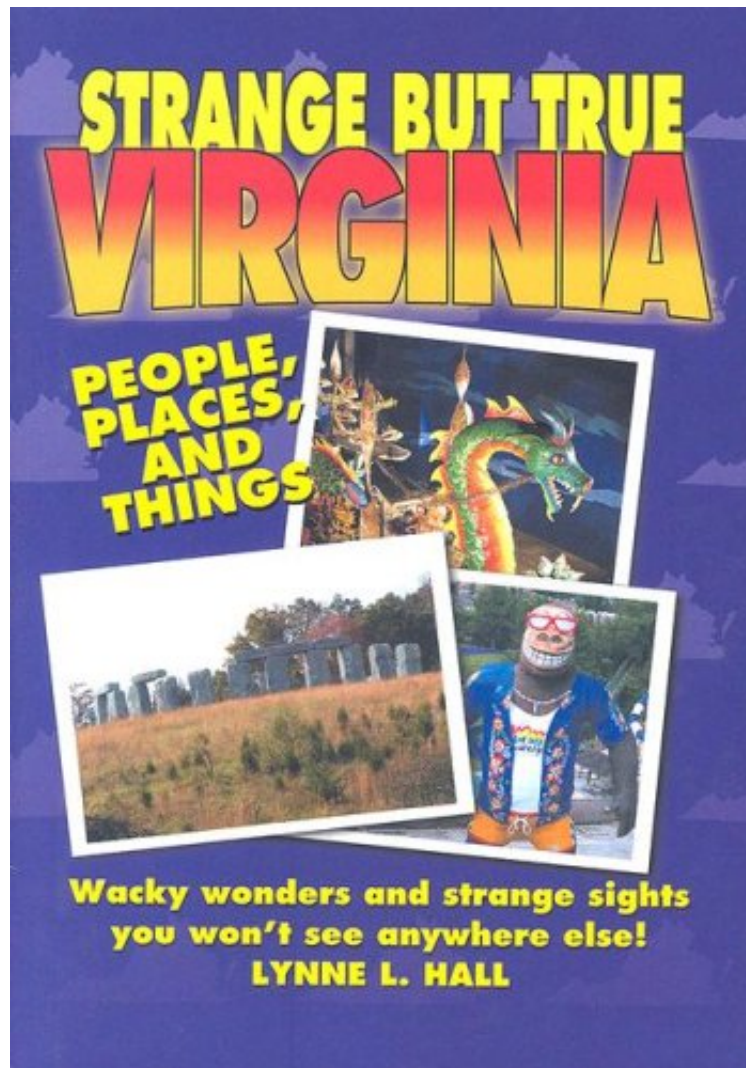


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Lynne L. Hall : Strange But True Virginia before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Strange But True Virginia:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun and Interesting Book on Virginia SitesBy Anton KaridianSTRANGE BUT TRUE VIRGINIA is a fun and quite informative book to look at if you're interested in what there is to see in Virginia. The title and cover are rather misleading, since most of the book is typical tourist sites, and does not focus on highly unusual things like those shown on the cover. This is mostly places like Mount Vernon, the Maritime Museum, Luray Caverns, Virginia Museum of Transportation, and so on.The sections of the book are Strange Statues, Natural and Manmade Wonders, Strange Theme Attractions, Strange Museums, The Haunting of

Virginia, Eat Drink and Be Merry, Miscellaneous Miscellany, Funny Happenings Here, Strange But True Culture, and Historical Events Around Virginia. A few of these sections do focus on bizarre things, like a huge pencil on a store in Wytheville and a giant gorilla statue at Virginia Beach (shown on the cover), but most of this is helpful tourist information. Many of the entries include an appropriate black-and-white photo. It would help if the book had an index, since if you need to know what's around an area you're going to visit in Virginia, you just have to flip through the entire book to find out, and web sites would help too. I'm not very familiar with Virginia, so I'm not the best one to ask about the accuracy of the book, but I did notice a few omissions. As, it's true that Ephraim McDowell, "the father of abdominal surgery," grew up in Virginia, but it helps to know that he spent most of his life and practice in Kentucky. And it would help to know the size of things like the aforementioned gorilla statue, and the big apple statue in Winchester. But, at 192 pages and small dimensions, STRANGE BUT TRUE VIRGINIA (2006) is a fun and quick read to give you some idea what's in that state to see. By the way, Lynne L. Hall has written a series of these "strange but true" books about other southern states, and they're all for sale on . And a book that should entirely consist of bizarre stuff in Virginia, if that's what you're looking for, is Weird Virginia: Your Travel Guide to Virginia's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets. I should note that I have read (and much enjoyed) the Tennessee and Florida books in that series, but NOT the Virginia one, so I can't say for sure what's in it.

Truth is stranger than fiction, and in the pages of Strange But True Virginia, you can take an armchair tour and see for yourself the wacky wonders of the state. So sit back, read, and shake your head in amazement. You're in Strange But True Virginia!