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Kinky Friedman's Guide To Texas Etiquette: Or How To Get To Heaven Or Hell Without Going Through Dallas-Fort Worth



Synopsis

Well, butter my butt and call me a biscuit! Delivering belly laughs, hee-haws, and downright slackjaw amazement, this hilarious guide to the homeland of George W. and Willie Nelson is the essential how-to for surviving in the Lone Star State. From strange Texas laws and the history of Dr. Pepper to "Texas Talk" (in which a "turd floater" is a heavy downpour) and final-meal requests by death row inmates, Kinky Friedman, "the oldest living Jew in Texas who doesn't own any real estate," provides an insider's guide that will be loved by native Texans and the rest of us poor devils alike. Even if you don't know the difference between an Aggie and an armadillo -- or what's really in the back on Willie Nelson's tour bus -- you can pass for a Texan with the Kinkster's expert coaching. So grab your hairspray and the keys to the Cadillac and get reading!

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Customer Reviews

The commander-in-chief has called Friedman "a Texas legend," but the Kinkster hardly mentions GW a-tall, filling these pages instead with "Things You Would Never Hear a Real Texan Say" ("I'll have a decaf latte, please") and "The Texas Celebrity High School Football Hall of Fame," which reminds us that Tommy Lee Jones was guard for the Saint Mark's School of Texas Lions in Dallas. The Kinkster includes an invaluable glossary, "Texas Talk" (e.g., "'turd floater'--a very heavy downpour"); waxes poetic about the Alamo, the Yellow Rose, and Luckenbach; cracks wise about the weather, Aggies (Texas A & M students and alums), and armadillos; and quotes Willie Nelson, the Zen Texan featured in Friedman's 1997 mystery, Road Kill: "If you ain't crazy, there's something wrong with you." Interspersed with all the Texas ephemera are articles Friedman published first in

such magazines as Rolling Stone and High Times, on topics ranging from the roots of Texas rock 'n' roll to the late Ace Reid, "the world's greatest cowboy cartoonist." Benjamin SegedinCopyright
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Kinky Friedman is an author, musician, defender of strays, cigar smoker, and the governor of the heart of Texas.

Seriously, I expected a book about Texas etiquette. What I found was a hilarious book about Texas and Texans in general. I had never heard of the author, but when I mentioned him to two more-or-less sober Texans, they forgave my ignorance and explained the writer was extremely well known and loved in Texas and even had campaigned for governor. He covers such things as hair-dos; how to know if you are a redneck, good ol' boy, or an oilman; famous people who were Texans or should have been; how not to end a sentence with a preposition, Texas-style; urinating in public, etc. Classy stuff! If you cannot meet the man, at least you can read one of his books.

I'm a native Texan and remember Kinky Friedman's antics from my time in Austin and Houston. I left Texas 16 years ago, so I thought this would be a fun read because Texas really is different than the rest of the world - not necessarily better or worse, but definitely different. I read part of it and it was funny, but I don't remember anything I found laugh out loud funny. It's been sort of pushed to the back of the queue of books that I'm reading and I don't have any real idea of when I'll get back to it. It might be funnier if you didn't grow up in Texas.

Kinky had me chuckling out loud (COL) as he regaled me with his stories of his travels with the Texas Jewboys. He takes some very sharp jabs at Texas Oil Men which I found most amusing. There are a lot of clean jokes you can share with your grand children, that they won't understand! But, it gives you a point of reference with dealing with the pompous people of the world, be they from Texas or wherever. If you enjoy light humor from a bygone era, Kinky is just the author to provide it.

This is a good early Kinky Friedman book. I laughed out loud at some of the stories about lawyer Racehorse Haynes. There is definitely a chuckle or two for even the most sour of readers. It was definitely worth the money and is a good read

Texas has always been known for unique people, products, and legendary characters... all of which are presented in this paperback package sure to please anyone on your Hannukah or Christmas list... great funny read that you can set down, pick up and never miss a trick. I think you need one for every bathroom in the house.

Excellent book! Very funny and very accurate! Heeee ... my SIDE!! Ha! Ha!

Kinky Friedman's unique and humorous take on life in Texas is spot on. My family is from Texas and it is one of the many places I lived over the years. He captures the essence of what makes Texans a breed of their own and coins phrases to describe that are colourful and hilarious.

a quick read, really funny, if you are moving to Texas, check it out, and ck out Kinky's music and other books, his new CD is with him and Willie N.

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