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**Bill Schneider : Hikers Guide to Montana** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hikers Guide to Montana:

4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Did the author actually take these hikes?By Montana MomI don't believe the author actually took these hikes. At least not the one hike my husband and I tried. Hike 51, Stanton Lake, a "short hike suitable for any hiker," is described as having "a gradual incline, rising 500 feet in two miles." Neither of those details is true. The hike is closer to a mile and a half than to two miles, and the elevation change is not gradual at all but occurs almost exclusively in the first third of the trail. This hike is so steep in the first 15 minutes that there are places where only the toes of your boots touch the ground. The end of the hike, too---climbing down toward the lake--- is equally steep, though for a much shorter distance. Still, it is steep enough that in one place, despite wearing Vasque hiking boots and stepping down sideways, my husband and I both slipped. The lake was beautiful. The hike was not remotely similar to the book's description. My husband and I don't trust this Guide.

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