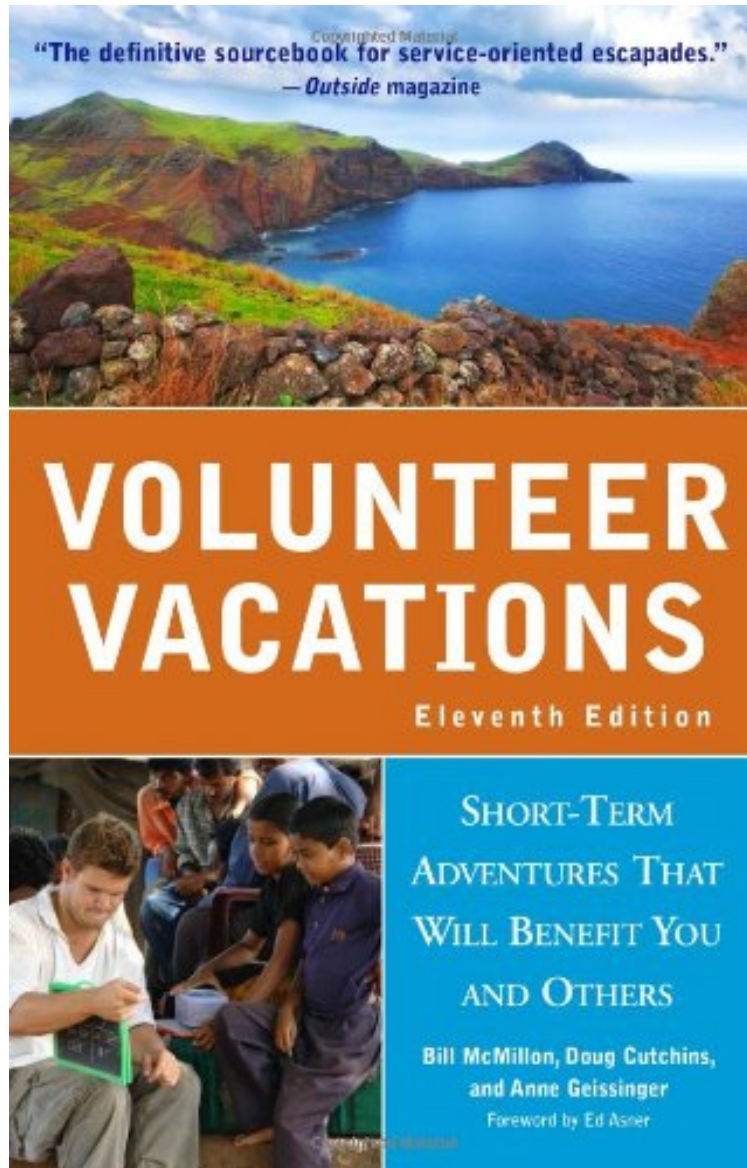


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By O. Merce Brown*****I bought this book out of curiosity and was amazed at the variety of opportunities available to travel and contribute throughout the world. The book is a compendium of opportunities of every imaginable type, an incredible resource if you're even thinking about a taking a vacation in which you volunteer. Each opportunity contains all contact information, include web site, the types of projects available, organization mission statements, the year founded, the number of volunteers last year (so that you can see the scope of the program), funding sources, what kind of work the organization does, project locations, time line (when and for how long commitments are made), cost (including arrangements that must be made like medical examinations), how to get started, needed skills, and the specific populations that could qualify. The book is very friendly to those with limitations (for example, sight limitations, physical agility, etc.). There are also stories throughout the book from volunteers about their actual experiences while volunteering. There is a section on long-term volunteering opportunities. There are four indexes: by project cost, project length, location, season, and type. It is a wonderful book to use to explore what types of things you might like to do, as well as to use as a research base to search out specific opportunities. It is a great value, and an organized way to begin your volunteer journey! Highly recommended.*****
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By K. Borden Just OK. This book consists exclusively of 2-4 page overviews of select volunteer organizations. While the categorized summaries are helpful it is pretty much a listing of facts. The selected organizations are heavily slanted toward international volunteering. I was hoping for some objective and practical advice from people with first hand experience with volunteer vacations - this book had none of that.

If you're looking for a way to make a difference while on vacations simultaneously getting away and using your talents to improve the world this guide shows you how a short-term volunteer stint can transform your life as much as the people, animals, and ecology you choose to help. This fully updated edition is filled with in-depth information and profiles of 150 select organizations, more than 40 new in this edition, running thousands of quality programs in the United States and around the world. Inside, you'll discover ways to Excavate Jurassic Period dinosaur fossils in Wyoming Work with women in their own microbusinesses in Ghana Study wolves with field scientists in Slovakia Help Haitians rebuild their homes Organize activities for orphaned children in the Dominican Republic Live and work with elephants in Thailand Each listing includes complete contact information with locations, costs, dates, and project details you won't find anywhere else. It lets you know the work volunteers typically do and any special skills needed and highlights projects specifically tailored for families, seniors, and people with disabilities. Stories from recent volunteers and a host of new photographs help you further imagine your volunteer adventure.

"Details thousands of opportunities for anyone wanting to see the world with a purpose." Westworld Magazine