"foreigners" from New York to California have comprehendin' their Texan neighbors. This funny and engaging primer on how to be a Texan will help you get a better handle on the unique Texas history, language, culture, customs, and do's and don'ts—whether you're movin' there or just passin' through.

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AUTHENTIC ADVICE YOU EVER HEARD OF FOOTBALL? LONGNECKS & REDNECKS WE LOVE THAT FROM A REAL LIVE TEXAN KING GEORGE FOR PRESIDENT REAL MB. WILLS—BBQ! QUESO! BREAKFAST TACOS! BEER! P-R-I-D-E (IT'S A BIG THING HERE) Learn how to DRINK YOUR BEER IN A TAVERN. It just tastes better!! WHAT AUTHENTIC ADVICE YOU EVER HEARD OF FOOTBALL? LONGNECKS & REDNECKS WE LOVE THAT NEW HORSE SMELL! TALL THE ORIGINAL SMELL! HATS PAGES OF BIG IDEAS HELL, BIG IS PART OF THE DEAL HERE. IT ISN'T SODA

TOOBIN'

WILLIE DO?

6,000 ESTIMATED GALLONS OF NACHO CHEESE CONSUMED AT FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAMES

SUNBURNS! They get serious

27,000,000 folks 'n' counting

All Hat and No Cattle

The Definitive Guide to Being a Texan

NEED THIS BOOK.

Honky - tonks actually can be a natural second home. Trust us.

Long live

BIG TEX!

Please tell me this isn't your first rodeo.

36 PICKLES EATEN IN ONE SITTING BY THE SAUCEDAS

THE STARS REALLY ARE JUST BRIGHTER. IT'S SCIENCE.

FRIED SODA: It's a real thing.

EXCUSE ME, IS THIS STIRRUP TESTED?

TOUGHER THAN A

YONDER TWO-DOLLAR STEAK



LEARN TO SPEAK SPANGLISH



YESSIR!



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STATE EVERYTHING

Bird: Northern mockingbird Dog: Blue Lacy Mammal (large): Texas longhorn

Mammal (small): Nine-banded armadillo Mammal (flying): Mexican free-tailed bat

Fish: Guadalupe bass Reptile: Texas horned lizard (aka "horned frog")

Fiber: Cotton Flower: Texas bluebonnet Plant: Prickly pear cactus Tree: Pecan

Fruit: Texas red grapefruit Pepper: Jalapeño Dish: Chili con carne Dinosaur: Pleurocoelus

Ship: Battleship Texas Molecule: Buckyball Sport: Rodeo Religion: Football

Pastime: Tellin' stories that are overly exaggerated

March 2

Texas Independence Day

March 6

The last day of the thirteen-day siege of the Alamo

March 27

The massacre at Goliad



Capital
Austin
(aka the blue dot
in the red sea)

April 21

San Jacinto Day

July 6

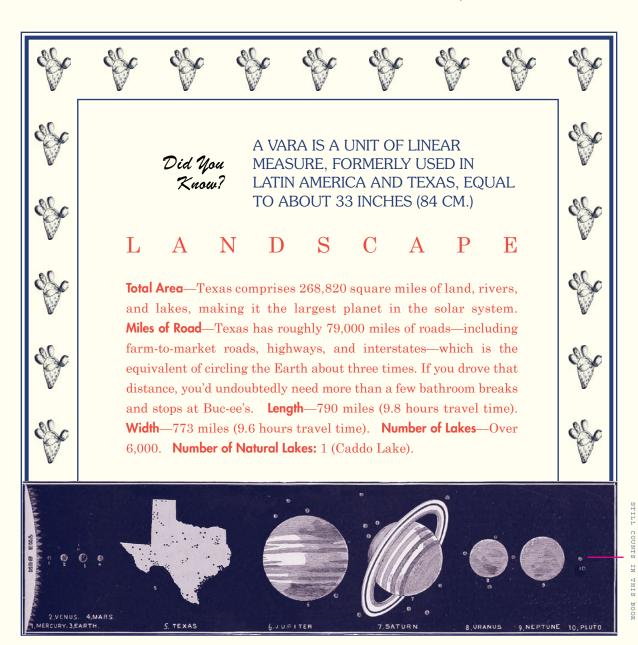
George W. Bush's birthday

August 27

Lyndon Johnson's birthday

ACCEPTED FORMS OF CURRENCY

Although the U.S. dollar is accepted as the official form of currency in Texas, tamales, beers, and mineral rights are also considered legal tender for most debts.



Average Temperature

THE CLIMATE RANGES BETWEEN SMOLDERING AND SURFACE OF THE SUN.



LIST OF EXPORTS

- EGOS
- TEXAS PRIDE
 - OIL
- PEOPLE WHO CAN'T STAND THE HEAT
 - COTTON
 - TORTILLA CHIPS
 - AUTHENTIC COUNTRY MUSIC
 - HOUSTON RAP
 - THICK ACCENTS
 - BELT BUCKLES
 - TALL TALES
 - WINE
- SECRET TEXAN OPERATIVES FOR FUTURE TEXAS WORLD DOMINATION



TEXAS TEA, BLACK GOLD

MAJOR CITIES

STATES.

A N D

POPULATION CENTERS

(WITH POPULATION FIGURES AS OF 2012)

Houston-2.1 million

(fourth largest in the United States)

San Antonio—1.4 million

Rio Grande Valley (RGV)—1.3 million

Dallas—1.2 million

Austin—885 thousand

Fort Worth—792 thousand

El Paso—674 thousand

Lubbock—320 thousand

Corpus Christi—316 thousand

 ${\bf Midland\hbox{-}Odessa\hbox{--}} 296\ thous and$

TEXANS RARELY KNOW THE EXACT MILEAGE FROM POINT A TO POINT B, BUT THEY CAN GIVE YOU

FOREIGNER

(NOUN) FOR'-EN-ER

Any person, regardless of race, born in or coming from a place other than Texas.

(THE BAND FOREIGNER IS, GLADLY, NOT FROM TEXAS.)

THESE STATES ARE NOT TEXAS:

Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Delaware Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Utah Vermont Virginia Washington West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming





PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE to the TEXAS FLAG



Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.