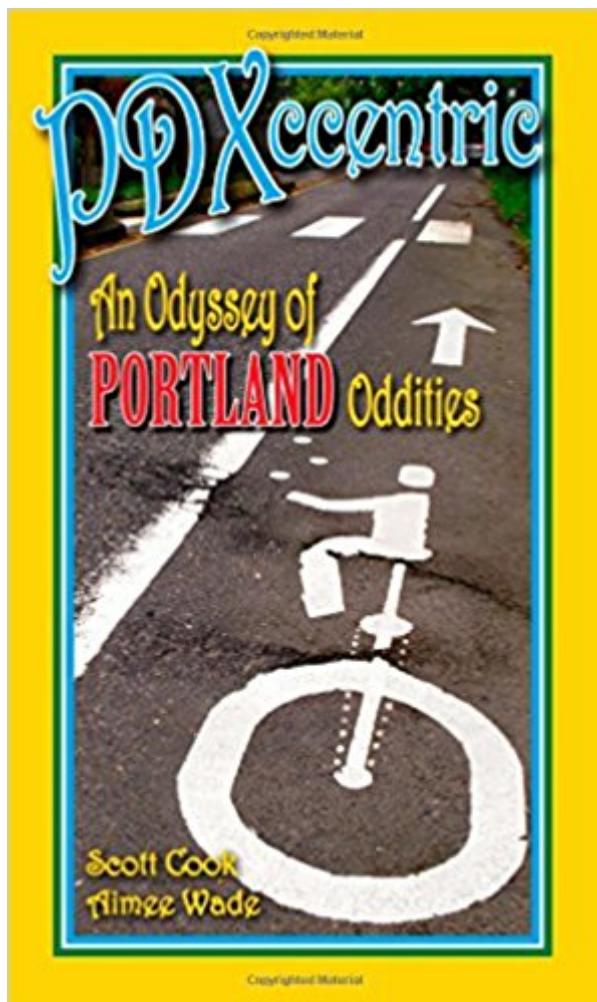


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I'm making a list of places to visit in Portland based on this guide. Hopefully I'll get to see some oddities that I would have passed right by!

just the most amazing collection of off-the-beaten-track things to do and see in Portland. absolutely the best; thanks for putting this together & keeping Portland weird.

Not really that informative compared to tripadvisor or other books.

An amazing twist and fun tourist ride!! Pdx shows you what keeps "Portland Weiird" !!

A great book, all sorts of interesting tid bits.

Too hard to read

Most kids outgrow that "why" phase, but some of us pour water and fertilizer all over that curiosity and let it grow wild. This curiosity leaves us bored silly with most tourist guide books, little more than maps and history regurgitated. Thank goodness for Scott Cook and Aimee Wade! They've explored Portland and asked many of the questions you and I might, thus providing the story behind the story in PDXccentric's 203 pages. In conversational tone they divulge fun and fascinating secrets of the city's "five quadrants," which they have broken down as follows: Downtown Core - South: 12 entries
Downtown Core - North: 15 entries
Outer West Portland: 9 entries
North Portland: 11 entries
Eastside: 10 entries
The pages for each quadrant are marked with a handy colored "tab," making it easy to skip through to appropriate content when you're on that side of town. There is also a section devoted to eighty (!) films featuring Portland (Top 20 and 60 others), and a handy set of appendices. For those wishing to dig deeper into any of the entries, the authors also have a web site devoted to the book with additional information. Members of the James G. Blain Society will be horrified to find Pdxccentric boast of their city's wonders in all its overcast glory. Visitors wishing to know the REAL Portland will find Pdxccentric a huge benefit. As a resident I found Pdxccentric inspirational - now I have to go back and enjoy these places again with freshly informed eyes.

I've picked up a bunch of Portland guidebooks since moving to Portland a couple years ago, and there's very little to distinguish between them. They're probably just fine for the casual visitor who wants to hit all the likely suspects; after all, they all seem to agree on just who exactly these likely suspects are in the form of museums, parks, Voodoo Doughnuts, etc. And let's not forget restaurants and hotels... these guidebooks are jam packed with restaurant and hotel recommendations! Too bad that in a foodie city like Portland the best restaurants change on an almost weekly basis, so your guidebook is woefully outdated before it even hits the bookstore shelves. If you want good restaurant recommendations, you're better off picking up a free weekly newspaper. Thankfully, PDXccentric doesn't waste space by discussing restaurants and hotels. It

also doesn't bother with the likely suspects. Instead, this is a guidebook for locals or the truly adventurous visitor who wants to get off the beaten path. It's a huge breath of fresh air. I've learned so much about Portland by reading it, and it's already taken me to some exciting new places around the city... not to mention made me look in a new way at places I've visited a million times before. This is the guidebook I've been looking for all along.

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