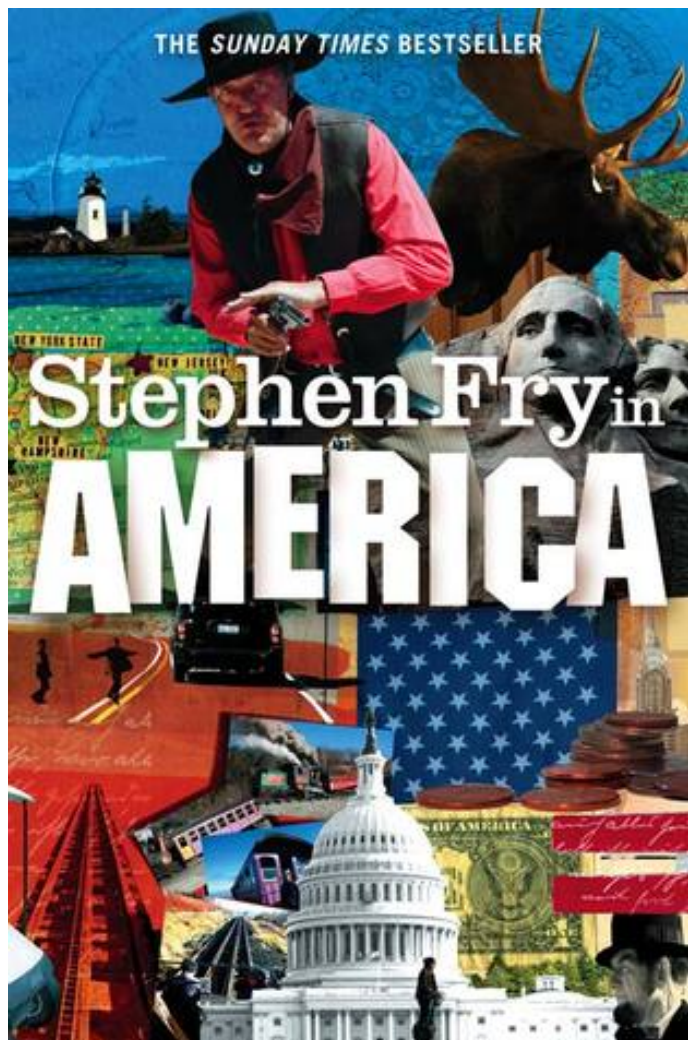

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Description

'I could have been American; after all I was nearly born there. So I wanted to find out what is it that makes the United States of America so unique, so diverse, so very American...'

The beauty. The grandeur. The extraordinary contradictions.
But enough about Stephen.

What of America, the thrillingly varied colossus of a country that Stephen went to explore? What is the reality beneath the stereotypes of gun-toting and Bible-bashing?

In his chariot of Englishness - a black London cab - Stephen starts his epic journey on the east coast and zig-zags across America, stopping in every state from Maine to Hawaii. En route he discovers the south Side of Chicago with blues legend Buddy Guy, marches with Zulus in New Orleans' Mardi Gras, and drums with the Sious Nation in South Dakota; joins a Georgia family for Thanksgiving, 'picks' with Bluegrass hillbillies, and finds himself in a Tennessee garden full of dead bodies.

Whether in a club for failed gangsters (yes, those are real bullet holes) or celebrating Halloween in Salem (is there anywhere better?), Stephen is welcomed by the people of America - mayors, sheriffs, newspaper editors, park rangers, teachers and hobos. This is the best of the big country, the best of the big brain and the best book about America by Stephen Fry you'll ever read. What more need be said?

