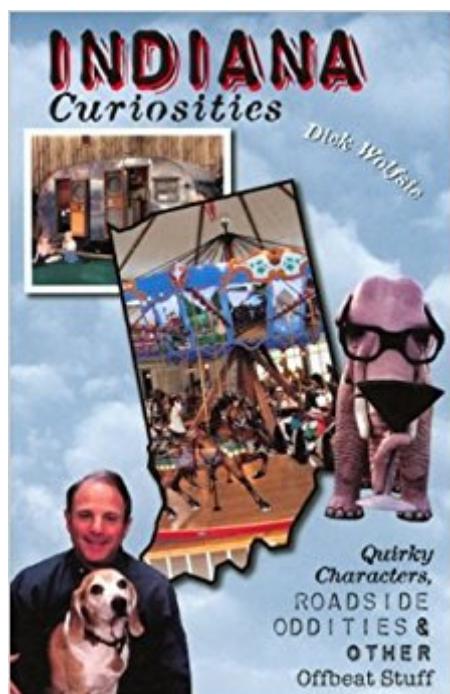


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Synopsis

"For the most part, the stuff in this book will not be advertised on billboards to draw you off the highway exits. This is a book for people who like the quirky, the offbeat, and the unusual. If you have absolutely no interest in how to astro-turf your car or where to find the John Wayne Museum, or a good frog race, you might want to buy one of those other books. . ." From the Introduction.

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Customer Reviews

Indiana Curiosities is your round-trip ticket to the wildest, wackiest, most outrageous people, places, and things Indiana has to offer. Humor columnist and television reporter Dick Wolfsie has combed Indiana for one-of-a-kind gems that make his home state truly unique. You'll meet a man who collects mousetraps, a woman with a front-yard rosary made of bowling balls, a guy with two million corks in his basement, and the master of ceremonies for the Celebrity Duct Tape Contest. You'll tour a cookie cutter museum, a windmill museum, an RV museum, and the oldest continually operating hardware store in Indiana, which might as well be a museum. And where else but in Indiana would you find the world's largest high school gymnasium? Whether you were born and raised in Indiana or are a recent transplant, Wolfsie's home-grown humor will have you laughing out loud as he introduces you to the neighbors you never knew you had and takes you to the places you never knew existed - right in your own back yard.

Dick Wolfsie books, produces, and hosts daily live segments for the Channel 8 morning news at

WISH-TV (CBS), in his hometown of Indianapolis--usually with his dog, Barney. In all, he has created some 3,200 shows featuring offbeat goings-on around town and around the state. Dick's syndicated humor column compilations, *Life in a Nutshell*, and his recent *Dick Wolfsie's New Book* are local best sellers. This active author has also hosted shows on radio, cable, and network television.

The story on page 32 and 33 was written about me and my company Custom Phones Inc. I lost my copy years ago and was thrilled to find a copy at .com. You gave me the experience of reliving the same thrill I had when I first read the story in print. Thank you so much for the blast from the past! Truly your Custom...er forever, Mike Irwin

I bought a variety of Indiana books for my husband at Christmas time. He is hard to buy for but loves history on our area. He is really enjoying the Indiana books. I will provide more feedback once I find out certain stories that got his attention. I know a few of them, he went straight to the internet to look up more info on them. We have decided to go to some of these areas once the weather is warm just because now we know something about them and are always looking for a road trip idea.

Very informative. Recommend

A fun & light-hearted book with just the right amount of info to make you want to take that side trip and search out the highest spot in Indiana, the best ice cream store or an animal preserve. Dick has a great way with words. Every car in Indiana should have this book!!

Indianapolis TV personality Dick Wolfsie is well-known in Central Indiana for finding fun, interesting human-interest segments for his station's morning show. Wolfsie continues this theme by digging up oddities from all over the Hoosier state that would interest any traveler who wants to stray from the beaten path. Wolfsie provides a description of the curiosities, organized by region and alphabetized by the town in which it is located. The book covers five regions and includes a map of that region that labels every town mentioned in that section of the book, no matter how small the town. Examples include the RV museum in Elkhart, a jar museum in Muncie and the site of John Dillinger's first official crime in Mooresville. Wolfsie includes addresses, phone numbers, websites, e-mail addresses and contact names (some are only available through appointments). Rough directions from Indianapolis are included.

You'll enjoy this book even if you don't live in Indiana -- and you'll definitely enjoy it if you do. Packed with the odd and unusual, this book was filled with surprises even for me, and I've lived in Indiana for almost 20 years. Strange things you'll see along the road, folks who collect or build weird stuff, bizarre legends and history... Dick Wolfsie explains them all with both wit and respect, and turns in a first-rate book that you should have with you on any daytrip you take around the Hoosier state.

This book is amazing! It has many pieces of "useless" trivia - unless you stop and think about the uses of this knowledge. Did you know that a town in the Hoosier state seceded from the Union at the state of the Civil War? I didn't till I read this book - and I'm a major in that field with a wealth of knowledge on Indiana and the Civil War.

This book is really interesting and funny! It offers so much information about IN--things you never knew that are great trivia! Great for planning day trips in the state, too!

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