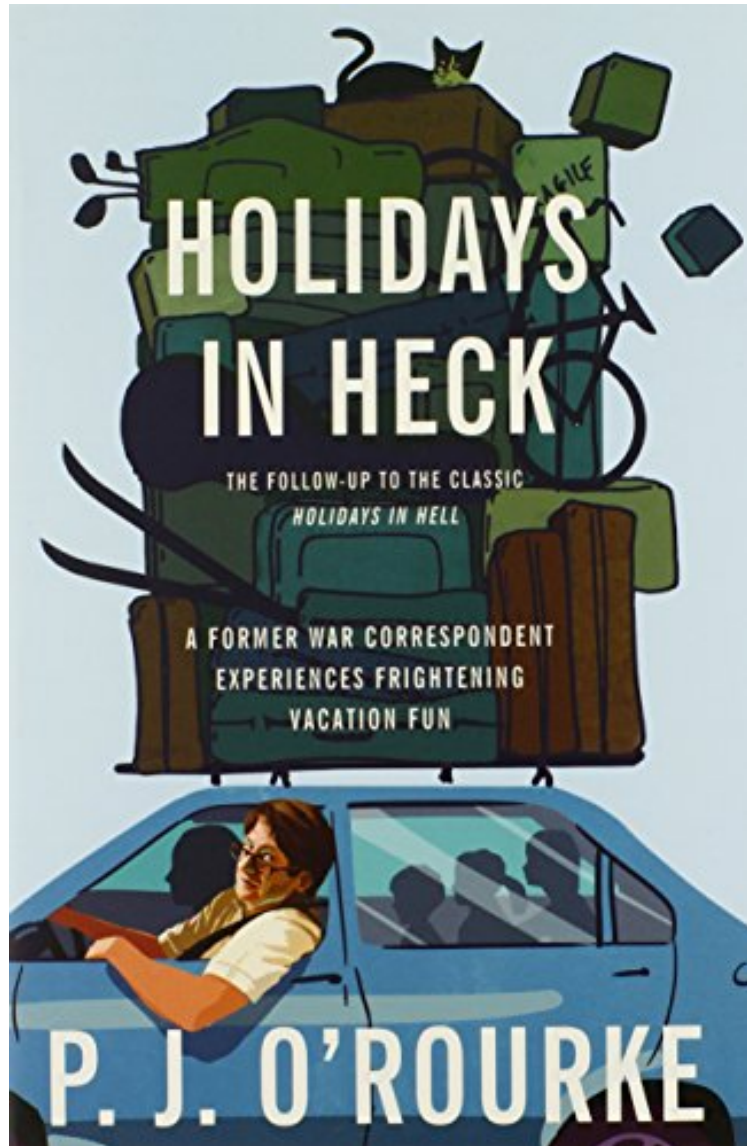


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**P. J. O'Rourke : Holidays in Heck** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Holidays in Heck:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I was extremely disappointed with this bookBy AlexWI was extremely disappointed with this book. I expected at least some laughs once in a while but the stories couldn't even get a chuckle out of me. This is my first P.J O'Rourke book, so I can't compare it to his other writings, but some of the stories seemed to drag on without really making a point, and he injected more of his political opinion as the book

