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Fugitives And Refugees: A Walk In Portland, Oregon



Synopsis

Want to know where Chuck Palahniuk's tonsils currently reside? Been looking for a naked mannequin to hide in your kitchen cabinets? What goes on at the Scum Center? How do you get to the Apocalypse Cafe? In the closest thing he may ever write to an autobiography, Chuck Palahniuk provides answers to all these questions and more as he takes you through the streets, sewers, and local haunts of Portland, Oregon. According to Katherine Dunn, author of the cult classic *Geek Love*, Portland is the home of America's "fugitives and refugees." Get to know these folks, the "most cracked of the crackpots," as Palahniuk calls them, and come along with him on an adventure through the parts of Portland you might not otherwise believe actually exist. Here are strange personal museums, weird annual events, and ghost stories. Tour the tunnels under downtown Portland. Visit swingers' sex clubs, gay and straight. See Frances Gabe's famous 1940s Self-Cleaning House. Look into strange local customs like the I-Tit-a-Rod Race and the Santa Rampage. Learn how to talk like a local in a quick vocabulary lesson. Get to know, I mean really get to know, the animals at the Portland zoo. Oh, the list goes on and on.

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"Here's a writer whose life looks a lot like his fiction" *New York Times Book Review* "Maybe our generation has found it's Don DeLillo" Brett Easton Ellis "A wonderful writer" *The Face* "Palahniuk is one of the freshest, most intriguing voices to appear in a long time" *New York Newsday*

Chuck Palahniuk's eleven previous novels are the bestselling *Tell-All*, *Pygmy*, *Snuff*, *Rant*, *Haunted*,

Lullaby, Diary, Choke - which has been made into a film by director Clark Gregg, starring Sam Rockwell and Anjelica Huston - Survivor, Invisible Monsters, and Fight Club, which was made into a film by director David Fincher. He is also the author of the nonfiction profile of Portland, Oregon, Fugitives and Refugees, and the nonfiction collection Stranger Than Fiction. He lives in the Pacific Northwest.

I love this author but can never find his books locally, so I was thrilled to find it. It also got here very quickly!!!!

Nobody does it like Chuck Palahniuk. I really wish there was a book like this for San Diego. But there isn't. Not even close. He looks at Portland like he looks at life in general, through a different perspective.

Palahniuk gets it every time! This book is amazing. Only he could make what is essentially a travel guide so interesting and full of wit and interesting stories. I wish he would write more of these!

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