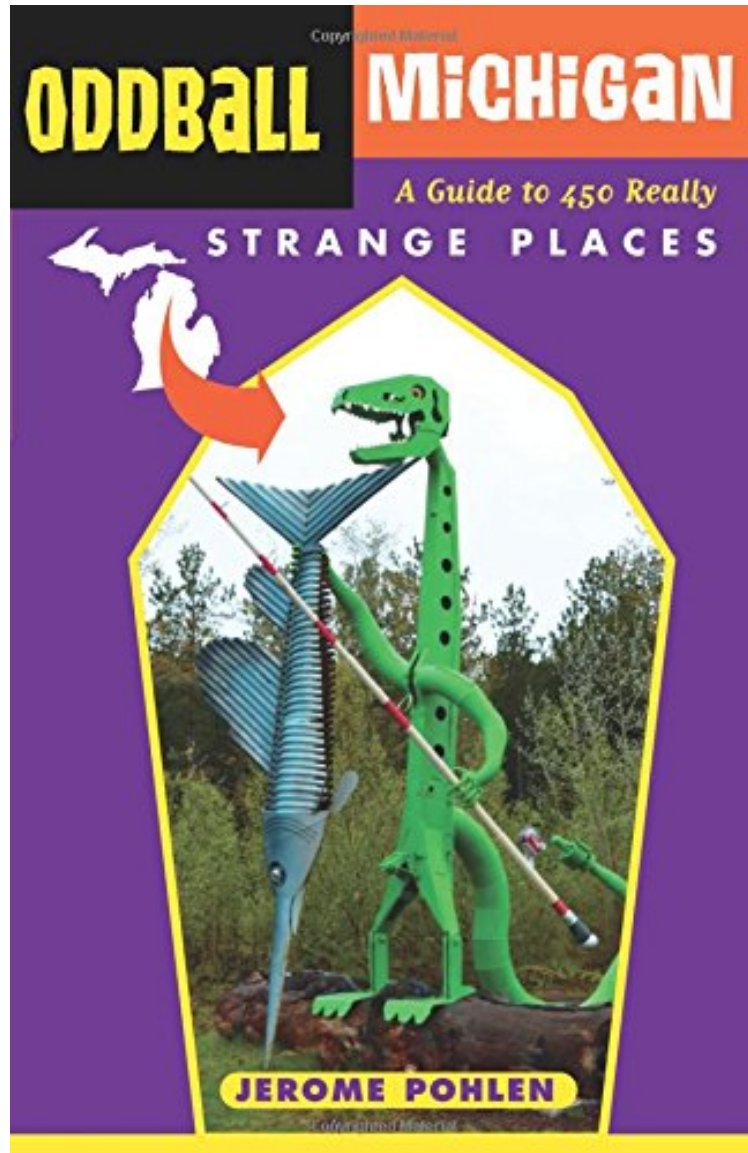


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Jerome Pohlen : Oddball Michigan: A Guide to 450 Really Strange Places (Oddball series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Oddball Michigan: A Guide to 450 Really Strange Places (Oddball series):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The MUST-READ travel series!!By A. SprankWonderful!

Wonderful! Love all his books, they offer the REAL sights that make roadtripping fun! This book is offers more mainstream stuff and less kitch than his other travel books, disappointing when his former books were truly offbeat and humorous. But still he has much to say, and I love it. It is fascinating to see someone who thinks like me, and appreciates these truly American places, and recorded them for the ages before they disappear. I can't believe how many of these sights I saw growing up on family vacations (the Ironwood indian! The fun and kitschy Tawas City park! My family has such good memories of exploring these sort of places.) This stuff is the unique, fun and creative America that used to exist before we were genericized and chain-stored, before we paved over small-towns and bypassed them on the interstate. There were no childrens' museums and waterpark hotels until recent years, so kids used to experience unique stuff like this when travelling. And Mr. Pohlen captures what is left of it all--people should read this book and rush to see this true Americana, support it, before it is completely gone! Generic waterparks are everywhere, nothing really special, but you can't easily replace Paul Bunyan or roadside "giants". For a kid, especially, it is sort of like a treasure hunt to discover some gigantic object utilized as a building, some sign that was a fiberglass figures advertising a place rather than a flat and boring billboard. He covers stuff that I remember, and many more that I DIDN'T know about, thanks to this book. Thanks for sharing the knowledge, I want to visit it all!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Road Trip Guide!By CathyJWhat a great book highlighting unusual and offbeat places in Michigan! As a lifelong resident, I was aware of some of the destinations, but others weren't on my radar. Purchased one copy for myself, and another as a gift. A great guide for future road trips.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pretty good readBy Daniel DixonI grew up in Michigan, and after 31 years away, I have enjoyed reading about the many places I've been there, as well as those I hope to see when I return for a visit. My only complaint: the author allows his political bias to creep in. It becomes rather tedious after a while. Other than that, this is a very serviceable bathroom book.

There's more to Michigan than beautiful forests, shuttered factories, and miles and miles of stunning shoreline. Armed with this offbeat travel guide, you'll soon discover the strange underbelly of the Great Lakes State. Michigan has monuments to fluoridation, snurfing, the designer of the Jefferson nickel, and the once-famous Mr. Chicken, as well as festivals honoring tulips, Christmas pickles, and a 38-acre fungus. It's where you'll find the World's Largest Lugnut, the Nun Doll Museum, Joe's Gizzard City, the Teenie-Weenie Pickle Barrel Cottage, Howdy Doody, and Thomas Edison's last breath. The state also has its share of weird history-it's where Harry Houdini perished on Halloween night in 1926, where skater Tanya Harding's posse whacked Nancy Kerrigan, and where the Kellogg brothers invented popular breakfast cereals and less-popular yogurt enemas. Along with humorous histories and witty observations, Oddball Michigan provides addresses, websites, hours, fees, and driving directions for each of its 450 entries.

Such grassroots creativity deserves to be celebrated, even by an author (Jerome Pohlen) whos from Chicago, a city which, lets be honest, cannot hold a candle to metro Detroit's oddball cred. Detroit Free Press