progressed. The title for the most part did not reflect the contents of the book. The few times he talked about vacationing with his family, it was just that - a family vacation, but nothing dramatic happened that would conclude that it was a 'holiday in heck'. The closest story that matched the title was his adventure on horseback, but a hunt in England, his travels through China, and the rest of the stories were just that... a regurgitation of his experience with added political overtones - not dramatic, funny, or exciting...just bland. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It was a mildly interesting book, but too repetitive ...By Michael BunnIt was a mildly interesting book, but too repetitive and not enough "ADVENTURE" narrative -the stories are bland and the characters are one dimensional.It seems the narrative has been watered down to avoid offending the people involved and (some of ) the readers.I was in the merchant navy for eight years and it seems tha this style of leadership was to distance himself from the real work and events on the ships he was on.Sorry if not everyone likes this review.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. On the road with P.JBy Kathy MyersHaving his three children late in life ("I'm raising my own grandchildren") and his vast experience with travel to some major hell hole's as a correspondent, has given P.J a great perspective and appreciation of pleasant times and different sets of challenges with wrangling his delightful tots. He has nicknamed them Muffin, Poppet, and Buster and I hope these kids appreciate how lucky they are to have a father who can brilliantly document their adventures with such humor and insight- and I hope Mrs. O appreciates PJ as I have been in love with her husband and his writing since his National Lampoon days and I told him so at a CATO institute lecture in San Francisco back in 2001. (Don't worry Mrs O, he accepted it as a compliment then gave me the bums rush) Almost every sentence of this book contains a chuckle, a smirk or a grin and should be required reading for late life parents.

Over twenty years ago, P.J. O'Rourke published *Holidays in Hell*, the classic travelogue that found him searching for excitement in places like Warsaw, Managua, and Belfast. In *Holidays in Heck*, the man dubbed "the funniest writer in America" by Time and The Wall Street Journal steps into the new and slightly less dangerous territory of the family vacation. The O'Rourke clan treks to places as close to home as Disneyland and Washington, D.C., and as far-flung as China, all while P.J. attempts to dissuade his wife from shopping and keep his children entertained. His travels often leave him wishing he were under artillery fire again. At one point, the family takes a ski trip—to Ohio. Here, he warns his daughter not to ski out of bounds, "because it's completely flat." Later, during their visit to the National Museum of American History, P.J. calls the building, "ugly in a way that's best described as built in 1964." And one of his solo adventures takes him on a horse trek across the mountains of Kyrgyzstan, where his route consists of cliff faces that leave him dangling very much off of his saddle.

"A prolific humorist continues his outpouring of solid writing. . . some very fine travel writing, the best of which is wickedly droll—O'Rourke at his very best. . . Here's hoping there's another 15 books still to come."—Los Angeles Times "[O'Rourke is] just as funny but also challenging himself when working outside of topicality. . . a likable, brisk little brother to my favorite, 1988's *Holidays in Hell*. . . [T]his is my kind of O'Rourke: grouchy, quick and there to make you laugh."—San Francisco Chronicle "If all of America's registered Republicans were struck by an ideology-specific bird flu, and 50 among them had to be placed in a secure bunker to repopulate the species entirely, P.J. O'Rourke would hold a place on many people's list, mine included. He's funny. He tends to be against boredom and in favor of the pursuit of nonsobriety. He has a sharp nose for cant and bogusness. His conservatism is rooted in a fondness for ordinary things and a philosophy of individual common sense."—Dwight Garner, The New York Times "In this cheeky follow-up to *Holidays in Hell*, former war correspondent O'Rourke trades battle zones for more appealing travel destinations, often with his family in tow. . . The exotic . . . rub shoulders with the more mundane . . . and all of them share O'Rourke's razor wit. . . O'Rourke loses none of his sly humor, finding many opportunities to lampoon American politics under his new guise as a traveling family man."—Publishers Weekly "O'Rourke offers the fresh perspective of a neophyte civilian and family traveler along with his own acerbic wit about politics, recreation, economics, and family life. . . The essays are as humorous and charmingly meandering as his travels."—Booklist "Holidays in Heck is P.J. O'Rourke's sequel to *Holidays in Hell*. While the two books are distinguished by their time and O'Rourke's evolving position in life, they are connected by P.J.'s never-aging humor. . . I loved *Holidays in Heck* just as much as its prequel. P. J. is helping us all get older." —Rick Robinson, The Daily Caller "Entertaining . . . [O'Rourke is] an engaging writer, regardless of the topic." —Library Journal "[O'Rourke] provides colorful, earthy descriptive passages regarding stag hunts in Britain, extreme horseback riding in the wild of Kyrgyzstan, a poignant look at his bout with cancer, and a brief jaunt to Kabul, Afghanistan. Red meat for his fans."—Kirkus s