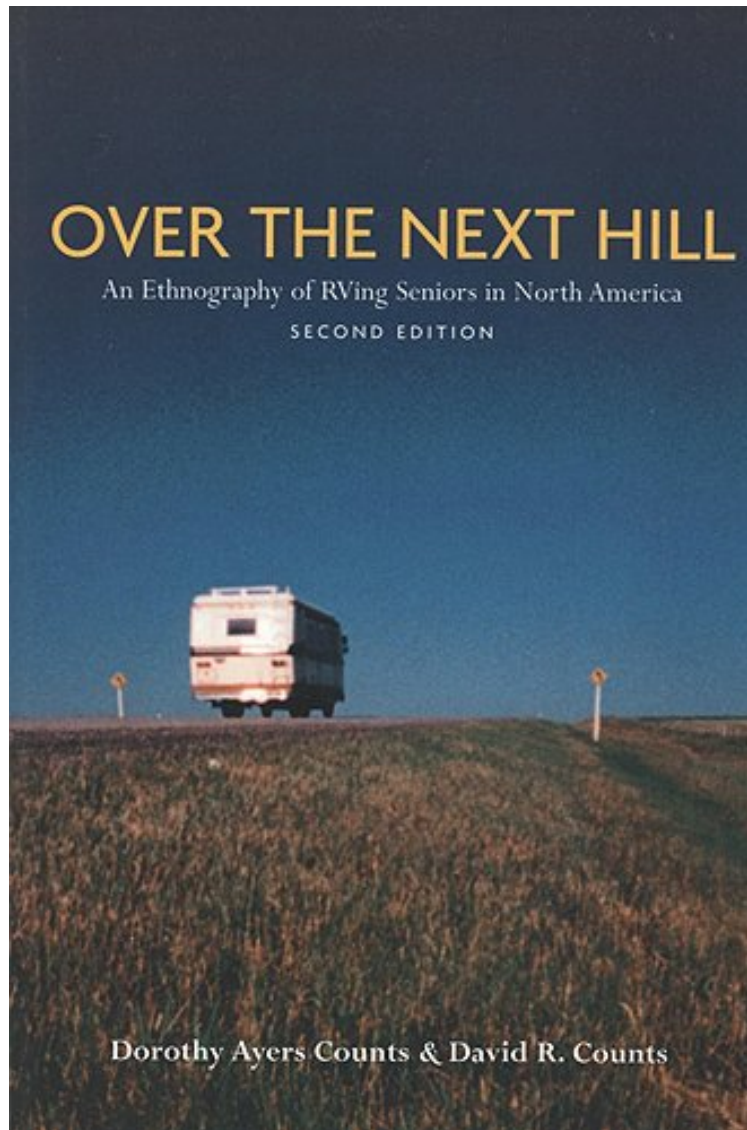


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36 of 38 people found the following review helpful. A Scholarly Approach to RV's AND to Retirement By Ronald Mayo As a newcomer to the world of RV's I found this book both interesting and disquieting. Many of my initial observations as I moved through RV parks in the West last fall were confirmed. Others were better understood. But better yet, for a retired engineer, they were quantified. How do I compare to others in age, money, marital status? Are my thoughts as I select a park similar to others? How many people travel with dog and/or cats? How much does it cost? It also helps me understand what motivates people who stay at Quartzite or the Slabs. (Cultural/societal phenomena that are hard to believe.) It draws clearer pictures of the aging couples I see and what brought them to where they are. It also shows where they're going in their life. It describes "trailer trash" in loving terms. In other words, it's a study of retirement and eventually death. Its uniqueness is that it focuses on RVers, specifically the fulltimers. The scholarly style may put some readers off but in my opinion, if you are thinking of selling the farm and fulltiming, you need this book before you buy that 40 foot motorhome. Or if you just want to head south in the winter, or camp by the lake near home you should have this book to understand the people around you. And even if you don't plan to have an RV ever, this will tell you about retired life, maybe more than you really want to know. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Mac's Mom Enjoying. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Rving Seniors By K. Babb I finally understand why I want to be an RVer! The book was informative and the subject matter was thoroughly investigated. I'm passing the book around to my children so they will understand why their crazy Mom wants to hit the road as a Senior RVer.

Living either full or part time in a recreational vehicle has been an alternative lifestyle in North America since the 1920s. By the 1930s, Wally Byam's Airstream company could not keep up with the demand for his self-contained "house trailers." And today, "RVing" has become so widespread that, for perhaps two million retired North Americans, home is a recreational vehicle. In this book, anthropologists Dorothy and David Counts tell the story of their research living the life of RVing seniors in trailer parks, "boondocking" sites on government land, laundromats, and other meeting places across the continent. The authors convincingly convey the feel of various RV lifestyles (boondocking, full timing, flea marketing and so on). But they also raise broad questions. Are there parallels to be made between the RVers of North America and the gypsies of Europe? Is there an association between RVing and socio-economic status? Why would people sell their homes and live on the road as nomads? The answers come from RVers who argue persuasively that they experience a greater sense of community and fewer of the emotional problems common to old age than do many who have chosen other forms of retirement living. This edition expands the original 1996 text, including an extended section on working RVers and on the CARE center (Continued Assistance for Retired Escapees) in Livingston, TX. The CARE center is a unique and innovative experiment that provides inexpensive assisted living and adult daycare for RVers who must hang up their keys because of age or infirmity, but who want to continue their participation in the RVing community. A new appendix (Appendix 5) offers information, resources and suggestions for people who want to try serious RVing but need help getting started. The authors include a list of websites providing resources and information for both experienced and novice RVers. The list includes sources for RVing families, single RVers, those interested in a particular kind of RVing style ("boondockers," for example), people who want to rent an RV, organizations for RVers with special interests (former military, Canadians, etc.). There is updated information on Canadian provincial residence rules defining eligibility for provincial medical care programs.

Over the Next Hill addresses an understudied but fast growing group in our society—the elderly. Over the Next Hill addresses an understudied but fast growing group in our society—the elderly. The writing is clear and understandable and the book should be of interest to both academic and general readers—especially to RVers. (Pamela Asquith, University of Alberta) About the Author David R. Counts is a professor in the Department of Anthropology at McMaster University. Dorothy Ayers Counts is a professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Waterloo, and has published and edited a wide variety of books, including an extensive work on aging in South Pacific societies that have no place for those who 'retire.'