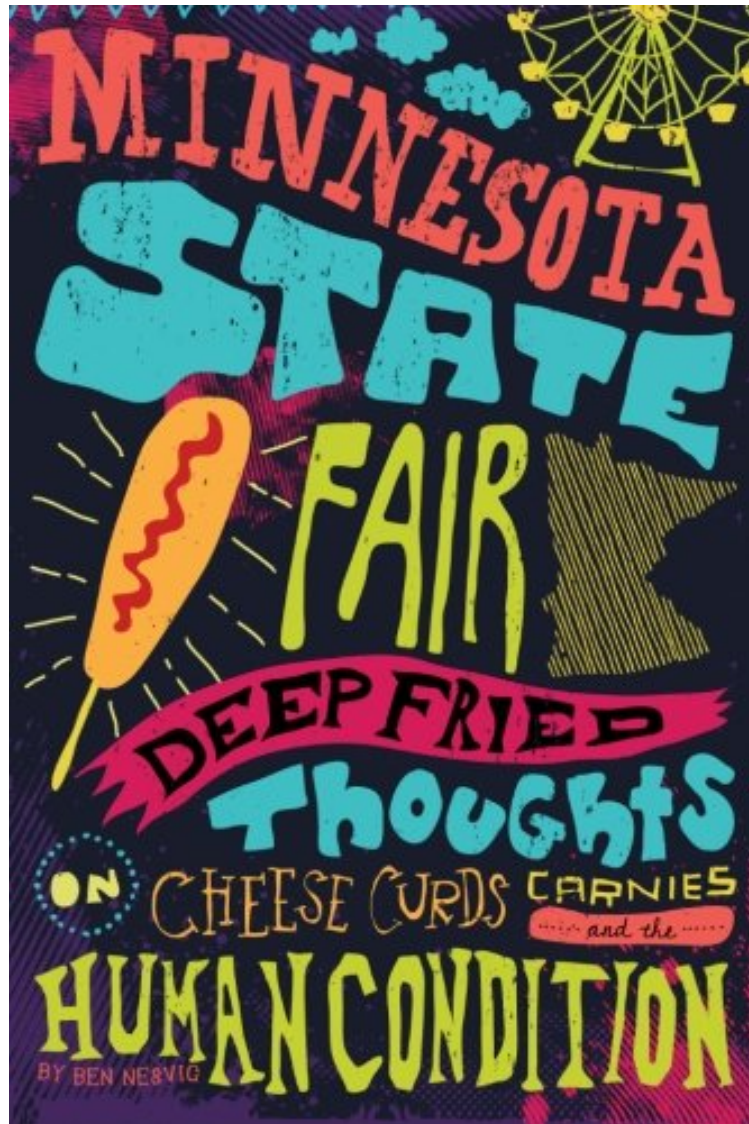


Minnesota State Fair: Deep Fried Thoughts on Cheese Curds, Carnies, and The Human Condition

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Ben Nesvig : Minnesota State Fair: Deep Fried Thoughts on Cheese Curds, Carnies, and The Human Condition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Minnesota State Fair: Deep Fried Thoughts on Cheese Curds, Carnies, and The Human Condition:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Well worth your time By Nick Powers This was a very entertaining short read. Anyone who has been to the Minnesota State Fair, or any State Fair for that matter, will enjoy the thoughts

and observations in this book. As a former resident of Minnesota, this book brought back a lot of fond memories of roaming the State Fair every year. Even if you have never been to a State Fair or do not understand the hype of them, hearing observations about the interesting, and sometimes strange people who frequent them, will be open you up to a new world. I found myself laughing throughout the entire thing and would recommend it for anyone looking for an amusing read. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing
By Linda
As a lifelong Minnesota State Fair fan, I really wanted to like this book but, sadly, the author lost all credibility with me. He claims to be have been to the State Fair two dozen times yet he still needs a map to tell him where things are? And he stepped outside the Grandstand and didn't know where the mini donut smell was coming from? I'm pretty sure it was coming from the mini donut booth that has been right outside the southwest entrance for decades. Overall, he just sounded too unfamiliar with the place to be writing about it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Laughed and nodded through the whole book!
By Nurse SportsFan
This author never fails to make me laugh. His other book "First World Problems" is one of my all-time favorites. In this book, he takes us on the journey with him to the Minnesota State Fair. Having just been to the Wisconsin State Fair (far superior to MN, of course!), I experienced many of the same problems. Between the many choices of what to eat and how much can one's stomach really take to the avoidance of manure in the walkways, Nesvig takes us along with him as he traverses these minefields. There is even a discussion of the giant slide. Of course he races the young kids, in his mind at least, but don't we all? This book had me laughing and nodding along in empathy and agreement. For example, the huge pupdog-the stick is evil and we have all been there in the decision of how to eat it without stabbing our throats. This is a quick, funny read and I enjoyed every minute of it!

Once a year, millions of Minnesotans step out of their air conditioned homes to venture into the dusty outdoor furnace that is late August to congregate at the Minnesota State Fair. Driven by the promise of a deep fried oasis, carnival rides, and people watching, the Minnesota State Fair is a tradition for many Minnesotans, including Ben Nesvig. In *Minnesota State Fair: Deep Fried Thoughts on Cheese Curds, Carnies, and the Human Condition*, Ben Nesvig shares his stream of consciousness journey at the Minnesota State Fair with readers as he explores everything from deep fried cookie dough, the thrill of a giant yellow slide, and ultimately, what prompts Minnesotans to make the greasy pilgrimage. From the introduction: Like a moth to a flame and a Minnesotan to hot dish, I feel pulled here by something primal, something so innate it eludes conscious definition. Yes, I want cheese curds. Yes, I want a strawberry milkshake. Yes, I want to eat so much my belt files for unemployment and my pants become tights. I enjoy these indulgences, but I also enjoy spending an air conditioned evening at home with a ham sandwich and a good book. Why do I come to the State Fair every year without fail? Have I been enslaved by Lady Cheese Curd's greasy golden seduction? While I get a thrill out of the food, I'd just be as comfortable eating a shameful amount of fried delicacies at a Chinese buffet without an audience of a hundred thousand strangers watching me wipe butter off my face. What exactly has led me to the State Fair over two dozen times since my birth? The unanswered question of why bothers me, like the last remaining ounce of a milkshake that refuses to be slurped into the straw. I need resolve.

About the Author
As a young child, Ben Nesvig didn't talk much. Instead, he opted to create a running commentary in his head as the main source of entertainment. Those years of silent perception have sharpened his observational skills and given us the insights of a hyper-vigilant mind. From the topics of turkey bacon to public restrooms, Ben uses writing to delve into the minutiae of everyday life and expose the humor in it.