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683 Things About New Orleans



Synopsis

The 683 Oddest, Most Inspiring, Totally Scandalous and Just Plain Weird Things You Never Knew about New Orleans With its colorful past, outsized personalities and tragic history of natural disasters, New Orleans is a city like no other. Now, Monica M. Dalide gives us 683 reasons the birthplace of Jazz has been called "the most unique city in America." Presented in a series of bite-sized trivia nuggets, 683 Things About New Orleans amuses, surprises and shocks with the juiciest bits culled from the city's history books and diverse cultural milieu. Readers can:- Take a beginner's class in the New Orleans lexicon, where "make a do do" means "get some shuteye" and a "yat" is the essential sign of a native - Get the skinny on the city's rich musical heritage-the birthplace of Mahalia Jackson, Fats Domino and Louis Armstrong, to name a few- Learn how New Orleans' infamous legal prostitution district came to an end (and meet the unfortunate city official it was named for)- Hear the story behind Crescent City-invented drinks like the hurricane, Sazerac cocktail and powerful "hand grenade"- Meet dozens of famous New Orleanians-from Lee Harvey Oswald to Reese Witherspoon- Much, much more! Divided into 22 sections covering everything from sports to slave revolts (and, of course, Mardi Gras), 683 Things About New Orleans is the ultimate insider's bible-a field guide to the city's special quirks, only-in-New Orleans traditions and betcha-didn't-know past-that's sure to appeal to the native, the traveler and the former resident alike. But most of all, it's a reminder of just what makes this city so great.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a must-read for anyone interested in learning more about New Orleans, its customs, traditions and history. As there is no table of contents (at least in my edition), for those interested, its sections include: Places, People, Music, Architecture, History, Lexicon, Libations, Sports, Mardi Gras, Mother Nature Matters, On Death and Dying, Plague and Pestilence, Medicine, Revolting Developments, Customs and Culture, The Arts, Literature, By the Numbers, Food, Quotable New Orleans Quotes, Legend and Lore, and Lagniappe (or "something extra" in connection with a purchase). This is a great reference book for researchers, and has helped me tremendously in my own research of this fascinating city.

I learned great facts about NO that I never knew, and I was born there! It is the perfect gift to give a friend who visits you there or to take home to remember your trip.

Excellent information relative to all eras of New Orleans. It gave me a much deeper understating of the history ofThe city.A very enjoyable book.

Great book. Wish they were cheaper

As a lover of all things New Orleans, this was a great purchase. However, I'll need to be convinced I can't carry it around like a tourist when we travel there next!

Quick reading and interesting short facts about the city. Up to date and interesting even for a native New Orleanian. I bought it as a gift, my husband read a little and decided to keep it for himself.

A boring book of mostly useless tidbits of info. If you know anything about New Orleans there are much better books to read to learn more.detailed and interesting information. If you know nothing of New Orleans, just get yourself a good tourist guidebook. Don't waste your time or money on this.

I am a native New Orleanian that transplanted to New York in 2001, but my one true love will always be New Orleans. If your from there or have visited, you know what I mean. I received this book from a family member back home that recommended it to me. I was quite curious when I first skimmed through the book and saw that it was written by another transplanted New Orleanian. As I read it, I found myself growing slowly, but surely homesick. I found myself smiling at the things I already knew and enjoying the new things that I was learning. The book truly took me back home. I would

recommend this book to every native New Orleanian, be they in the city limits or a thousand miles away, just to remind you of everything that you love about "The City That Care Forgot". It is also the perfect primer for those visiting New Orleans for their first time or their millionth time. The book is worth you money and your time, because it is well written and planned out. Great read.

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