Insightful reviews

Artur Coelho: Escrito para acompanhar a série do mesmo título da BBC, este é um relato de uma viagem em que Fry, conhecido actor, escritor e essencialmente representante da elegância da língua inglesa, atravessou num táxi londrino os cinquenta estados da América. Para relato de viagens, é superficial e deixa de lado o mais interessante na literatura de viagens - as reflexões sobre os estados de alma despertados pela deambulação em novos territórios. Também não se centra nos pontos mais esperados. Fry não pretende visitar a América mais conhecida, optando pela visita a um mundo mais banal, fora dos pontos de interesse mas que retrata a normalidade da nação.

A prosa leve e o humor subtil de Fry na descrição das vinhetas que formam este livro acabam por agarrar o leitor. Entre as aventuras - e desventuras, podemos encontrar as noites pesadas do Mardi Gras, encontros com verdadeiras e centenárias *southern belles* ou as ameaçadoras garras das lagostas do Maine.

Será mais importante ir a Roma e ver o Papa ou ir a Roma e ficar a conhecer os romanos? Os amantes das viagens, tal como Fry, preferem a segunda hipótese.

Linda: I liked this book so much that I didn't want it to end. I rationed myself just a couple of states per day, and ended up with Alaska and Hawaii left unread when our book group met to

discuss it. Oops.

It reminded me a lot of the Michael Palin travel books, except with a bit more Fry and a little less Python.

Everyone has a beef about how their state was treated by Mr. Fry, and I am no exception. Honestly, a dozen theories of how we came to be called Hoosiers? And then he dismisses **all** of them? I'm sort of glad he chose Elkhart to visit. Much better than a trip to the (yawn) Indianapolis Motor Speedway. But I got the feeling the only reason he chose it (and indeed, the only reason he visited Indiana at all) was because it lies between Chicago (which he was very excited about visiting) and Detroit (ditto). We need to change that state motto to "Annoying Land Mass Preventing Easy Access to Michigan from Illinois".

Another disappointment: He didn't even poke his nose into Yellowstone National Park, claiming it was closed. It's never closed; it's simply more difficult to find your way in at certain times of the year. He seemed to prefer dry, rocky vistas, anyway, so maybe he wouldn't have been impressed.

Come back and see us, Stephen, when you have more time.

Kathy: Actor-novelist-critic Stephen Fry traveled around the U.S. in a London taxi for over a year, filming quirky comic segments in every state for a BBC-TV documentary. *Stephen Fry in America*, the companion book to the series, was written specifically for U.K. readers and attempts to explain the sheer size of the former Colonies and the differences in climate, food, and attitude found from state to state. Wherever possible, Fry worked hands-on for a day in a locally associated profession (coal mining in West Virginia, lobstering in Maine), ate or tried his hand at cooking local specialties, and spoke at length with ordinary Americans of every background. His thoughtful, often funny observations are reminiscent of Bill Bryson's but, unlike the latter, are seldom caustic: while Fry may dislike certain U.S. practices and institutions, he is genuinely fond of most of its people. Stateside readers may find his historical and political asides a bit obvious, but should enjoy Fry's recounting of his adventures in a bullet-pocked New Jersey social club, the basket of a hot-air balloon, and the headquarters of Wikipedia.

Wendy: I completely loved this--not simply as a manufactured from Mr Fry's common wit and humor, even though it used to be that, too. however the foreigner's standpoint on my native land is generally negative, judgmental and dismissive. american citizens are brushed off out of hand as frivolous, stupid, obviously bullheaded and aggressive, and (always, always, always) certainly one of things: too wealthy for his or her personal good, or inbred hicks from the sticks. As somebody even remotely conversant in Mr Fry and his paintings might expect, he does not make such a assumptions. In fact, he scolds (gently yet firmly) his fellow countrymen for doing so within the commencing passages. So I loved his writing and his thoughts. yet a couple of issues did trouble me. One used to be that Mr Fry defined within the creation that his goal used to be to watch yet to not go judgment on americans and their doings. For the main part, he remained objective, yet there have been issues the place I bit my tongue to prevent arguing with the publication (a supremely foolish factor to do, because it can rarely resolution back, can it?). i guess that such moments could not be avoided, as Mr Fry is just as human because the

