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The Week-End Book



Synopsis

A delightful little book for 'week-enders young or old, guest or host, married or single, discreet or adventurous'. THE WEEK-END BOOK is an invaluable book for week-enders of all ages. Containing a wealth of advice from what to eat on country jaunts ('Use tinned goods, but disguise them. No-one should ever suspect that they are tinned'; 'N.B. - mice cooked in honey should be imported from China, not prepared at home'), to tips on bird-spotting and types of bird ('The blackbird possesses a quite different emotional quality from the robin, being full of fears, suspicions and nervous reactions'). From suggestions for games to play (e.g. Human Polo where 'The biggest men are the ponies, and the girls or lighter weights mount them pick-a-back'), to essential first aid ('Before party drinking swallow a half to one ounce of Olive Oil or drink a glass of milk'). Other sections include: how to forecast the weather (useful when embarking on camping weekends), notes on the stars at night, types of architecture encountered in the country, information on farming techniques and the breeds of farm animals, a calendar of wild flowers, and varieties of trees and how to spot them. Entertaining, informative and completely invaluable, no one should embark on a weekend without it.

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Customer Reviews

I first came across this little gem in England last year. I picked it up in a used bookstore and took it along on a family trip through Ireland. What a smart move. This book offers many diversions for a weekend out of the city and an extended visit to the country. Filled with games and puzzles as well as sections on animal tracks and birdsongs this book has a little something for everyone. I was so happy when I learned that The Weekend Book was being reissued. I'd been searching for other

used copies to give as gifts (talk about the perfect gift to give to your hosts...) but they were expensive. This is the perfect gift and it's under 20 dollars (and even cheaper here on). Oh, and did I mention that it is beautiful to look at as well?

I can't recommend this book highly enough, especially now that the glory of the summer weekend is upon us. Unlike something like Schott's Miscellany, this collection is actually filled with things worth knowing (the constellation, guides to birdsong, parlor games, etc.) and aside from being a useful book to have with you on vacation, it's also a fascinating look into the early 20th century world of P.G. Wodehouse and Agatha Christie, and it's written with the same dry British wit.

A boyfriend gave my mother a copy of this in 1936. She's still reading it, reciting the Shakespeare sonnets, consulting it on astronomy and giggling at the very witty Britty hate poems. There are games and recipes. It is an instruction manual on how to live life outside video games. What a concept.

I bought this as a gift for someone who had let me use their vacation home. They loved it! It's so very clever and funny that it just sucks you in--hard to put down! A much more thoughtful gift than the standard bottle of wine. Also the sort of thing that would be perfect for the bathroom....

Sometimes you just want to unplug and enjoy the weekends of yore. This book does that, and in the beautifully written English of those days. If you like the Downtown Abbey life, you'll like this book.

I purchased this book after the heartbreaking loss of a dear friend. It was a gentle interesting way to take my mind off the grief. My attention span was very limited and this allowed me to pick it up and put it down as needed. I also bought extras and will be sharing it as gifts to friends who appear to need it.

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