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Part travel memoir, part humor, and part twisted self-help information, *The Geography of Bliss* takes the reader around the world to research not what happiness is, but WHERE it really is. Why can be Asheville, NEW YORK so damn happy? May be the King of Bhutan a visionary for his initiative to calculate Gross National Happiness? Do citizens of Qatar, awash in petrodollars, find joy in all that cash? Are people in Switzerland happier because it is the most democratic country in the world? In a distinctive mix of travel, psychology, science and humor, Eric Weiner answers those questions and many others, offering travelers of most moods some interesting new ideas for sunnier destinations and dispositions.



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"Researchers have found that people, sane people at least, rarely smile when only. But living in some of those towns costs lots of money, in truth a ton of money. But of course right now there is. People in fact read this book thinking it could answer the age old question of what is happiness. That's not what you will discover. I led the discussion at my book club, and everyone there got a different opinion about what ought to be the "happiest place in the globe". Truly changed my entire life in a time where I was looking for meaning. It's critics appear to be those that anticipated him to explore every part of every culture he visited and come to profound conclusions. . Thought provoking for individuals who are seeking and the ones who have found bliss I'm a perpetually content person. I never likely to love this reserve, but I do! For travelers just as much as those thinking about the science of happiness! However the author's vast knowledge of both centuries outdated and present day literature, art, and science on the subject is amazing. In THE GEOGRAPHY OF BLISS, writer Eric Weiner is the international correspondent for National General public Radio reporting on what he admits is probably a self-imposed fool's errand, i. There were a number of other readers who, like me, didn't expect to like the publication, and do!" - from THE GEOGRAPHY OF BLISS "Viewing Brits shed their inhibitions is like watching elephants mate. so I stopped reading it. He zeroes in on what's important, though it seems he is an extremely casual tourist. Worldly view I enjoyed reading this very much. He has a laser-like concentrate on the feeling of place. I'll probably read even more of his books today.s Unorthodox approach to define happiness, both humorous and thought-provoking O M G: did not have that good fun in reading for a long time. What a wonderful love of life !" With that entrance, I liked him already. And I'm happy I have no idea ' Bryson' either ! I must say i liked this publication but buyer beware: We'd give it 4 stars if you want a book only about what makes people happy. Five Stars Great lesson in happiness~~read the publication! Combine an unorthodox approach to a seek out what make people content (clarification; I wanted to savor each nation, ponder the quotations from people all around the globe who think (or don't think) about happiness. However, his failure for connecting decreasing dots, dots he himself colours in bright red, can be breathtaking.), with a knack for humor to instantly disarm the potential seriousness and possible pretense of the search, and you go web page by web page, from observation to observation, stopping at a thought, pretty much like the tasting of an excellent wine, but a different one at all times. I couldn't place the book down. Trying to define what ' Happiness' might indicate in each case, and with the addition of the various perspectives up, allows the reader to explore the subject with him, at every stage along the way. Two thumbs up! I could go on and on, but will not; discover for yourself; this book is indeed hilariously well-created, that it can induce the very state it really is trying to determine, in the reader ! Enjoy ! It really is well-written and provocative. I try to ration myself to a chapter / country a day. However, I gave it 5 stars for an overall great read that is part travel guide along with being a study of happiness. And it was. Your happiest place and mine are probably not similar! I also like data and research. So this book seemed like it will be an easy examine. If you want to travel you will like this publication, Eric does an excellent job combining the research you can find out about with the individual experience you can only just get from being generally there. However in slow bites. definitely not the author himself !The writing style made this specifically enjoyable. I've Gifted this Book SEVERAL times I cannot rave loudly more than enough about this book. Avowed curmudgeon stalks the potential for inner glee "That old saw about the glass getting half full or half empty is dead wrong. There are travel narratives, and there are travel narratives. He describes places beautifully - you is there. . And, in the event you're wondering, our international correspondent does indeed seem to arrive at a consensus of one as to which of these places is the happiest.The Innocents Abroad, Mark Twain billed himself as a foreign correspondent. Weiner's sense of humor is dry and right on.e." That would've been an insightful contact with the potential for very much humor, I suspect, if not necessarily uncovering overabundant happiness. Don't understand the negative reviews, except for the fact that folks maybe take themselves a little too seriously (or are just too grumpy)?In ten chapters, Weiner records his seek out joyful life in The Netherlands, Switzerland, Bhutan, Qatar, Iceland, Thailand, Great Britain, India, and America. With regard to contrast, Eric also visits Moldova, where, apparently, many people are profoundly miserable." - from THE GEOGRAPHY OF BLISSWriting Weiner's style is easy-going and softly self-deprecatory.The most obvious question is why the author didn't include Disneyland on his itinerary, the self-styled "Happiest Put on Earth. to get the happiest put on Earth despite possessing what he describes, on page one, as a "gloomy disposition. Perhaps we, always searching for a retirement venue, must start

