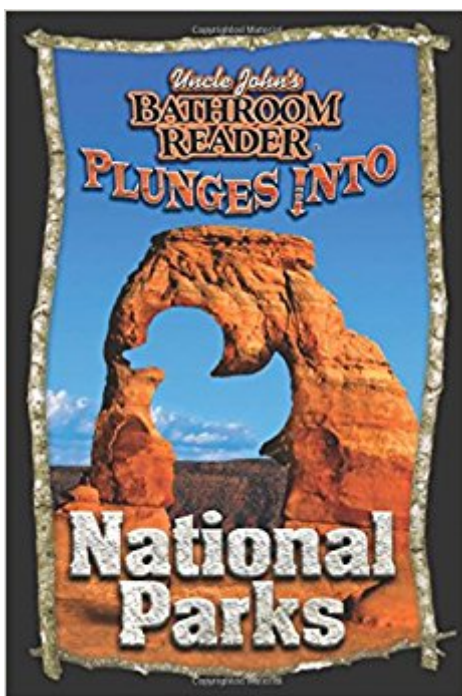


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# Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Plunges Into National Parks



## Synopsis

Featuring the BRM trademark trivia, fun facts, amazing origins, and unknown histories, this book dips into every national park, monument, site, and trail (more than 150 in all), exploring such exciting phenomena as Yosemite's firefall and the wild horses of Assateague, along with practical strategies for dodging that rampaging bear or moose. Printed in backpack- or pocket-friendly size with sturdy, waterproof cover, this brisk guide is ideal for both the outdoors type and those who prefer to travel by armchair or throne.

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## Customer Reviews

The Bathroom Readers' Institute is a tight-knit group of loyal and skilled writers, researchers, and editors who have been working as a team for years. The BRI understands the habits of a very special market - Throne Sitters - and devotes itself to providing amazing facts and conversation pieces.

This latest Uncle John publication proclaims on its back cover "It's time to hit the Trail!" Hit the history books is more like it. This wonderful little volume is full of fascinating trivia about the national parks and monuments found in the US and Canada. Each chapter is brief enough to be read during a single trip to the throne room of your house, and for the most part the prose is enjoyable enough to keep you coming back. Favorite stories for me were "The Great Pig War" in which the US and England nearly managed to go to war over a dead pig (San Juan Island National Historic Park) and

the Mojave National Preserve's "lonely phonebooth." For the most part the history and folklore seemed accurate enough, though the authors did slip a little when they wrote that Ansel Adams had saved King's Canyon with pictures of its Giant Sequoia Grove. There is no such grove in King's Canyon proper. General Grant Grove is now administered as a part of King's Canyon National Park, but it has been protected since 1890. In any event, King's Canyon was preserved because it so closely resembled Yosemite. On the other hand, virtually every other element of the book is accurate. Indeed, this is one of the few sources I have ever read that correctly notes Hot Springs Arkansas is the oldest National Park, dating back to 1835, long before the Yosemite Grant or the creation of Yellowstone National Park. So, by all means get this rather unusual travel guide. It probably won't help much with actual trip planning, but it is nice for whiling away the time between trips: especially that portion of the time when you are otherwise preoccupied.

Completely as described Great shipper. Would Use again.

I was actually prepared to be disappointed with this. National Parks is not a passion of mine, and while I generally trust BRI to deliver, I viewed this as a challenge...Challenge met! It was entertaining, well written and unlike some of their most recent efforts NOT largely a rehash of prior materials.

Very Interesting

Want to know more about the national parks, including little-known facts and tidbits? This book provides that as well as amusing bits of knowledge and entertainment. As always, Uncle John and the Bathroom Readers Institute provide the best in entertaining and enlightening reading!

I got this because I love the regular series of this book. This one however isn't very interesting. It gives you information about our parks but you quickly learn it's just a lot of boring history.

Purchased as a gift - well-liked by recipient.

This book is kind of like the Cliff's notes for the National Park System. It's OK, but if you want the real deal, something more historical and in depth, get something else.

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