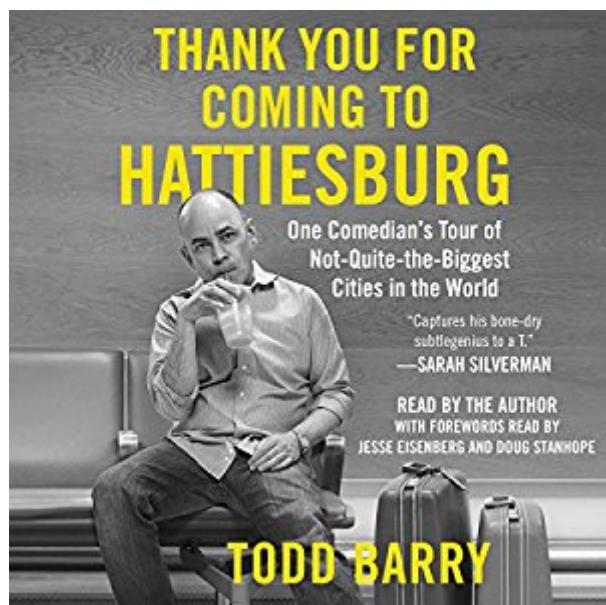


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Thank You For Coming To Hattiesburg: One Comedian's Tour Of Not-Quite-the-Biggest Cities In The World



Synopsis

From the veteran comedian and actor from *The Wrestler* and *Louie* comes a hilarious book of travel essays from his time on tour through secondary markets in the US, Canada, and Israel. Hello. It's Todd Barry. Yes, the massively famous comedian. I have billions of fans all over the world, so I do my fair share of touring. While I love doing shows in the big cities (New York, Chicago, Cleveland), I also enjoy a good secondary market (Rochester, Springfield, Toledo). There's something great about performing in a place where they don't expect to see you. They're appreciative. They say things like "thank you for coming to Hattiesburg" as much as they say "nice show". And almost every town has their version of a hipster coffee shop, so I can get in my comfort zone. My original plan was to book one secondary market show in all 50 states in about a year, but that idea was funnier than anything in my act. So, instead of all 50 states in a year, my agent booked multiple shows in a lot of states, plus Israel and Canada. *Thank You for Coming to Hattiesburg* is part tour diary, part travel guide, and part memoir. (Yes, memoir. Just like the thing presidents and former child stars get to write.) Follow me on my journey of small clubs and the occasional big amphitheater. Watch me make a promoter clean the dressing room toilet in Connecticut, see me stare at beached turtles in Maui, and see how I react when Lars from Metallica shows up to see me at a rec center in Northern California. I'd love to tell you more, but I need to go book a flight to Evansville, Indiana.

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Customer Reviews

Todd has been one of my favorite comedians, and in my opinion, one of the best active comedians, for a very, very long time. So, when his egregiously titled book "Thank You for Coming to Hattiesburg: One Comedian's Tour of Not-Quite-the-Biggest Cities in the World" came out, I knew I had to read it right away. I was not disappointed. As a fan of his comedy, one can read the entire thing and imagine him telling you the stories in his plodding, deliberate tone, which consequently caused me to laugh out loud on several occasions. If you are a fan of Todd, definitely read this, but there is a lot of meat on the bone for general fans of stand-up comedy or just fans of road diaries (if there is such a thing). A fun read and well-written (as to be expected with Todd's ever-present OCD), which is a nice change from other memoirs of super mega stars (I'm looking at you, Andy Warhol).

Todd's humor translates beautifully to the written word. I literally laughed out loud throughout this hilarious book of travel memories. I also learned quite a bit about sky miles, hotel reward points, and what it is really like to travel on the road for your work. Todd's self-deprecating humor--interspersed with his faux boasting--keeps the pages turning and will keep a smile on your face as well. This is a great book, fun to read (or listen to Todd read if you get the audible version like I did), and a great addition to a comedy fan's library.

Lost track of the times I laughed out loud. I stood next to him once, in the back of the crowd, before he performed at Red Star in Greenpoint as the star special guest of the, now defunct, monthly Pirate Party comedy night. He seemed at ease and laughed along with jokes of the other comedians. Didn't even realize I was next to him until he was announced and walked up to the mic to deliver a hilarious set. I now know it was all for show and he was scanning the venue, sizing us up, listening for jokes to avoid. What was going through his head? Nice, low ceilings if I remember right. Hipster crowd, obviously in Greenpoint, so he could use his big words. I don't think there was a green room, so major points off, and I don't remember the bathroom as all that great and I think it was downstairs, too. It's amazing he was able to deliver as great of a performance as he did! If there's any chance this FAMOUS AS HELL guy gets down and reads his book reviews: Todd, check out "credit card churning". Will really help your travel game.

It's hard to place exactly what I enjoy about this book so much. It's about the wonderful comedian Todd Barry just kind of wandering from place to place, and the interesting little details of what it is like to be a comedian on the road. Its a little neurotic, a little repetitive, but strangely wonderful. Todd

is my favorite comedian, and he does an excellent job of keeping you entertained. This book made me laugh and smile. There's something charming about reading about someone whose favorite activity is to find a local coffee shop to sit and relax in. Pick this book up if you are fan of stand up comedy at all. Comedian memoirs are always the best reads, and Todd's book is no exception.

I really enjoy books that take you on a journey. This book takes you on a cross country journey with one of the funniest comedians working today. As a fan, I found Todd and his tour journal very funny. As an outsider to the comedy world, I gained a new appreciation for the work and the grind involved in being a successful comedian. Well done and thank you.

Todd Barry is hilarious on stage, but sadly his book is not. Even though I was disappointed that this book isn't that funny, I'm glad I read it b/c it gives a real insider's view of life as a standup comedian. It chronicles the loneliness of eating alone, the hassles of traveling/staying in crappy hotels, and the constant search for decent restaurants (or coffee shops in Todd's case). I found this aspect interesting, but perhaps a bit repetitive as the chapters seems to overlap and repeat themselves often. If you are looking for a funny book, this is not it. If you are looking for a book that reveals the life of a comedian, this is the perfect book for you.

This book is hilarious! Todd has a gift for describing each city and scenario perfectly so you feel like you were there. I also like how he included stories from previous visits to some towns. Made me wish I could travel more. Todd is a little snarky when he needs to be, but also seems like someone who can find the good in any place or situation. Nice mentions for many of his opening acts. Also you learn a little bit about how to act as a comedy fan!

This is one of the more enjoyable comedian memoirs I have read. Todd's unique style translates perfect in this book. It's sort of just feel like you're listening to Todd tell you stories over drinks. I seriously hope Todd writes another book!

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