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Whether you are a Colorado NATIVE, a newcomer, know someone moving here or have lived here in the past, all you need to know to pass as a Colorado NATIVE is in this handy, humorous volume. Here is the information you don't often find in guide books.

- Find eating, playing and working tips, from the local cuisine to wildlife viewing, from festivals to the political and business climate.
- Get the lay of the land so you can decipher weather and traffic reports. Get the tips you'll need to survive driving in Denver.
- Revel in our state's true history and get to know the folks, who paved the way.

Can you pass the NATIVE test?

Ute Indians and Hispanics are the best candidates for the NATIVE bumper sticker. All others might well be required to take a test. And you can bone up for it with Linda's book.

Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel, *Almost NATIVE*
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Author of over 35 books on Colorado

...a sparkling collection of tantalizing details and humorous commentary—a real hoot to read!

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Colorado's Largest Communities

(Numbers are in the 1000's for the year 2000.)

| <u>Pop.</u> | <u>Denver Metro</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 555 | Denver |
| 276 | Aurora |
| 144 | Lakewood |
| 103 | Centennial* |
| 102 | Arvada |
| 101 | Westminster |
| 82 | Thornton |
| 71 | Highlands Ranch |
| 44 | Southglenn |
| 40 | Littleton |
| 38 | Broomfield |
| 33 | Wheat Ridge |
| 32 | Englewood |
| 32 | Northglenn |
| 31 | Ken Caryl |
| 24 | Parker |
| 21 | Commerce City |
| 21 | Brighton |

80% of Coloradans live along the Front Range. Favorite place names include Damifino Park and the towns of Crook and Beshoar Junction.

Most resort towns are small, which is hard to believe when you are jammed into a T-shirt shop with a few hundred tourists.

| <u>Pop.</u> | <u>Foothills</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 17 | Golden |
| 9 | Evergreen |

| <u>Pop.</u> | <u>Front Range</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 361 | Colorado Sprgs |
| 119 | Fort Collins |
| 103 | Pueblo |
| 95 | Boulder |
| 77 | Greeley |
| 71 | Longmont |
| 51 | Loveland |
| 23 | Lafayette |
| 20 | Castle Rock |
| 16 | Cañon City |

| <u>Pop.</u> | <u>Western Slope</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 42 | Grand Junction |
| 14 | Durango |
| 12 | Montrose |

| <u>Pop.</u> | <u>Ski/Resorts</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 10 | Steamboat Sprgs |
| 8 | Glenwood Sprgs |
| 6 | Aspen |

*This 2001 figure is a new town formed from unincorporated areas.