remainder of us and could not almost certainly be thoroughly objective, like a robotic or something. So perhaps that was once a foolish factor to be a bit disappointed about. The moment factor that me additionally needed to do with whatever Mr Fry acknowledged within the introduction. He acknowledged he wasn't trying to find the weirdest, such a lot strange features of yank lifestyles he may perhaps find...and occasionally I felt like he was. This used to be made for TV, initially (I have not noticeable it, unfortunately), so i suppose that cannot be avoided, and he relatively wasn't accountable for the locations he went and the issues he did. Still, i feel all of us could've refrained from the journey to the physique Farm, yes? a visit to a Tennessee Civil battle battleground or anything would've performed fine. The 3rd factor additionally has anything to do with anything Mr Fry acknowledged within the introduction, simply because I simply have not discovered to enable this stuff go. He stated he wasn't going to attempt to spot the United States through its cities. Well...in Michigan, he basically went to Detroit. Detroit has its personal culture that's unrelated to many of the remainder of the state, and it is the largest urban now we have got. yet as i'm from Michigan, this can be a own issue, no one's challenge yet my own. i simply can't close up approximately it, yet i do know it truly is no one's fault or problem, and finally the annoyance will fade. Which brings me to my fourth point. Now, i am not from those states, yet I think humans looking ahead to the section on their country have been bitterly upset once they came across he only drove via Delaware and Ohio. Idaho did not get much, either. There can have been others slighted, yet they break out my reminiscence in the mean time and i am simply too lazy to move get the e-book and glance it up. yet due to the fact that it is a written account of a only-made-so-we-can-air-it-on-TV journey, and so they purely allowed themselves, what, six weeks? anything like that? (Mr Fry is the busiest man at the planet, so this is often type of understandable) then that may be why these states obtained not anything greater than a passing wave. yet still, it me. while you could have stated you are going to see all fifty states, riding via them counts as cheating. Yes, you observed them, technically, yet purely from the expressway, so...no, you didn't. But it is nonetheless a useful book. as with every issues Mr Fry touches, it is humorous and witty even as it is thought-provoking. I beloved it, and that i imagine you will, too. i do know I interested by the negatives here, yet that is simply me, pass over Debbie Downer, and a terrible nitpicker--really, the issues I complained approximately have been very minor and that i truly beloved it a lot.

Chris: i discovered this publication nice enjoyable to learn and intensely educational, i am keen on Stephen Fry besides and watched the television express he made up of a similar title. The ebook covers each country within the US which Fry for my part visited on a whistlestop journey in his London taxi cab. each one bankruptcy is filled with information regarding each one state, its personal targeted historical past and what there's to see. however this ebook is not a tourist guidebook in any respect and sometimes overlooks recognized landmarks. the purpose of the ebook is to determine extra in regards to the humans themselves than the huge panorama of the USA even if obviously you can't fairly contain one with no the other. My merely criticism of the ebook is that now not all of the states get reasonable assurance at all. i'm yes it really is as a result of loss of money and time at the BBC's half (America is basically large after all) yet a few states merely get a web page of knowledge whilst others get 9-10 pages each.

Kirsty: This booklet used to be rather interesting. i have continuously been serious about the United States and after studying this e-book i've got much more of a wish to spend time there exploring. each one kingdom is covered, a few in additional aspect than others. I loved the truth

that he all in favour of issues that readers would possibly not have identified approximately each one country instead of going for the most obvious things. I do consider that the various states have been a bit short-changed. I do know that he had a timescale to stay to in getting round the entire states, yet for the sake of some additional pages within the booklet he may have written more. The images in the course of the booklet are attention-grabbing and a few of the landscapes captured are beautiful. Additionally working throughout the booklet is Stephen's dry humour, which made this ebook suppose even more than simply a travelogue. This was once a truly fascinating learn and, for me, was once definitely the right creation to the USA.

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