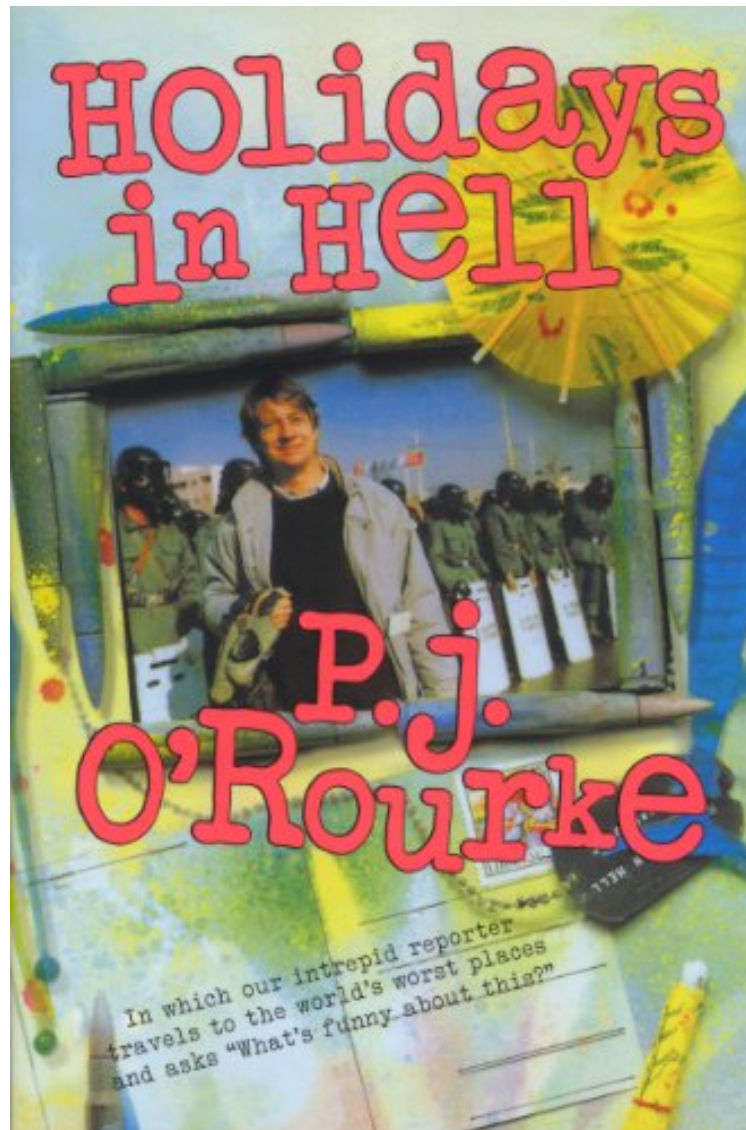


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. stereotypes, disrespect, and other wrongs of this planetVon Oliver Koehlerbar prior judgement, I'm actually not finding this book that badit's actually a very true depiction of the way many of our generation might see the world - sad but trueand it bears on a sort of a slightly more academical type of ali-g view of the worldlet's not forget, the guy wrote these diatribes for rolling stone, so his main concern in most cases is where's the party at, dude?his political outlook, if you can call it that, is therefore also somewhat tricky to graspin the foreword, he explains shit is shit wherever it my be, and his honesty is something well worth admiring. on the other hand, writing about europe in a way so obviously based on stereotypes and clichs [some of which are true, but not all of it] pushes the buck a little far and my fervour has been dampened since thenhowever, you cannot help but laugh sometimes as he does have a very keen analytical eye which puts things into very sharp context [e.g. "one by one and man to man Arabs are the salt of the earth - generous, hospitable, brave, wise, and so on and so forth. Bet get them in a pack and shove a Koran down their pants and they act like a footlocker full of full of glue-sniffing civet cats"]you could say it shows full well why america hates the rest of the world, but also why americans can be hated - not for their ignorance, but for their sheer disrespectas o'rourke shows, this can be a good thingit can also be a bad thingjust watch out not to choke on your croissant1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not for the culturally squeamish.Von Ein KundeOne of the most tasteless, yet insightful examinations ofmodern institutions written in the last couple of decades.O'Rourke, while making no pretension of objectivity or balance, skewers the Sandinistas, Harvard, Heritage USA, and many others. Don't worry about not liking O'Rourke's politics; the ludicrous imagery will have you laughing despite your conscience. To give you an idea of how irresistible this book is, I have given copies to a Jimmy Carter appointee and to an unrepentent feminisist. Both laughed uncontrollably. The JC apointee thanked me.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. HilariousVon R. SmithClassic PJ. I constantly laughed out loud while first reading it years ago and it still cracks me up. He skewers idiocy without regard in AK47-like bursts of descriptive prose. What? Oh, and it's a negative 100 on the political correctness weenie scale. Read it now. It will be one of the first books banned when the libs finally dump the Constitution. Where are you PJ? Put together another book soon.

KurzbeschreibungNow available from Grove Press, P. J. O'Rourke's classic, best-selling guided tour of the world's most desolate, dangerous, and desperate places. "Tired of making bad jokes" and believing that "the world outside seemed a much worse joke than anything I could conjure," P. J. O'Rourke traversed the globe on a fun-finding mission, investigating the way of life in the most desperate places on the planet, including Warsaw, Managua, and Belfast. The result is Holidays in Hell--a full-tilt, no-holds-barred romp through politics, culture, and ideology. P.J.'s adventures include storming student protesters' barricades with riot police in South Korea, interviewing Communist insurrectionists in the Philippines, and going undercover dressed in Arab garb in the Gaza Strip. He also takes a look at America's homegrown horrors as he braves the media frenzy surrounding the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Washington D.C., uncovers the mortifying banality behind the white-bread kitsch of Jerry Falwell's Heritage USA, and survives the stultifying boredom of Harvard's 350th anniversary celebration. Packed with P.J.'s classic riffs on everything from Polish nightlife under communism to Third World driving tips, Holidays in Hell is one of the best-loved books by one of today's most celebrated humorists.