looking at the real estate listings. I like that in a travel essayist since a road trip of any length is best not taken too seriously. What really matters is whether drinking water is moving into or out from the glass. I've generally found the very best to become those through which runs a topical thread that wouldn't perhaps become conceptualized by most writers. Attention All Delivery: A Journey Round the Shipping Forecast (Radio 4 Reserve of the Week), Pagan Holiday: On the Trail of Ancient Roman Tourists, and I have given this publication to multiple friends as gifts, and all my other friends possess heard me estimate passages from it such as this may be the bible. fall into that category. THE GEOGRAPHY OF BLISS is definitely similarly satisfying. Interesting vignettes about places I've no desire to visit, but some serious blind spots This book is the perfect travelogue – a substitute for travel where you get to see exotic places while another person experiences the discomforts of actual travel. And Weiner writes well; He occurs to visit a nation I'm well acquainted with because of my being born and developing up there, and I can tell you, Eric Weiner totally cracks me up, and in the event that you read between the lines, gets it correct at the same time, in some way !! For example, he often says that money, as long as you have enough for the necessities, isn't essential for happiness, that the true key to happiness has been among congenial people whom you know well and trust. I would have given it 5 superstar, except that the initial few chapters are written in a very nice and informative method. I was also amused while reading some of the negative evaluations. Have a man who grew up in Seattle, or San Francisco, or Manhattan, or Boston. He feels preferred among the individuals who grew up with him there, therefore by Weiner's calculus, he should certainly live in Seattle, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, Manhattan, or Boston, which would make him happier than having a lot of money." I guess this reserve made me insane cause We smiled and laughed a lot while I go through it. Love the author's sense of humor and sarcasm. Love this publication. I read it a few times now. My comfort reserve! Totally agreed with his perspective on few countries described that I've been to. senseless I could never figure out what this reserve was about . You know it happens, it must, but it's noisy, awkward as hell, and you can't help but question: Is definitely this something I must say i need to see? Instead he engages the reader with a breadth of understanding on the studies of happiness, while making humorous cultural observations, and interviewing a broad scope of humans to get their observations on pleasure. His years of composing for NPR have definitely paid off. Would definitely go through thru on an intercontinental flight. Travel the world with Eric and discover what happiness means to you. It's a good, light browse, intelligent and witty. It is hilarious. It really is deep. It offers glances into cultures and tips that many may not encounter. The Sinner's Grand Tour: A Trip Through the Historical Underbelly of European countries Scepticism is instantly balanced with relativity and humor, and the realization that he must keep himself 'open' and 'floating' in his search. The BEST! Outstanding - I have the audio CDs also. I keep finding new insights each time I listen. He is not. Good insight into each country that he visited. A good read It's been really very long time since read a good book like that. He never actually hints that there could be tension between these two factors. The last few chapters are kind of " fill in the area " type.



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