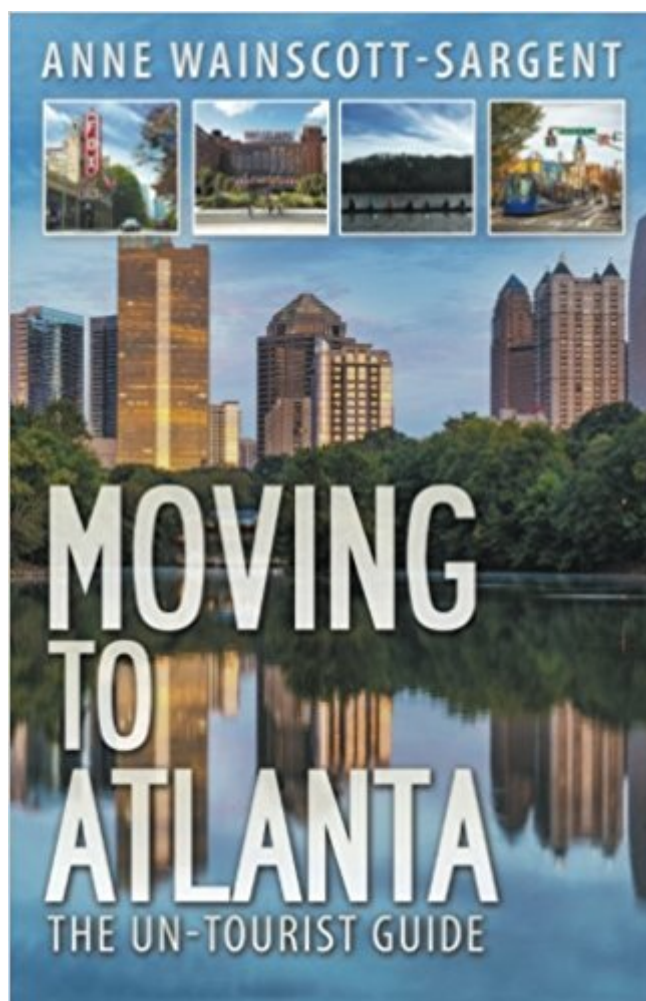


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# Moving To Atlanta: The Un-Tourist Guide



## Synopsis

Atlanta, the capital of Georgia and the South, continues to attract people because of its Southern charm, mild climate, affordability, and career growth opportunities. Because of all that Atlanta offers, it's hard to know where to make yourself at home unless you have *Moving To Atlanta: The Un-Tourist Guide*, which tells you everything you need to know to help you settle smoothly in the ATL. Featuring interviews with residents and a number of experts in real estate, media, business, academia and neighborhood development, *Moving To Atlanta: The Un-Tourist Guide* will help you:

- Choose where to live
- Select the best schools for your children
- Discover how to connect in your community
- Enjoy great dining and nightlife
- Learn all about the strong Atlanta economy
- Experience Atlanta's many outdoor activities

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New to Atlanta? Moving here some day? You have to read this little jewel of a book. The Neighborhoods section is hugely valuable both in historic perspective as well as cultural variations. You will want to take a tour through these neighborhoods to enjoy their contrasts (vive la difference!). The housing prices are clearly defined, from low to high. It's like having an Atlanta native in your back pocket! While I have been here for many years, observing the many changes to this beautiful city, *Moving to Atlanta: The Un-Tourist Guide* is full of fresh details you can only find here.

Somewhat helpful. I returned it.

This is the best guide book of Atlanta I've ever read. As a novelist I use guide books of locations all the time. In cases where I have not been able to visit a city, these guide books give me a wealth of information about places where my novels are located, whether they be in the U.S., Europe, Asia, or South America. Since several of my books are set in Atlanta, Georgia, I am always researching details and facts about this city. As a consequence, I use many guide books about Atlanta, and without a doubt, *"Moving to Atlanta"* is the best I've read. The author includes numerous details of Atlanta, including weather, housing, schools, restaurants, a geographic guide, traffic patterns, television stations, things to do, cultural information, entertainment, community organizations, farmers markets, festivals, and countless other items too numerous to mention. I also found the photos and charts of the area very useful. If you are moving to Atlanta, or already live here (as I do), I can highly recommend this book.

This is an excellent guide for anyone considering a move to metro Atlanta. It's no doubt the most comprehensive guide to a city I have ever seen. I particularly appreciated a couple of aspects of the book: the attention to neighborhoods outside as well as inside the perimeter, and interviews with people actually living in them. Reading a first-hand account of a resident allows for a much better feel of an area. Of course, reading about it and living in a new city are not the same, so the advice to rent for a year before settling on buying a property is the wisest route to settling. Take the time to assess the (horrible) traffic patterns and how to make them work for your lifestyle. Well done, Anne Wainscott-Sargent!

We are facing a relocation to the Atlanta area. Although I have traveled frequently to the city on

business, I didn't understand which neighborhoods would be right for our family. This book really captures the spirit of the very different communities in metro Atlanta. It also includes lots of stuff on fun things to do with the kids. All in all, a most helpful book.

This book can be a very valuable guide to people who know they are moving to Atlanta OR the person contemplating a moving and considering Atlanta to be on its short list. The book has a wealth of data not found in most guides -- how hospitals compare, how high schools compare with others nationally, etc. I can't imagine anyone walking away from this book claiming it wasn't comprehensive enough for them. The book also offer some sweet 'insider' tips. For example, who knew living east of your workplace on the northside of town is an absolute no-no due to traffic congestion/patterns? Or that a particular app can help newcomers overcome Atlanta's frustrating habit of having streets change names for no apparent reason? Perhaps the best aspect of the book is its in-depth descriptions of neighborhoods both inside and beyond the Perimeter. This is what most people moving want and need -- a clear understanding of 'hoods so they can quickly narrow their selection not just to what they can afford but also what fits their lifestyle. That does open up the only minor carp I might have with the book -- which is organization issues. Those neighborhoods are listed alphabetically, which means to get a good understanding of what's right for you, you may have to read ALL of them. I wondered whether it might have been more helpful to cluster the neighborhoods under categories -- Best for Young Families, Best for Hipsters, Best for Retirees, etc etc. And the overall organization of the book might merit some rethink. Although history, and Atlanta's prominence as a film site, might be interesting to some, I'm not sure people moving to the area want or need that info before the nice data on moving companies, cost of living, etc. Having an 'Oh and if you're interested' section in the back with the more historical info might work better. That said, there is so much GOOD and HELPFUL data here one would need hours to compile on one's own, any quibbles would be minor. At first I wondered if the book were funded by the Chamber of Commerce, it glowed so much about the city. But then, lo and behold, I came upon a couple of paragraphs that did a good job of saying, "Ya' know, in this category, Atlanta doesn't do that great." So it is anything but a puff piece. All in all, a great guide for those who think Atlanta may soon be the next place they call home.

As someone who has lived in this wonderful state and city for almost 35 years... I have to say I'm impressed. "Moving to Atlanta..." is up to date... contemporary with a wide range of information and tidbits about the city... it's politics, people and culture. Spending 20 years here as a journalist has

given me a unique perspective and access to all of the city and its neighborhoods... both inside and OTP (outside the perimeter, as they say..) The author covers the good and the bad (traffic and rush hour!!). But anyone contemplating moving to our city will soon learn the ebb and flow of the city and its interstate. Recommending the Wayze App is a good start. I also like that she lists the sources of some of her research for comparisons of schools and hospitals.

I grew up here, but then moved away for 20 years, so this is a great book for getting reacquainted with a city that has changed immensely over the past two decades.

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