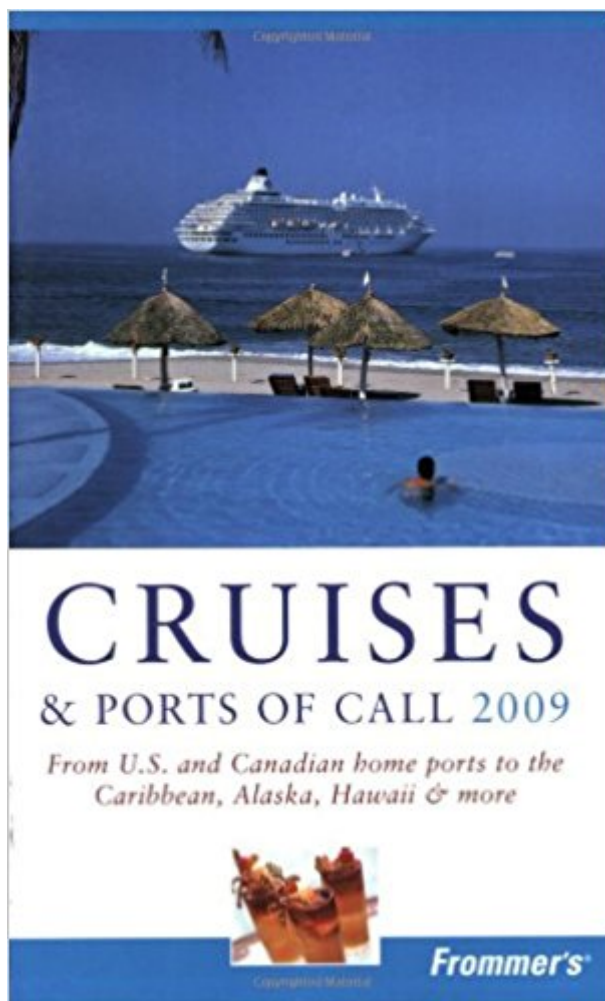


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I bought this for my dad. He is hard to buy for. When he opened, it was his favorite present. He and my mom, have been on 50 cruises (no exaggeration). He said he found this book to be informative and well organized. Something to consider for the person who has it all or is hard to shop for.

There is much good advice found in this book. Information about cruises is voluminous on the internet, but varies widely depending on the informant's tastes. As a novice cruiser I wanted a handbook with concise information and phone numbers, addresses, and web sites all in one place. This is a good source for that information.

We've been on two cruises and the guide answered every question we had, and answered many that we would not have thought to ask. The book definitely made our trips much more enjoyable than they would have otherwise been.

What was included was excellent. I just wish there had been more information. Manzanillo was not in the book. I would have also liked more recommendations at each destination.

I buy this book every year when planning for our cruise! Not only does it give the best info on all of the ships, it provides the latest recommendations for the excursions. I'd rather buy the book and find out that the excursion we think it going to be great doesn't even find it's way into the book as a recommendation than loose \$200 or more on an excursion that is a waste of money...

I buy this every year when it comes out as I love to read about all the new cruise ships and gain insight into the personalities of the different lines/ships. I donate the last book to my library so they can put it in the travel section.

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