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Robert F. Wilson : Vermont Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Vermont Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Vermont for the curious visitorBy ViolettaI am greatly enjoying this book for its entertaining and informative stories about unique places and events in Vermont. I have visited Vermont

many times, and quite a few of the spots covered here are familiar to me, but in most cases I had no knowledge of the individuals who made these spots famous. It's perhaps worth knowing ahead of time that this book isn't really a "guidebook" in the usual sense. It is full of long stories--interesting ones, but certainly not thumbnail sketches for tourists. I think it's most fun to read it after you've visited the places, as a reminder of the historical, political, or scenic significance of each one. It's arranged by "area" within the state, so you can read a portion of it if you're planning a trip there, and at the end of the book, there's a list of major highways and the "sights" on each of those roads. Apart from those features, the rest of the book is prose, a few black and white pictures, and a few small maps. As long as you're not counting on a tourist guide, this book is great. It gives much reading pleasure, and it's guaranteed to present quite a few "curiosities" worth exploring. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. housewarming gift for my sister who moved to Vermont - ...By ali
housewarming gift for my sister who moved to Vermont - she loves it - abnd my nephew (who has lived there for many years) loves it too!
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great read. By Deirdre Heather
Great read.

A fun, accessible read for travelers and non travelers alike Vermont Curiosities is part zany Vermont guidebook and part Who's Who of unusual and unsung heroes, this compendium of the state's quirks and characters will amuse and amaze Vermont residents and visitors alike.

Bernie Sanders, lone independent in the U.S. Senate, wrote the foreword. Senator Sanders concludes by saying, This book is a pleasurable compendium for those who want to travel Vermont and see things not found in most guidebooks, and will be a delight to those who enjoy the quirkiness of Vermont's curiosities. As an example of this quirkiness, Wilson points to Vermont's only professional basketball team, the Frost Heaves. Any state serious enough of purpose to name an athletic team in honor of indigenous phenomena rather than mammals of prey earns points for originality. This user-friendly book is organized geographically, the first chapter dealing with statewide matters--historical, geological and cultural. The remaining chapters cover the state's eight regions. Each curiosity is pictured and includes clear directions for getting there, accompanied by hours of operation, if applicable, and a phone number for more information. Martha Slater
The Herald of Randolph
"The new book Vermont Curiosities sets out to find the interesting people, places, and historic quirks that make Vermont unique. They include tidbits like the sale of a counterfeit Norman Rockwell painting, the history of a horse-drawn garbage service in Bristol, and where to find a covered bridge museum inside a covered bridge. Author Bob Wilson traveled the state to uncover and research the stories collected in his book, but he found one of them in his own backyard. . . ." (From the introduction to an audio review, August 18, 2009.) --Jane Lindholm, Host, "Vermont Edition," Vermont Public Radio