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**Alex Stokes : Messing With Tourists: Stupid Answers To Stupid Questions** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Messing With Tourists: Stupid Answers To Stupid Questions:

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Laughed so hard I exhibited appendicitis symptoms that fooled several highly-trained doctors By Greg Wood Aside from the time that the remastered version of the seminal rock album "Destroyer" by Kiss was only \$3.99 on iTunes for a weekend and I purchased it, Alex Stokes' book "Messing With Tourists" is easily the best \$4 I've ever spent in my entire life. Stokes accurately captures the caliber of thought (or lack thereof) present in the average East Tennessee tourist. Given the low-brow nature of the Gatlinburg/Pigeon

Forge area, the kind of person drawn there ranks highly among the dumbest in Tennessee, which (to paraphrase the film "The Big Lebowski") places them high in the running for dumbest nation-wide. Stokes occasionally comes off a bit harsh to tourists, but fortunately his humor redeems him fully and causes us to empathize with his situation. He manages to also point out insights into humanity, such as when he hilariously explains that "wilderness" is essentially nature's "petting zoo" (though he advises against petting bears-- advice I'm sure that went unheeded). We've all been on both the asking end (whether we want to admit it or not) or receiving end of such inquiries, and Stokes subtly points this out through amusing anecdotes that toe the line of reality and a dystopian land of rednecks. Interactions with tourists remind the reader of characters in Joseph Heller's "Catch-22" in their circular logic and fallacy (Tourist: Why are there so many hot air balloons? Alex: I haven't seen any. Tourist: Come to think of it, I haven't either.). If I were to be on a desert island by myself for the rest of my life, I'd bring this book, as many Ernest Hemingway books as I can, and probably one or two books that are really just full of photos of naked ladies but like artsy photos though not smutty ones. I can't recommend it highly enough. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I LAUGHED OUT LOUD READING THIS BOOK! By Marty H. Very funny! If you have worked with tourist in the Smokey Mountains, a must read. Touron: Part tourist, part moron. I highly recommend you buy this book. You can't make up these stories. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Short, easy read, funny By BETTY Boop This is a short book which best describes what stupid questions some people ask, i.e. "When do they let the bears out (in the Smoky Mtns). It is an easy read.

Messing With Tourists: Stupid Answers To Stupid Questions, is the first book from Stand Up Comedian Alex Stokes. During the past year, Alex spent time talking to tourists in the extremely popular tourist destination of Gatlinburg, TN. After hearing hundreds of crazy and idiotic questions, he decided to answer them in his own, sarcastic way. The conversations in this book will keep you laughing, while shaking your head at humanity.

About the Author Alex Stokes is a Stand Up Comedian, Author, and Public Speaker from Sevierville, TN. He currently resides in the Gatlinburg area with his wife Jenny and their four boys. Growing up in one of the most popular tourist destinations in America, he became familiar with the ever changing landscape and pure craziness that a tourist area possesses. This history, combined with his most recent dealings with the public, led to the creation of this book. Alex's Stand Up career began over three years ago after a fourteen year stint as an Investment Broker and Financial Planner. Within the first year, he had won several Stand Up Comedy contests and was awarded his first Feature spot opening for a Nationally touring comedian. Also, in that first year, Alex teamed up with fellow Comedians Sandy Goddard and Jay Pinkerton, forming the "M.L.C. Comics" and touring across the country to Los Angeles. Since that incredible first year, he has performed all around the country in comedy clubs, festivals, and charity events. Alex is a true life storyteller when he's on stage as a Stand Up Comedian. His stories often times make fun of himself, embarking upon a crazy past that includes a short time playing college basketball, his career as an investment broker, and his family. However, most of these stories usually end with an unforeseen twist, leaving the audience to laugh hysterically while shaking their heads. Alex earned his degree in Literature from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1997. This book, as Alex claims, is the first time he has used punctuation and grammar since his graduation. Even saying that he used it in this book, according to him, is a stretch. He is excited to share his stories and events in the book with anyone who is ready for a good laugh. It is his goal that each and every person who reads it finds the unorganized and unconventional style to be both refreshing and hilarious.