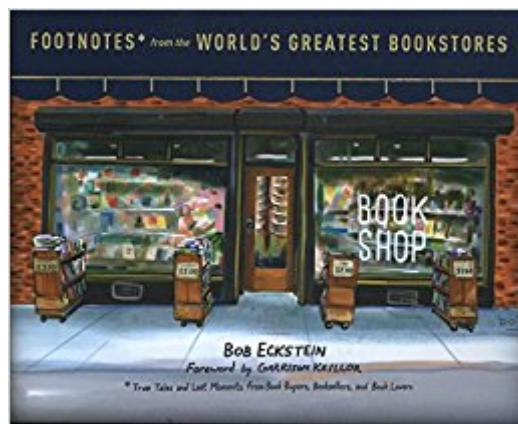




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Footnotes From The World's Greatest Bookstores: True Tales And Lost Moments From Book Buyers, Booksellers, And Book Lovers



Synopsis

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, Garrison Keillor 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.

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"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. "New Yorker cartoonist Eckstein has created a love letter to independent bookstores around the world." "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 In time Footnotes from the World's Greatest Bookstores will be a beautiful historical document, and it's surely one for the shelves of any true bibliophile." "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." "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." "Charming." "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

Bob Eckstein is an award-winning illustrator, writer, New Yorker cartoonist, snowman expert, and author of The History of the Snowman (Simon & Schuster). His cartoons, OpEds, and short stories appear regularly in the New York Times, New York Daily News, MAD magazine, Barron's, Readers Digest, The Spectator, Prospect, Wall Street Journal, Playboy, among many others. He was a columnist for the Village Voice, New York Newsday, and Time Out New York. He has been interviewed in over 100 TV, radio and magazine spots including Good Morning America and People magazine.

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