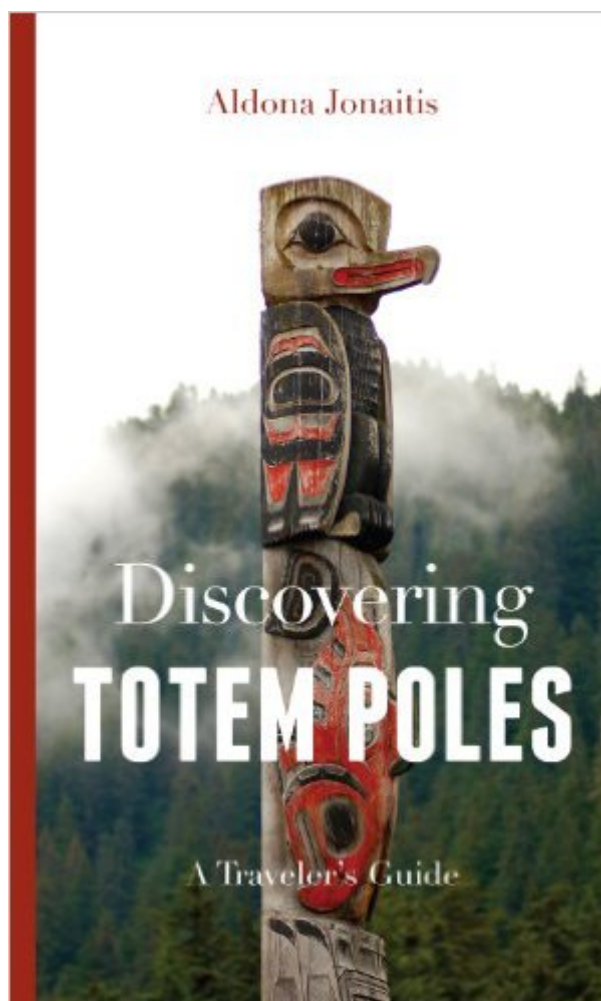


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# Discovering Totem Poles: A Traveler's Guide (Ruth E. Kirk Books)



## Synopsis

Rising from a forest mist or soaring overhead in parks and museums, magnificent cedar totem poles have captured the attention and imagination of visitors to Washington State, British Columbia, and Alaska. *Discovering Totem Poles* is the first guidebook to focus on the complex and fascinating histories of the specific poles visitors encounter in Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver, Alert Bay, Prince Rupert, Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands), Ketchikan, Sitka, and Juneau. It debunks common misconceptions about totem poles and explores the stories behind the making and displaying of 90 different poles. Travelers with this guide in their pockets will return home with a deeper knowledge of the monumental carvings, their place in history, and the people who made them.

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It is exciting to read such astonishing facts about totem poles from a hundred or more years ago. Mysteries are put to rest about many artistic creations, and the totems that were surprisingly replaced by copies. This book uniquely displays helpful maps of the locations from Seattle to Juneau. The design of the book is pleasing and convenient to any traveler up the Northwest coast. I particularly enjoyed the historical and cultural aspects, learning about those who have done the magnificent carvings. This is an amazingly well done book making it a very enjoyable read.

Discussing colonial relations as manifest in the history and form of totem poles. Wish there were more of the older poles, and less of the very recent ones.

I bought this book because I was fascinated with the different Totem Poles I found in Washington State (although none of these are in this book). What the book does have is some very interesting information and photos. Lots of old B&W photos as well as images and information on newer poles, plus maps on where the poles are located.

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