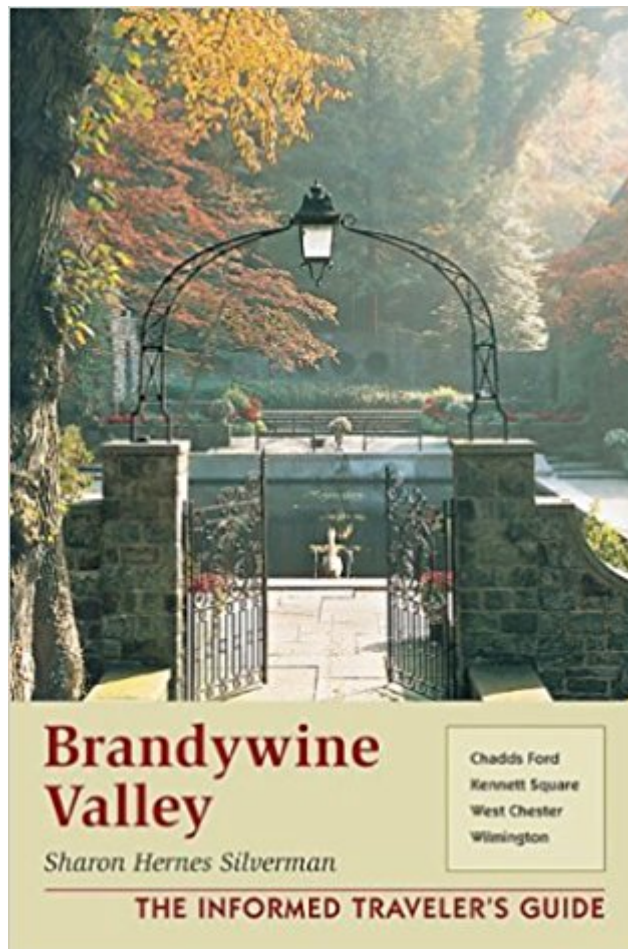




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Customer Reviews

An increasingly popular tourist destination in southeastern Pennsylvania, Brandywine Valley boasts art museums, good restaurants, antiques shopping and many other attractions. Until now, however, inquisitive travelers have had to rely on Web sites and brochures for information about the region. Silverman's comprehensive guide fills that void, giving readers an in-depth geographical, social, popular, literary and culinary history of the land. She breaks her guidebook into four sections: Chadds Ford, where the biggest conflict of the Revolutionary War took place; West Chester, a small town with a thriving contemporary arts scene; Kennett Square, home to the horticultural jewel Longwood Gardens; and Wilmington, Del., the biggest city in the region. Throughout her volume, Silverman lists parks, spas, hotels, bed and breakfasts, shops, museums, restaurants and activities

for children. Illustrated with 117 color photos, Silverman's volume provides an intelligent, useful guide to the area's attractions. Maps. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"Sharon Hernes Silverman holds the Brandywine Valley in the palm of her hand. She's plumbed the history, the art, the shops, the kitchens, and, most impressive of all, the beautiful spaces that make the region so special." --HOWARD SHAPIRO, travel writer for Philadelphia Inquirer

This is full of information about this beautiful and fascinating region of the East Coast. I'd have given it five stars if it had been a newer, revised edition which would have more accurate prices and more up to date restaurant and lodging reviews. But for basic information of what the area has to offer in terms of beautiful old houses, lovely gardens, and top-notch museums, it's still very useful. I first saw it at the B&B where we stayed recently and even though I knew it was not a new edition I thought it was definitely worth owning a copy ourselves.

My husband was a site administrator at Washington Crossing Historic site in the late 1980's and I would often walk over and visit Chadds Ford and other places of interest in that area. One of the advantages of being the wife of a historic site administrator, was that I saw more of sites in Pennsylvania and the Brandywine Valley was a favorite place for me to wander around (after all, once has witnessed a re-enactment of a battle, it can be boring!)

Wonderful pictures and places to visit. Well written and makes you want to travel to Brandywine, Chester PA
Good read

This book is a great guide to the popular Brandywine Valley area that straddles the Pennsylvania-Delaware border. Visitors to the region and local residents will both find it to be an interesting and valuable resource. One useful feature of the book that is not mentioned in the editorial reviews is its companion website, [...] which provides updates to the information in the printed guidebook.

Sharon Hernes Silverman's book is aptly titled -- after you read it you will certainly be an "informed traveler!" I live within an hour of the Brandywine Valley, and yet I had no idea of the richness of the area in terms of historical significance, wealth of museums, gardens, lodgings, and other attractive

visitors' sites. Silverman's book is extremely well written -- engaging, well-organized, crisp, and extraordinarily thorough! There are also over 100 beautifully shot photos that add exclamation points to the book's already clearly portrayed "verbal images" of Chadds Ford, Kennett Square, West Chester, and Wilmington. If you're interested in exploring the Brandywine Valley, this book provides the answers to all your questions -- it's all you need. I thoroughly enjoyed this book simply on its literary merits, and I am looking forward to taking advantage of its guidance when I start taking day trips to the Brandywine Valley. Get this book! You will have fun, you will learn, and you will be expertly pointed in all the right directions.

Having lived in the vicinity for 70 years, I thought I knew a lot about the attractions of The Brandywine Valley. This book, however, showed me that I had just scratched the surface. The book is wonderfully interesting, providing rich history for each of the many subject locations, together with practical information for visitors . . . excellent directions, hotel information, etc. The author's style is engaging, and some of her "asides", such as a discourse on puzzling variations in the spelling of names, are delightful. And, finally, this modest paperback is beautiful . . . loaded with splendid photographs. I dare say that if it were published with a hard cover, it could become a coffee table item!

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