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Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America

By James Fallows and Deborah Fallows (Pantheon Books), $28.95

For the last five years, James and Deborah Fallows have been traveling across America in a single-engine prop airplane, visiting small cities and meeting with the people. Our Towns is the story of their journey and an account of life in small towns. It reflects the energy, generosity, and compassion, dreams and determination of many who are in the midst of making things better.

Gold Panning Colorado: A Guide to the State's Best Sites for Gold

By Garret Romaine (Falcon Guides), $25.95

This reference source contains accurate, up-to-date prospecting information for all known panning areas in Colorado. The write-ups for each locale include driving directions, GPS coordinates, historical information, land ownership restrictions, full-color photos, and geological background.

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