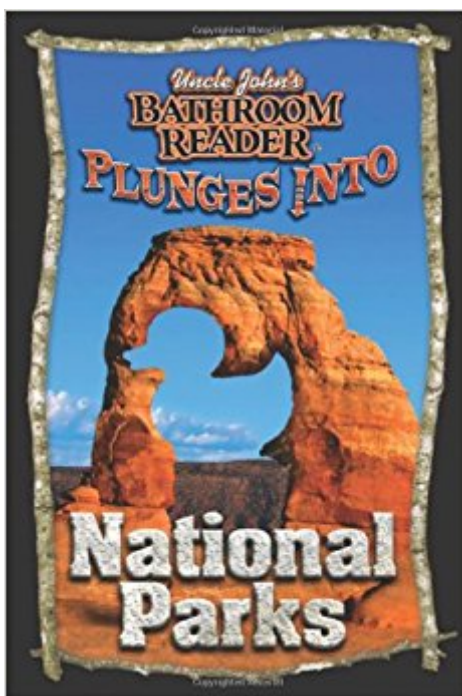




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Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Plunges Into National Parks



Synopsis

Featuring the BRMâ™s trademark trivia, fun facts, amazing origins, and unknown histories, this book dips into every national park, monument, site, and trail (more than 150 in all), exploring such exciting phenomena as Yosemiteâ™s firefall and the wild horses of Assateague, along with practical strategies for dodging that rampaging bear or moose. Printed in backpack- or pocket-friendly size with sturdy, waterproof cover, this brisk guide is ideal for both the outdoors type and those who prefer to travel by armchair — or throne.

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Customer Reviews

This latest Uncle John publication proclaims on its back cover "It's time to hit the Trail!" Hit the history books is more like it. This wonderful little volume is full of fascinating trivia about the national parks and monuments found in the US and Canada. Each chapter is brief enough to be read during a single trip to the throne room of your house, and for the most part the prose is enjoyable enough to keep you coming back. Favorite stories for me were "The Great Pig War" in which the US and England nearly managed to go to war over a dead pig (San Juan Island National Historic Park) and the Mojave National Preserve's "lonely phonebooth."For the most part the history and folklore seemed accurate enough, though the authors did slip a little when they wrote that Ansel Adams had saved King's Canyon with pictures of its Giant Sequoia Grove. There is no such grove in King's Canyon proper. General Grant Grove is now administered as a part of King's Canyon National Park, but it has been protected since 1890. In any event, King's Canyon was preserved because it so

closely resembled Yosemite. On the other hand, virtually every other element of the book is accurate. Indeed, this is one of the few sources I have ever read that correctly notes Hot Springs Arkansas is the oldest National Park, dating back to 1835, long before the Yosemite Grant or the creation of Yellowstone National Park. So, by all means get this rather unusual travel guide. It probably won't help much with actual trip planning, but it is nice for whiling away the time between trips: especially that portion of the time when you are otherwise preoccupied.

I was actually prepared to be disappointed with this. National Parks is not a passion of mine, and while I generally trust BRI to deliver, I viewed this as a challenge...Challenge met! It was entertaining, well written and unlike some of their most recent efforts NOT largely a rehash of prior materials.

If this book stimulates your interest in various National Parks, an interest that you haven't had before, great. But Americans who have already enjoyed vacations to a number of our National Parks will recognize a number of minor errors in this book. Again, they're minor, but they're numerous enough to make the reader note that this is not a book written by someone who has a strong special interest in America's National Parks. I'm not saying a bathroom book needs to be more in-depth, just that it can stand to be more accurate.

Want to know more about the national parks, including little-known facts and tidbits? This book provides that as well as amusing bits of knowledge and entertainment. As always, Uncle John and the Bathroom Readers Institute provide the best in entertaining and enlightening reading!

As an avid BRI reader, I was really looking forward to this book. It has lived up to all my expectations. If anyone is interested in national parks in the US and Canada, this is "must" reading.

I am very pleased with how soon this book was received. The book is very interesting and informative regarding National Parks. It is a hard book to put down once you start reading.

This Bathroom Reader is unique in that it really sticks to one theme throughout. It is about all the National Parks in The United States and Canada. It gives a little bit about each site, some of the history of it, some interesting facts and generally enough information to let you know what to expect if you visit it. Even if you don't go to one of these parks ;you will find a lot of historical, or nature

information that makes for interesting reading .I have been to some of these parks and have to admit,that I learned some things about them that I hadn't known.To test your knowledge,you'll even find several quizzes and puzzles with answers in the back.Going through the book you will probably even come across Parks that you have never heard of or even some that covered things you had no idea that were sitting there for you to enjoy and/or explore. It fits the bill as a time and curiosity filler, as do all the Uncle John's while at the same time is a good addition to your Travel Guides.While the information about each Park is brief;this book tells you enough about its existence to entice you to search the "net" for more details.

Interesting tid bits about National Parks. Suggest you read this before visiting the parks. You might decide to change your routings, in some cases.

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