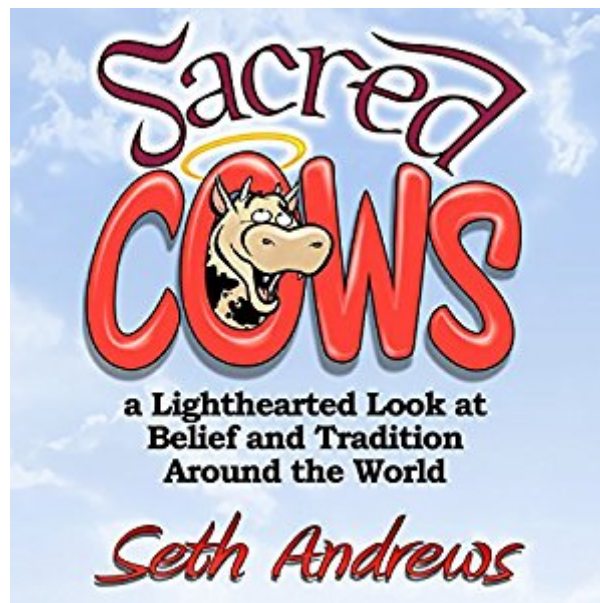




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Sacred Cows: A Lighthearted Look At Belief And Tradition Around The World



Synopsis

Did you know that God forbids the tying of shoelaces on Saturdays? Or that humans emit a colorful aura that can be discerned only with a Third Eye? That bountiful harvest requires the flinging of a live goat from a church bell tower? That instead of wishing upon a star, we can wish upon a...cow? Well into the 21st century, our species continues to participate in beliefs and customs that seem more suited to the Bronze Age than the Information Age, some of which involve poisonous snakes, holy smoke, urine bubbles, crystals, tarot cards, aliens, costumed virgins, and, of course, an offering plate. Join Seth Andrews for a random romp across the planet and a humorous look at some of humanity's Sacred Cows.

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Customer Reviews

I've been listening to Seth's podcast's, watching his videos and seminars, and reading his words for some time now. So, I wasn't sure if this book would be more of the same from what I've already experienced. While it certainly contains similar themes, overall this book had me both in stitches and mouth agape as I discovered the strange and bizarre practices we humans are capable for the sake of belief in an afterlife and higher power. From religion to tradition, Vikings to Mormons to the Church of Euthanasia, Seth writes in a very tongue-in-cheek way that STICKS in your brain. If you're a fan of his voice, you'll hear it shine throughout each page. You wind up chuckling, smiling, and shocked at the content of his story telling. He fact checks everything, reads/cites strange doctrine, and provides footnotes for his sources, while continually keeping you entertained throughout. I've been reading it slow to make sure I fully digest every tidbit he has served up in this

fun little gem!

I have to admit that I have had some minor acquaintance with both the writer and the artist. But I had no idea how entertaining a book could be and was blown away by both the humor but common sense they've gifted to readers. If you do not like this book, then I'm sorry to say that you have not a speck of a sense of humor in you. Just turning the pages makes me smile. Even if the subject matter is not something you'd normally show interest in - I can promise that you will be entertained by the short chapters and the writing style.

I haven't read Seth's first book yet, but I think the tone of that first book was very serious, while this one is not. It's funny, light-hearted and the illustrations are great, but Seth is also careful to target the beliefs, without needlessly ripping on the followers. If you've followed his podcast, you know what to expect. If not, you're in for a treat.

I ordered the book because the title looked interesting. I notice that I need 11 more words to complete my review.

An entertaining and informative look into the many strange belief based behaviors of our fellow humans. I found it to be a page turner -- regretting having to put it down and wait till I have time for the next chapter. Really, everyone who calls themselves a believer or a rationalist would benefit from this look at the things we humans do in the name of belief.

Perhaps the start of critical thinking is to be able to look at our sacred cows... But it is painful as a believer especially in a rude or irreverent manner...and all sorts of feelings surface even anger at the author but at the end it does make one wonder why one didn't question earlier.

A delightful tour of the quacks, cranks, and others who promote and subscribe to things they, and a lot of people, actually believe in. Signs pointing to human gullibility, and a humorous approach to the strangeness of human beliefs makes me not only highly recommend this tome, but do it with a huge smile.

A very enjoyable read! Entertaining and informative in Seth Andrews' easy-going relatable style. Although I read my copy, I'd recommend the audio book because Seth is an excellent speaker.

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