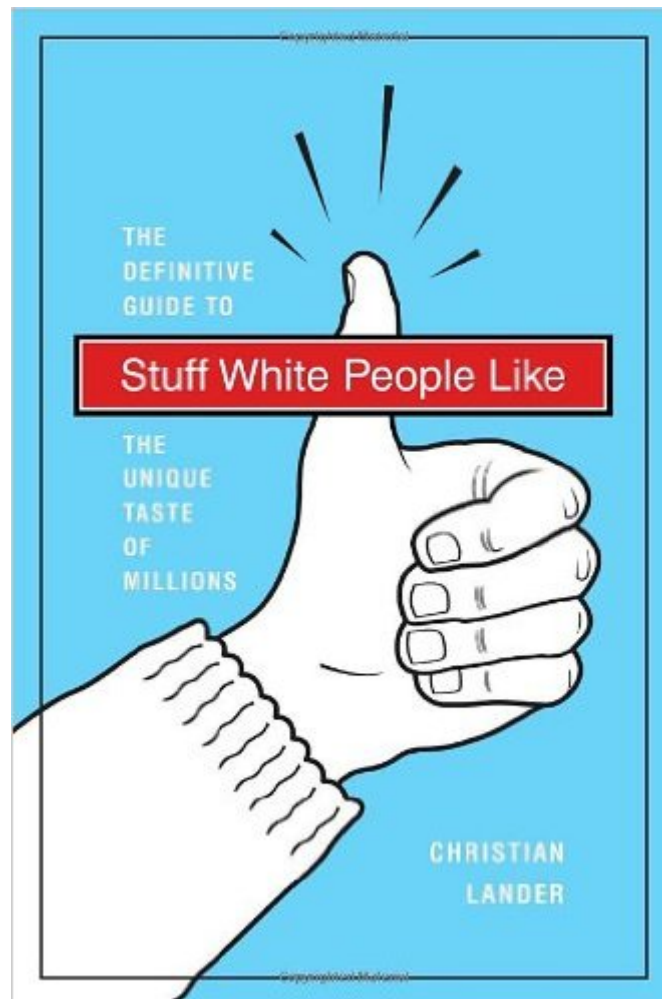


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Stuff White People Like: A Definitive Guide To The Unique Taste Of Millions



Synopsis

They love nothing better than sipping free-trade gourmet coffee, leafing through the Sunday New York Times, and listening to David Sedaris on NPR (ideally all at the same time). Apple products, indie music, food co-ops, and vintage T-shirts make them weak in the knees. They believe theyâ™re unique, yet somehow theyâ™re all exactly the same, talking about how they âœgetâ• Sarah Silvermanâ™s âœsubversiveâ• comedy and Wes Andersonâ™s âœdrollâ• films. Theyâ™re also down with diversity and up on all the best microbrews, breakfast spots, foreign cinema, and authentic sushi. Theyâ™re organic, ironic, and do not own TVs. You know who they are: Theyâ™re white people. And theyâ™re here, and youâ™re gonna have to deal. Fortunately, hereâ™s a book that investigates, explains, and offers advice for finding social success with the Caucasian persuasion. So kick back on your IKEA couch and lose yourself in the ultimate guide to the unbearable whiteness of being. Praise for STUFF WHITE PEOPLE LIKE:âœThe best of a hilarious Web site: an uncannily accurate catalog of dead-on predilections. The Criterion Collection of classic films? Haircuts with bangs? Expensive fruit juice? âˆBlonde on Blondeâ™ on the iPod? The author knows who reads The New Yorker and who wears plaid.â• “Janet Maslinâ™s summer picks, CBS.comâœThe author of "Stuff White People Like" skewers the sacred cows of lefty Caucasian culture, from the Prius to David Sedaris. . . . It gently mocks the habits and pretensions of urbane, educated, left-leaning whites, skewering their passion for Barack Obama and public transportation (as long as it's not a bus), their idle threats to move to Canada, and joy in playing children's games as adults. Kickball, anyone?â• “Salon.comâœA handy reference guide with which you can check just how white you are. Hint: If you like only documentaries and think your child is gifted, you glow in the dark, buddy.â• “NY Daily News

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Customer Reviews

If you are anything like me, you are a nearly-thirty white woman who is married with kids, and therefore doesn't quite have enough of a life to figure out what to talk about with her predominately white friends. I have spent many an evening at a chum's house only to find that after exchanging the typical pleasantries about the weather, a given sports team, and the Stock Market that we quickly run out of discussion topics. It's downright embarrassing! As white people we SHOULD have plenty to discuss: our neighbor's overgrown grass, the price of milk, the rising tax on gas, our cousin's new doctorate degree in experimental psychology, etc. In social situations, though, these things sometimes slip our minds and we end up sitting in awkward silence while we fish desperately for something, ANYTHING, to talk about. Fear no more! Now, thanks to this handy travel-friendly card set, no white person will run out of conversation topics (and if you do, it's obviously time to find new "friends"). These cards include suggestions for anything and everything that is quintessentially "white"! Not a white person? You're still in need of this set! These will help you comfortably find something to talk about with nearly any white folks you encounter, and they comfortably address all the topics that you cannot possibly be familiar with because of your race! They address pop culture (Angelina Jolie had a preventative mastectomy, did you hear?), books (Game of Thrones: did you read the books first or watch the show?), movies (The Fault in Our Stars is heartbreaking!), and music (Have you heard anything by Tim McGraw?

Christian Lander - with some photographic help from his wife Jessica Lander - has succeeded in transforming into book form his blog site STUFF WHITE PEOPLE LIKE and the result is a compendium of 150 idiosyncrasies that mark white people as a groupie well worth 'mocking'. Lander writes so well that his zingers remain on target while providing entertainment for the reader instead of producing a mockery or lambast too personal to continue. The first clue to his universal approach is the subtitle of the book, 'A Definitive Guide to the Unique Taste of Millions', and if you don't catch the humor in that then much of the book will be lost on you! After reading some of the 'Stuff' Lander lists we begin to feel the artifice of Lander's thinking; the long list of everyday items, as defined or described by Lander, spreads in comic relief the pretentiousness, the shallow desire to be 'with it', the countless fads we indulge while denying the commonality of those items, and the way 'white people' are perceived by the world at large - both at home and abroad. It has been said that nothing

is funnier than reality and this book proves that statement 150 times - with many more thoughts initiated by the book that extend the depth of comedy in the 'unique tastes' we claim. For instance, one favorite thing to discuss is public transportation, heralded as a big city luxury worth expanding into the little cities, but stopping short when the word 'bus' enters the conversation. 'When it comes to the subject it's best to understand that white people do not recognize public transit as a viable option until a subway line is built that runs directly from their house to their work. Until that time, public transportation is a luxury only for New Yorkers and Europeans, sort of like opera.

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