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Portland Is Weird: 365 Unique Days In The City Of Roses



Synopsis

****NEW UPDATED EDITION WITH OVER 250 MORE WEIRD PLACES/EVENTS/THINGS THAN THE FIRST EDITION OF PORTLAND IS WEIRD****"Portland is Weird" is a calendar in book form, filled with 365 unique days in the city of Portland. The book covers everything from events such as the World Naked Bike Ride, to interesting Portland characters like Rojo the Therapy Llama. Not every entry in this book is necessarily "weird" but the collection as a whole will hopefully help to show you the uniqueness of Portland, Oregon. This City of Roses is unlike any other city in the country. So whether you are looking to visit a professional cuddler; want to scope out the smallest park in the world; ride a bike completely naked through the downtown streets with thousands of other people; or just sit by the waterfront and eat your cereal-covered doughnut while watching a unicycling-bagpiper-Darth Vader... then you've come to the right place because Portland can offer you all of this and so much more!

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Customer Reviews

This book has a very large scope with tons of diverse activities for many different interests. I'm talking Pug-O- Ween (yes that's right a celebration of Pugs), stripper karaoke, the famous

Timberline lodge from the Shining, that barely even scratches the surface. It has a little something for everyone dog lovers, cat lovers, tattoo lovers, environment lovers, if you are a breathing human you are bound to be interested about something in this book. I enjoy the top ten lists for each chapter, this includes weird Oregon laws, famous celebrities and many others. Another nice touch is a detailed index section to look up anything that you might fancy. The book is very detailed with a different activity for all 365 days of any given year. There are so many unique things I never heard of in this book, it is very thoroughly researched with a clear, concise page with information and a handy webpage for every activity listed. I have the original version of this book (Portland is Weird) and this updated version adds over 250 pages of activities and unique aspects of Portland. It's a very handy reference guide to spread your wings, or just see what unique things to do in the Pacific Northwest. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in Portland, if you are moving there or a current resident this book is well worth the cost. Definitely a different take and style from most travel type books with a good sense of humor, lots of information (well over 300 pages), but very easy to navigate with a nice breakdown of each activity/ festival/ etc. I have both the Kindle version (which is awesome because of the web links on every page) and ordered the print version as well. Very glad I have in my collection, 5 stars.

This is an excellent, concise book with all the reasons to visit Portland. I love to share it with people who are new visitors and the author covers all the important stuff. Good Job

For grandson who is a real Portlander! He loves it!

I enjoyed reading this book very much as I plan my visit to Portland OR for the first time this month. It really was helpful for me to decide where I wanted to stay, what I wanted to see and how to get around. Worth every penny which wasn't very much either.

I thought I was going to find something new in this read, but I didn't. Some of it is entertaining. I was glad to support the authors. Not anything you can't look up or hear through a friend who has visited Portland at least once.

Moving to Portland next year from LA. Looks like a 64 year old grandma could have a good time there. Can't wait...weird and it rains.

There were a few places I would like to experience but book lacks basic information! So after you read about a place to visit you must go find about it elsewhere-disappointing.

What I found different in this book is what makes a writer what it is. It makes the strange things appear familiar to us and vice versa. What made me read it was that each chapter was another sip of something interestingly funny or weird, or something I was living through its pages, or dream myself be there one day. More days actually.. The only problem I found is it is not a board game till now.. Or that if Portland is as weird as it should be, then weird people have found our "Mecca".. Anyways, if this book is read you feel, smell, touch.. and imagine a whole world, city of roses, that within your hands can bring you the joy you expect or the inspiration to dream on your own do your own childlike, goofy strange, peculiar, weird things you always imagined but never dared to... If Portlanders are so brave, why should not be me? And as for that bird box with the books.... or the Glove Tree... okay... I want to live one day there.. if I miss my better half.. I still hold my hopes in my better glove :p What I mean is no more than this book is apart from precise, concise and informative, is written with the exact piece and dose of humour needed to have fun even reading about all these days of a Year.. If it is true what they say about writers, that they can make the strange familiar and the familiar look strange, then I hope people in Portland found their city even much weird than they thought to be, and the rest of us found it as familiar as we wished so as to visit this part of the world one day... It is weird a guide about a city, portraying a character and a soul, bringing you laughter, or moving you, or even leaving you amazed or shocked, and jealous at times.. if Portland was a person, then I'd make him my best friend. Italo Calvino has written the Invisible cities, a masterpiece beloved. This Portland piece is about a visible city we probably wish to look at differently, walking the same routes.. And this is a challenge for every citizen in this earth. Make the familiar strange, and the strange familiar. I feel happy I have read this. I definitely propose it because it can be read so many ways. Even from the last page to the first, or as a random-guide with eyes shut even as a game .. and this versatile and multi faceted way of reading or absorbing or divining into it.. is what makes it give soul in the city, and go beyond a simple guide, touch the edges of storytelling. Simple and true. A book to be read and then read in many more different ways as the book provokes you, anyways. Fingers crossed for a next work :)

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