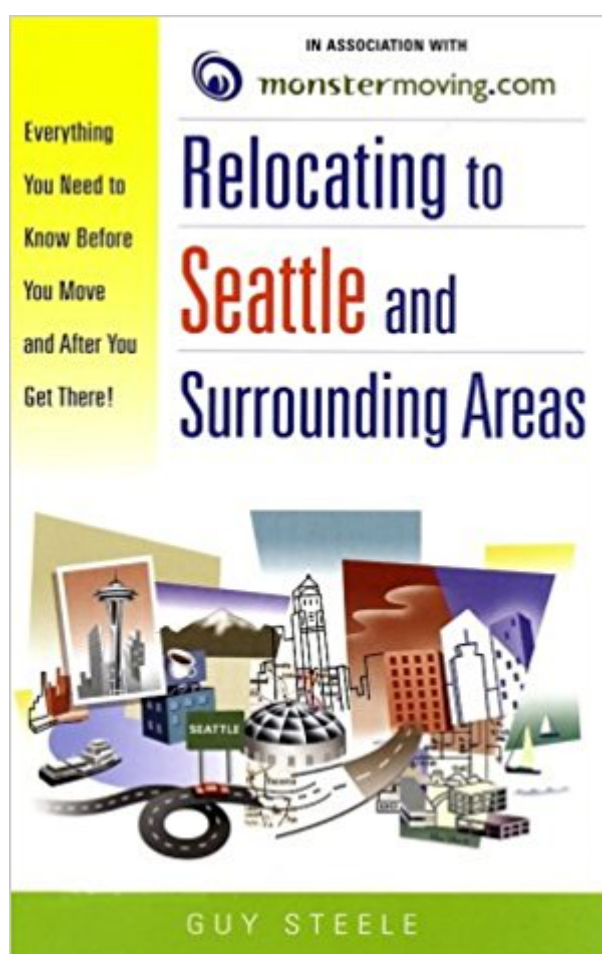


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# Relocating To Seattle And Surrounding Areas: Everything You Need To Know Before You Move And After You Get There!



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Making the Big Move to Seattle Just Got Easier Seattle and its neighboring communities are among the fastest growing areas in the country. But moving there can be an overwhelming and expensive experience. This book gives you all the information you need to make the transition smooth and affordable, including: How to find a place to live fast Where to look for a job How much it costs to live in the area Where to find the best restaurants in town How to choose a neighborhood you'll love What to do in and around Seattle And much, much more! Bursting with information on everything from post offices, banks, and health clubs to school districts and movie theaters, Relocating to Seattle and Surrounding Areas helps you negotiate the city like a seasoned veteran on your very first day. Find Out About: Downtown Seattle Bellevue Renton Fremont Beacon Hill Capitol Hill Redmond Mercer Island Beaux Arts And many other areas

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## Customer Reviews

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Maybe this is a nice book about how to move, but not about choosing Seattle. What is the most important thing about picking a house in "our" new circumstances? How many bedrooms? Schools? NO. PROPERTY TAXES. Unfunded pension obligations. I live in Illinois and pay 10K in county

taxes. I have a vacation house in Michigan and pay 10K in county taxes. I am looking for someone to do the homework on finding a community where they have not pre-spent all my money. This book was no help. The index does not even have a listing for "taxes".

Some of the information is a bit outdated, thus the 4 stars. But there are many useful bits of information and the condition of the book was excellent. But it was also a tad outdated. Some of this information needs to be kept current to be useful.

I don't like this book. The neighborhood reviews are too short and too opinionated. The author clearly thinks that owning a big pink house in the suburbs is paradise. As a result, his descriptions of the city neighborhoods are all scorn and no detail. Also, a big chunk of the book is boilerplate info from monstermoving.com that has no particular relevance to Seattle. I also got the Newcomers Handbook for Seattle, and I am much more impressed with it.

i will come next time . best service. Very sharp and strong product. It was my first kind of cutting product for food and I am very impressed. I've had it for a few months now and its sharpness is still the best of all the knives I have. my husband think it is amazing , this price is valuable.

On the whole, Guy Steele's book about relocating to Seattle is a very well organized and written book. It's just that it has a few problems. There's a point of view problem with the book, partly because of the fact that he's a former Los Angelino land developer turned writer. He has lots of nice things to say about high-road developed areas, such as Medina and Mercer Island, but he has very little to say about low-road areas where things grew as they needed to grow. He has lots of nice ways to make sprawl sound good (his description of Issaquah is a good example), but he doesn't have much to say about where it hasn't been able to take root (or where infilling will come later and at a substantial cost, such as in the International District). His take on West Seattle was, as a result, fairly predictable (he hates it, almost going to the extent of ignoring it) but he nails down the core issues fairly well (it's isolated from the rest of Seattle and its crime is up). From my perspective, it compares favorably with similar areas in Atlanta, such as the Morningside/Virginia-Highland area near Emory, despite the problem with its location. It doesn't appear to suffer from too much attention from land developers and perhaps because of its relative isolation, it is a fairly comfortable and affordable area, which may appeal to some people moving to Seattle. It was apparent that because of his point of view, he spent less time researching this one area than he should have. What's more

disturbing than the problems with point of view are the problems with omissions and errors. The map insets often don't match the enlarged areas and there are some notable areas of Seattle, such as Ballard, which have been left out entirely. Maybe it's because it's easy for him to ignore Ballard, but I find this and other similar omissions annoying. Sure, maybe you don't want to live in the sound footprint of Sea-Tac and for that reason alone, you too would ignore Rainier Beach and Skyway, but it would have been nice to have known they existed as well. As a result of these problems, this is an incomplete book. It's worth the money, but I really hope these problems are fixed in the next edition.

My wife and I are relocating to Seattle from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Even though we are remaining in our fields of expertise-- engineering and accounting-- and have accepted positions with Fortune 10 corporations, it was not without anxiety that we contemplated our move. We have been in the Great Lakes area for twenty-seven years. Karen bought Mr. Steele's book and we read it prior to making two "fact-finding missions" to Seattle. What we anticipated to be stressful extended weekends turned out to be exciting and productive. Largely this was due to Mr. Steele's book. On the plane, Karen and I practically had to rip the book in half so that she could enjoy the neighborhood and restaurant descriptions and I could enjoy "Working in the City" and "Getting to Know Your Town". Even though we had only three days for our first trip we were able to narrow our neighborhood selection to two areas, Hollywood Hill and Kirkland. On the return visit we made an offer on a perfect "ranchette" and had time to take a cruise of the San Juan Islands. By the time we returned to Michigan, Mr. Steele's book looked like a head of lettuce. Not only did the book save us time and money, it allowed us to partake in some of the finer offerings of Seattle, thus taking the edge off what would have otherwise been stressful times. We highly recommend this book and we highly recommend Seattle!

I found this book more helpful for the actual packing/moving process than I did for the Seattle-specific location. I like the checklist of things to do before you move and the timeline for when to handle certain moving-related tasks. However, I was not very impressed with the information on Seattle. The descriptions of the neighborhoods seemed romanticized, as if the author were trying to poetically display this extreme personality and contrast to each section. I'm not convinced they are accurate descriptions. I was also expecting a lot of information on the city--downtown, the traffic, the weather, etc.--and I was quite disappointed. I would recommend looking into another book, or buying this one used for 46 cents as I did.

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