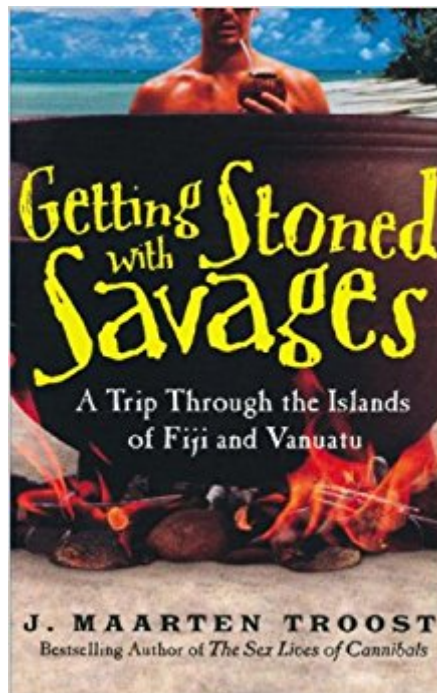




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Getting Stoned With Savages: A Trip Throught The Islands Of Figi And Vanuatu



Synopsis

Getting Stoned with Savages again reveals Troost's wry wit and infectious joy of discovery in a hilarious account of life in the farthest reaches of the world. After two grueling years on the island of Tarawa, Troost was in no hurry to return to the South Pacific--until he began to feel remarkably out of place in modern America--and he knew it was time to set off for parts unknown. Here he tells the story of his time on Vanuatu, a cluster of islands where he struggles against typhoons, earthquakes, and giant centipedes but finds himself swept up in the laid-back, clothing-optional lifestyle of the islanders. When his wife Sylvia gets pregnant, they decamp for slightly more civilized Fiji, a fallen paradise rife with prostitutes and government coups, where their son takes quite naturally to island living.

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Customer Reviews

Using a format similar to that of his previous work, *The Sex Lives of Cannibals*, Troost creates another comical and touching travel memoir. Troost and his wife, Sylvia, move from busy Washington, D.C., to Vanuatu, a nation made up of 83 islands in the South Pacific. As Sylvia works for a regional nonprofit, Troost immerses himself in the islands' culture, an odd mix of the islanders' thousand-year-old "kastoms" along with imperialist British and French influences. This really means that Troost gets to live in a nice house while he gets drunk on kava; dodges "a long inferno of magma and a cascade of lava bombs" at the "world's most accessible volcano

Praise for *The Sex Lives of Cannibals*: "A comic masterwork of travel writing."

• Publishers Weekly • “Troost has a command of place and narrative that puts his debut in the company of some of today’s best travel writers.”

• Elle • “A delightful, self-deprecating, extremely sly account of life in a place so wretched it gives new, terrible meaning to getting away from it all.”

• National Geographic Adventure --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I enjoyed the book and went to a kava bar to try kava from Vanuatu. I was okay with the fact that it tasted like dirt because I was interested in the effect, but it did nothing more than numb my tongue. Then I was then told that it’s supposed to be downed in one fell swoop. So I did that, but it just made me nauseous. Maybe one has to go to Vanuatu to experience what the author did.

I read his 1st book “Sex Lives of Cannibals” and loved it. After reading this one, I wanted to read every book he’s written. It’s such delicious reading, that I read it slowly to enjoy every bite and morsel. I also would like to thank his wife for affording him the time to write these wonderful stories/books. How anyone could not love and enjoy these books is beyond me. Thank you J. for the many hours of enjoyment, education and humor which shall stay with me long after their reading!

This was my first Troost book, and I found it laugh out loud funny, witty, and a light, fun, fast read. It was well worth the day it took to read it. I’m not going to suggest it was profound, thought provoking, or a must read from a literary sense, but it’s one of those books that you read when you want something funny and light. It sounds like the people who first read “Sex Lives of Cannibals” were somewhat disappointed in this book. (Which just tells me that “Sex Lives of Cannibals” must be hilarious! Maybe everyone should read this one first.) Without having read that to compare to (therefore rating purely on a stand-alone basis), I found this book really enjoyable. Troost’s witty humor, sarcasm, and ability to poke fun at himself make for an enjoyable read (especially between books tackling heavier subject matters). It’s like taking your own mini vacation.

The author is terminally irresponsible. Which is generally a good thing in adventure reading; the difference between Troost and Thomas Kohnstamm is that Thomas doesn’t cause other people problems through his recklessness. Reading about Troost getting fired from his job, ruining his neighbor’s car on the first day and so forth was just too painful, it might be me more than the book but I didn’t enjoy it.

Another good one from J. Martin Troost. Have a good laugh and enjoy the trip. Don't let his book titles keep you away. When I first started reading his travel adventures, I was embarrassed to take his book *The Sex Lives of Cannibals* to the checkout counter. But it was well worth it.

Hilarious book! I'm considering a job in Fiji and came across this book which is filled with humorous stories, interesting history, places to see in the South Pacific, and Troost's comical voice. What a great writer, he is continually self-deprecating and has a fantastic voice dripping with sarcasm and curiosity. This was an enjoyable read, start to finish. I recommend his other South Pacific book, *The Sex Lives of Cannibals*. This is the epitome of travel writing.

Great book for everybody that has lived abroad. One of the few books I'll read more than once.

Troost, is the ultimate life hacker. His brave story about cutting the chord of corporate America and moving to Micronesia is testimony that we can design a life based upon what we want, rather than what we do for a living. He is the ultimate life hacker and career hacker...

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