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# Damn Right I'm From Cleveland: Your Guide To Makin' It In America's 47th Biggest City



## Synopsis

Comedian Mike Polk Jr. has received more than 50 million views on YouTube alone for his witty Internet videos ("Hastily Made Tourism Video," "Cleveland Browns: Factory of Sadness," and others). Now he delivers the same wicked sense of humor in a book. This hilarious rustbelt satire lampoons Cleveland's quirks, including our boundless obsession with crappy sports teams, the nonstop quest to reinvent our civic image, and a grab-bag collection of odd local celebrities. Polk tackles such timely topics as: Great Places to Take a Dump Downtown . . . Riding the RTA: A Fascinating Cultural Experience . . . A Cleveland Enemies Hall of Fame . . . A Comparison of Three Area Gentlemen's Clubs . . . A Fabulous Remake of Cleveland's Own Flag . . . and much more. Full color photos throughout.

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## Customer Reviews

A funny, profane, polemic perusal of our fair city . . . Man, this guy has stories and opinions and he shares. He's packed some funny ones and some finely comic tragic ones in this slim picture book with big print in easy-read type. . . . it's hard to pick favorite sections--that's what makes it a great coffee table book even if you don't have a coffee table . . . This book goes with me to Canada so I can quit trying to explain to "those people" why it's actually fun to live in Cleveland. (Laura Kennelly CoolCleveland.com 2012-12-13) Fantastically Cleveland . . . Polk isn't going to win any major award for his book, but if you are a Clevelander, and you don't at least crack a smile, then you need to get on the bus and go back to Pittsburgh. (Book Reviewer HappinessIsAHotPierogi.com

2012-12-10)If you love Cleveland and love to poke fun at Cleveland--and can handle some crude language--you should consider picking up Mike Polk Jr.'s book. . . . I found myself literally LOLing at several pages . . . Polk does a really great job of balancing humor with his love for the city. (Cheryl Sadler The News Herald 2012-12-10)

Mike Polk Jr. is a Cleveland-based writer and comedian whose self-produced videos have more than 50 million combined views on You Tube alone. He is responsible for such viral hits as "The Hastily Made Cleveland Tourism Video" (which appeared in the Michael Moore documentary "Capitalism: A Love Story"), "The Honest R&B Song", "The One Semester of Spanish Love Song," and the award-winning internet series "Man In The Box." Polk has been performing sketch comedy with the group "Last Call" for over nine years, young throughout North America. The troupe won "Best of the Festival" in Toronto in 2011 and Seattle in 2010 and regularly perform at Cleveland's Playhouse Square Theaters. Polk has been named Cleveland's best comedian by "Scene Magazine" and "Cleveland Magazine" on several occasions. His work has also appeared on TNT's "Inside the NBA," and on FunnyorDie.com. For all of his bluster, Polk is a huge advocate of the Northeast Ohio area and is happy to call Cleveland his home.

OK first a few words for the other reviewers--- are you Mike Polk's best friends? Wait-- his best friends would probably write awful, scathing reviews just for fun. So is there a small population of Polk-worshippers who would stamp five stars on everything? Mike is from Cleveland, where nothing gets five stars (especially not downtown hotels). Four is sufficient. I mean, for under \$10, a four-star book is a pretty good deal. It's a book that costs less than a ticket to the 3-D rehash of the 12-year-old Monsters, Inc. that I saw yesterday with my kid and both of us almost fell asleep during it. I didn't sleep during any of my reading of DRIFC (although I came close during the sections featuring his YouTube videos in print form (really? could you milk the hastily made tourism videos any more?)). But if you're from Cleveland and especially if you're a Cleveland sports fan you will appreciate this book and will chuckle tens of times. It was an enjoyable 70 minutes of reading that I could have spent watching Pawn Stars, but alas I don't regret it. I will now pass this book on to a friend and unfortunately Mike Polk won't get any royalties from that transaction, but he's from Cleveland, he's used to stuff like that.

As a Clevelander or anyone who knows, loves or hates Cleveland (Ohio), you have to see this book. The writer's style is at times totally disrespectful but totally honest and yet hilarious. You can

visualize every situation that he writes about and will enjoy his satirical descriptions of so many events and characters of Cleveland History that he tackles. Easy to read and is best read in several sessions rather than a one time cover-to-cover attack. That gives you time to digest and chuckle.

I am a Clevelander and was excited about this book from the first time I heard that Mike Polk Jr. was going to write it. He has done some hilarious stand-up and youtube videos and this book is an extension of that amazing comedic talent. It is about all of Cleveland, the good, the bad and the ugly and no one sums up the desperation of Cleveland sports fans better than he does! If you really want to know about Cleveland and have a good laugh, this is the book.

Damn right this book is hilarious. Hours of bathroom entertainment. Mike Polk pokes fun at his town Cleveland, but he loves it more than anyone. If you grew up in Cleveland then you can't pass this one up.

A funny view of Cleveland. Won't be funny unless you have lived there and experienced the "joy" of life in the city.

I don't agree with everything in here, but the book is funny. And it brought back a lot of memories about growing up in Cleveland. So, nice job Mike Polk.

Damn right this book is fantastic. Only thing- I don't agree with Mike's mustard review. Bertman's is DEFINITELY better than regular stadium mustard. That's all there is to it. Otherwise, I love this book, and everyone I know is getting a copy

Great book for you Clevelanders, you will love the humor. Mike Polk Jr is a funny guy and this is a funny guy!

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