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CHELAN NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S 100 TOP TOWNS

Chelan is acclaimed as one of the 100 top vacation towns in the country in a new guidebook.

The Great Towns of America by David and Joan Vokac was written with both travelers and urban escapists in mind. It is packed with detailed information about fun-filled getaway communities.

One hundred locales from coast to coast like Bar Harbor, Maine and Cambria, California are identified where the comforts and artistry of civilization blend easily with nearby natural grandeur. **The Great Towns of America**, subtitled the "All New Guide to the 100 Best Getaways for a Vacation or a Lifetime," is a completely revised follow-up to the original compilation of the entire nation's great towns first released in 1998. Twelve of the original 100 from the first book have been replaced by new communities that more thoroughly enhanced their desirability as travel destinations and relocation sites in the intervening decade.

The Vokacs are pleased to report that Chelan has retained its status among the nation's best. Chelan was described by the authors as "the gateway to America's most extraordinary big lake." Four other Washington towns made the elite list: La Conner, Langley, Leavenworth, and Port Townsend.

David Vokac, a former urban planner turned full-time travel writer, is the author of ten earlier guidebooks. He and his wife Joan, also a former planner, devoted two years and 80,000 miles criss-crossing the nation in search of the hundred best from among 221 semi-finalist communities. Their rigorous field work in every great town resulted in a comprehensive guidebook full of concise, accurate descriptions of the prime attractions, restaurants, and lodgings in each selected town. In addition, Vokac's unique weather profiles rate the weather in each locale from a "0" to a "10" for each month. A special concluding chapter provides livability and affordability tables comparing Chelan to each of the other great towns; America's largest cities; and the nation.

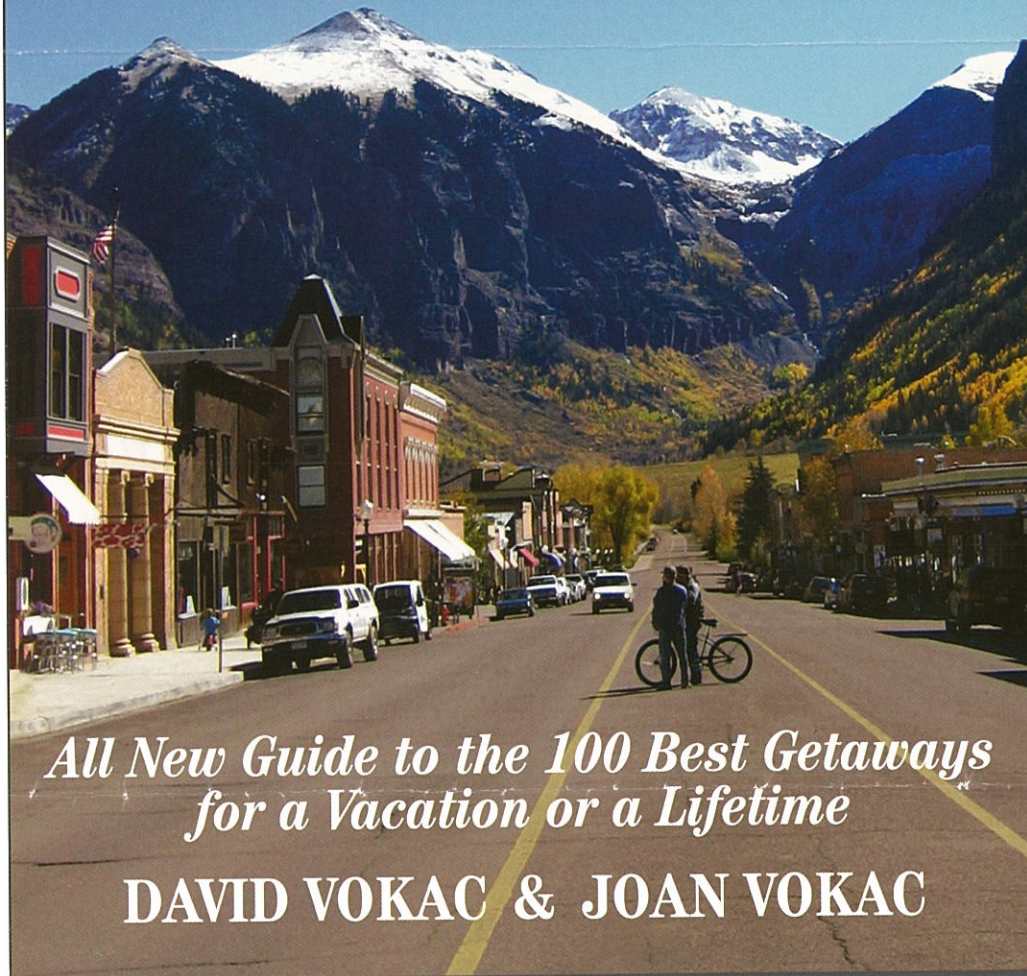
The 5½" x 8½", 624-page quality paperback sells for \$23.95 in bookstores. Complementary details about the towns that made the list are also being presented on the Vokacs' evolving website, <http://www.greattowns.com>.

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As a bonus, the livability profile has helpful key data about each locale
for everyone considering relocation to a great town.

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