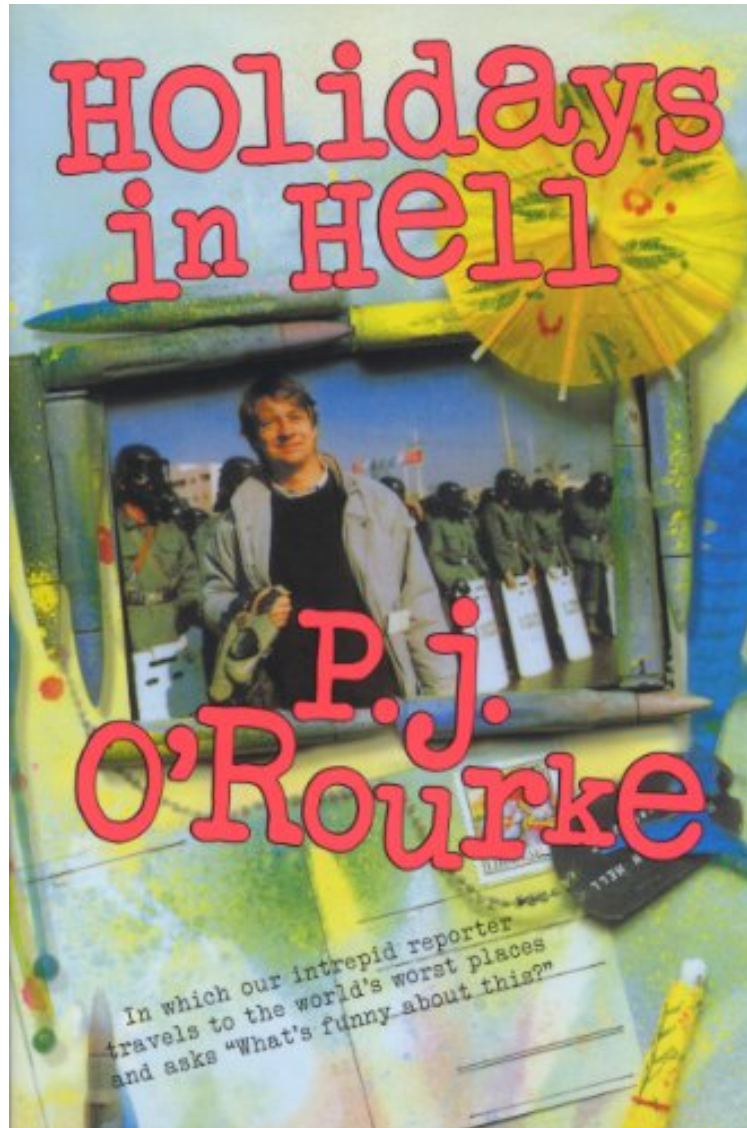


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**Von P.J. O'Rourke : Holidays in Hell (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Holidays in Hell (English Edition):

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 grasp in the foreword, he explains shit is shit wherever it may 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 clichés [some of which are true, but not all of it] pushes the buck a little far and my fervour has been dampened since then. However, 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 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 disrespect. As O'Rourke shows, this can be a good thing it can also be a bad thing just watch out not to choke on your croissant.

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One of the most tasteless, yet insightful examinations of modern 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 unrepentant feminist. Both laughed uncontrollably. The JC appointee thanked me.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hilarious Von R. Smith

Classic 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.

Kurzbeschreibung Now available as an ebook, the original classic in which P.J. O'Rourke takes on the role of tour guide with hilarious results.

P.J. O'Rourke travels to hellholes around the globe in *Holidays in Hell*, looking for trouble, the truth, and a good time. After casually sight-seeing in war-torn Lebanon and being pepper-gassed in Korea, P.J. checks out the night life in communist Poland and spends the Christmas holidays in El Salvador. Taking a long look at Nicaragua, P.J. asks, "Is Nicaragua a Bulgaria with marimba bands or just a misunderstood Massachusetts with Cuban military advisors?"; has a close encounter with a Philippine army officer he describes as "powerful-looking in a short, compressed way, like an attack hamster"; and concludes, "Some people are worried about the difference between right and wrong. I'm worried about the difference between wrong and fun." "The first few pages of this book made me laugh so much I dropped it on my month-old baby... *Holidays in Hell* is a splendid read." *Evening Standard*. de No doubt about it: P. J. O'Rourke has a bizarre sense of fun. "What I've ... been," he writes in his introduction to *Holidays in Hell* "is a Trouble Tourist--going to see insurrections, stupidities, political crises, civil disturbances and other human folly because ... because it's fun." Forget Hawaii or the Poconos--O'Rourke gets his jollies in places like war-torn Lebanon where he is greeted at the border by a gun barrel in his face, or Seoul, just in time for election-day violence. Wherever he goes, however, O'Rourke takes his quirky sense of humor, laser eye for detail, and artful way with words: a Philippine army officer is "powerful-looking in a short, compressed way, like an attack hamster," and the Syrian army is described as having "dozens of silly hats, mostly berets in yellow, orange and shocking pink, but also tiny pillbox chapeaux.... The paratroopers wear shiny gold jumpsuits and crack commando units have skin-tight fatigues in a camouflage pattern of violet, peach, flesh tone and vermilion on a background of vivid purple. This must give excellent protective coloration in, say, a room full of Palm Beach divorcees in Lily Pulitzer dresses." O'Rourke's flip, sarcastic style isn't for everyone, of course; the concept that anyone could find sightseeing in the Beirut or El Salvador of the 1980s fun might prove offensive to more than a few readers right off the bat. But love him or hate him, P. J. O'Rourke knows how to tell a good story, and if you like your travel writing laced with more than a little cynicism, *Holidays in Hell* could be just the book you've been looking for.

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