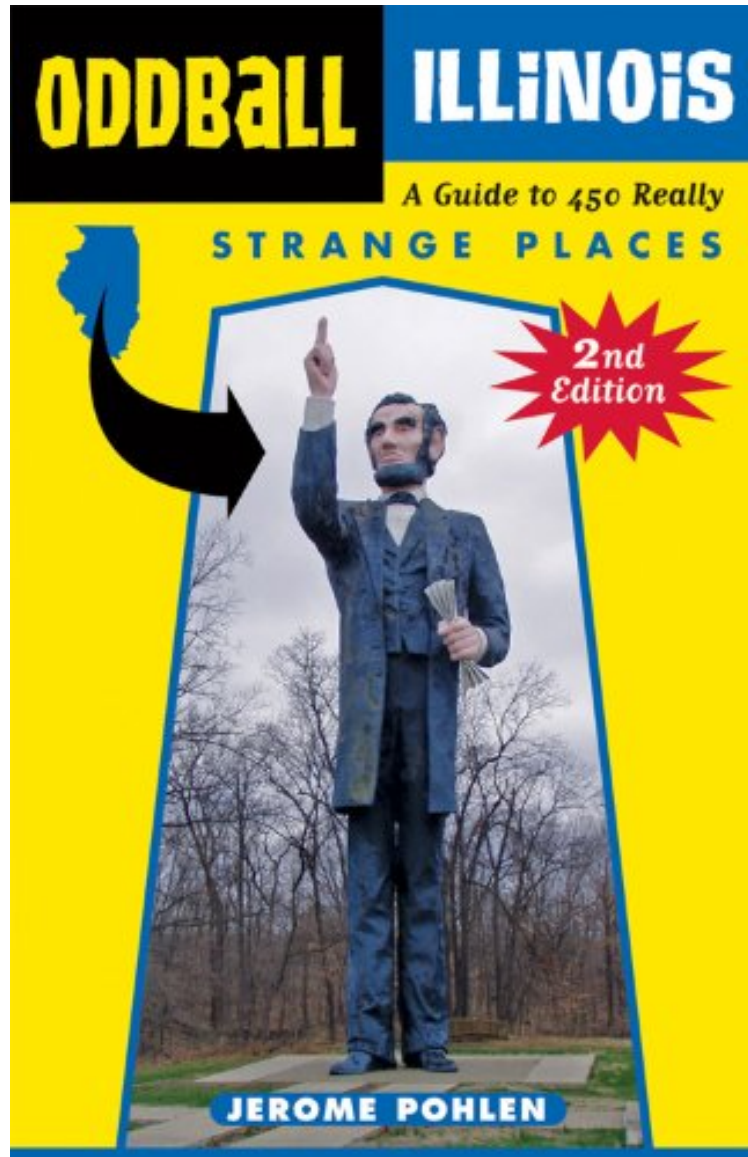


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state; however, after reading this updated 2nd edition (Oddball Illinois: A guide to 450 really strange places by Jerome Pohlen) I realize I was wrong. This book lists all kinds of unusual and unique places in Illinois. This wonderful book is organized as follows: The first part covers Chicago and includes: Chicago public art, Museums big and small, eccentric eateries, hooray for Chicagowood, when things go wrong, God and the devil comes to town and pushing up the wild onions. The second part shows a map of Chicago suburbs. The third part deals with the Northern Illinois area. The fourth part covers the Central Illinois area. The Southern Illinois area is emphasized in section five. The section five explains the various theme tours available in Illinois. The final section is the epilogue and has the acknowledgements, recommended sources, an index by city name and an index by site name. In conclusion, this is an excellent reference book for anyone interested in visiting some of the, interesting, strange and unique places in Illinois. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: The Samurai Soul: An old warrior's poetic tribute) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A fun read more than anything else. By Intheknow A lot of the information can be found on the Web (for free), and some of it here is outdated, but in all deference to the publishers or whomever, a book containing this type of information can become quickly outdated. More of a fun read than to actually go to some of these places. There are some things I never would have known existed here. Some oddities in here too. Again though, most of this can be found on the Web if you know what you're looking for. Still, a fun read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun book for summer travel. By Carrie Holderby A very fun book much like Illinois Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) both are about the same places

In this updated edition, it's plain to see that the state of Illinois has only gotten weirder. Where there was once just a single Popeye statue in downstate Chester, today the town has monuments to Olive Oyl, Swee Pea, Bluto, the Sea Hag, and more. The creepy Piasa Bird petroglyph on the bluff in Alton now has a roadside pullout with picnic tables, and the two-story outhouse in Gays has a new contemplative garden. With almost twice as many destinations as its predecessor, this edition boasts detailed information on each site: address, phone number, website, hours, entry fees, and driving directions as well as maps, photos, and a wealth of regional history in the descriptions. Some new sites include Henry's Rabbit Ranch, the World's First Jungle Gym, Ahlgrim Acres (a miniature golf course at a funeral home), the Leather Archives and Museum, General Santa Ana's two wooden legs, the World's Largest Sock Monkey, the Friendship Shoe Fence, a truck stop with a marionette show, and a coin-operated fire-breathing dragon. There is more between Chicago and St. Louis than cornfields and plenty of fascinating places in the Windy City that aren't on Michigan Avenue, and here is a chance to see these underappreciated sites throughout the state.