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This Is Portland: The City You've Heard You Should Like (People's Guide)



Synopsis

This is Portland is a first-hand look at a city that people can't seem to stop talking about. It's a guidebook of sorts, but not to restaurants and sightseeing. Instead, Alexander Barrett is your friendly guide to the quirky characters and atmosphere of Portland, Oregon and how fun, beautiful, and ridiculous it can be. With its approachable, often hilarious tone, this book is perfect for anyone who wants to learn more about bikes, beards, beers, rain, and everything else important about the city you've heard you should like.

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"Barrett's witty tribute, This is Portland, is composed of micro-essays on what keeps Portland weird (and great), from \$3 movies and backyard chickens to tattoos and tater tots. Another Powell's bestseller, this Portland primer is must-read material for visitors and residents alike." [Travel Portland](#)"If you're a newcomer to Portland, it's the letter home you're too busy to write yourself. If you're an old-time resident, it's a look into what those green-haired, skinny-jeaned young people are up to." [Portland Monthly](#)"This book he offers great little insights into such things as rain, Portland's nicknames, food carts, bands, Portland drivers, strip clubs, tattoos, tater tots, snow, bikes, beer and much more. Really, you should just read it." [Portland Tribune](#)

Alexander Barrett is a writer, an illustrator, and a copywriter at Wieden+Kennedy. He has

contributed projects to Adult Swim and the Warner Bros. Creative Lab, and is a former resident of Portland.

My family is enjoying this book as we prepare for a vacation in Portland. This is a quick read and a great conversation starter. We will definitely visit Voodoo Donuts, Pine State Biscuits, Belmont, and other places mentioned.

Super cute. Bought this with a couple other books about Portland since I'm moving there soon. It's like a cheat-sheet for all the jokes/gripes the locals all talk about. I feel like I live there already now. :)

A fun, and quick read. A lot of what we experienced in Portland mirrored this person's astute observations. It is not a serious guidebook by any means but, there are some helpful suggestions here and there. This little pamphlet book is honestly more for amusement.

LOL sentiments, "truisms" about this funky city. I give these as gifts to people who are coming to Portland for the first time.

It's like having a beer with a local who tells you all the things you gotta do before you leave, before you even get there.

It hilarious and very helpful all at the same time. It guided me where I should live, what I should eat, what I should do, and also offered me opinions on what I should stay away from

I great little gift to send to a friend who's going to be visiting for the first time. It would also be fun to keep sending it around with comments added in.

Portland does actually have good burritos.

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