

Footnotes from the World's Greatest Bookstores: True Tales and Lost Moments from Book Buyers, Booksellers, and Book Lovers

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A New York Times Bestseller

From the beloved New Yorker cartoonist comes a collection of paintings and stories from some of the world's most cherished bookstores.

This collection of 75 evocative paintings and colorful anecdotes invites you into the heart and soul of every community: the local bookshop, each with its own quirks, charms, and legendary stories.

The book features an incredible roster of great bookstores from across the globe and stories from writers, thinkers and artists of our time, including David Bowie, Tom Wolfe, Jonathan Lethem, Roz Chast, Deepak Chopra, Bob Odenkirk, Philip Glass, Jonathan Ames, Terry Gross, Mark Maron, Neil Gaiman, Ann Patchett, Chris Ware, Molly Crabapple, Amitav Ghosh, Alice Munro, Dave Eggers, and many more.

Page by page, Eckstein perfectly captures our lifelong love affair with books, bookstores, and book-sellers that is at once heartfelt, bittersweet, and cheerfully confessional. Bob Eckstein is an award-winning illustrator, writer, New Yorker cartoonist, snowman expert, and author of the New York Times bestselling Footnotes from the Greatest Bookstores (Clarkson Potter). His cartoons, OpEds, and short stories appear worldwide regularly including the New York Times, New York Daily News, MAD magazine, Readers Digest, The Spectator, Prospect, Wall Street Journal, Playboy, among many others. Penguin Random House has produced a postcard set of his bookstore paintings. He has been interviewed in over 100 TV, radio and magazine spots including Good Morning America and People magazine. His work can be seen at BobEckstein.com and he can be followed on Instagram at @Bob_Eckstein or Twitter at @BobEckstein. "Enchanting paintings...colorful quotes and anecdotes, a testimony to the continuing vibrancy of print books." - USA Today

"Flat-out lovely. This might be a perfect book for holiday giving. But you might want to buy two copies, and keep one for yourself." - Star Tribune

"Bibliophiles will rejoice at this beautiful collection celebrating the history and lure of independent bookshops worldwide." - Shelf Awareness

"Footnotes visually illustrates why these shops are so beloved. Eckstein, a cartoonist for The New Yorker, has beautifully painted 75 of the most storied purveyors from around the world." - The Globe and Mail

"New Yorker cartoonist Eckstein has created a love letter to independent bookstores around the world." - Kirkus Review

"In a time when it seems that brick-and-mortar bookstores are closing at a rapid clip, this book celebrates those very places, giving us an inside look into the cherished community of local bookshops." - Smithsonian Magazine

"Absolutely wonderful. In time Footnotes from the World's Greatest Bookstores will be a beautiful historical document, and it's surely one for the shelves of any true bibliophile." - Reading Addicts

"This would look great stacked on top of other random books cascading out of your Strand tote bag for a picture that says, 'I just got back from spending a shit ton at the bookstore.' " - Above Average.com

"There's a good chance that if you're buying a book for someone, that they're a person who likes the feel and nostalgia of bookstores. In fact, Goldin says bookstores are rather popular subject matter. But among the plethora of books on the topic, Footnotes from the World's Greatest Bookstores by Bob Eckstein still stands out." - Daniel Goldin, Boswell Book Company

"Celebrates these unique places while also highlighting concerns about the future...filled with emotional investment, inspiration, and endless stories from the people who run bookstores and those who love them." - BookWitty

"Charming." ? - Miami Herald

"Wonderful homage." - Reader's Digest

One of the Wall Street Journal's "Most Anticipated Books of Fall 2016"

"A national treasure." - David Plotz, Slate

"A truly stunning book with beautiful images of some amazing bookshops this is a lovely read and a great collectable to cherish forever." - Books Bird

"It's WONDERFUL!!! Beautiful, fun to read, interesting." - Roz Chast
Other Books

History of the Future. The information explosion of the 20th century has made obsolete all of the beliefs about reality that preceded it. Led by the works of Albert Einstein and R. Buckminster Fuller, this new information also opens up new opportunities and possibilities to create a constitutional global society of peace, prosperity, and environmental purity. Fuller's Global Grid Initiative is introduced as a doable, win-win, planetary project to bring this new society into existence. Fuller proposed the interlinking of renewable energy resources to establish a global energy internet. This system will provide a permanent supply of clean, abundant power to uplift the standard of living for the whole world and to eliminate pollution.

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