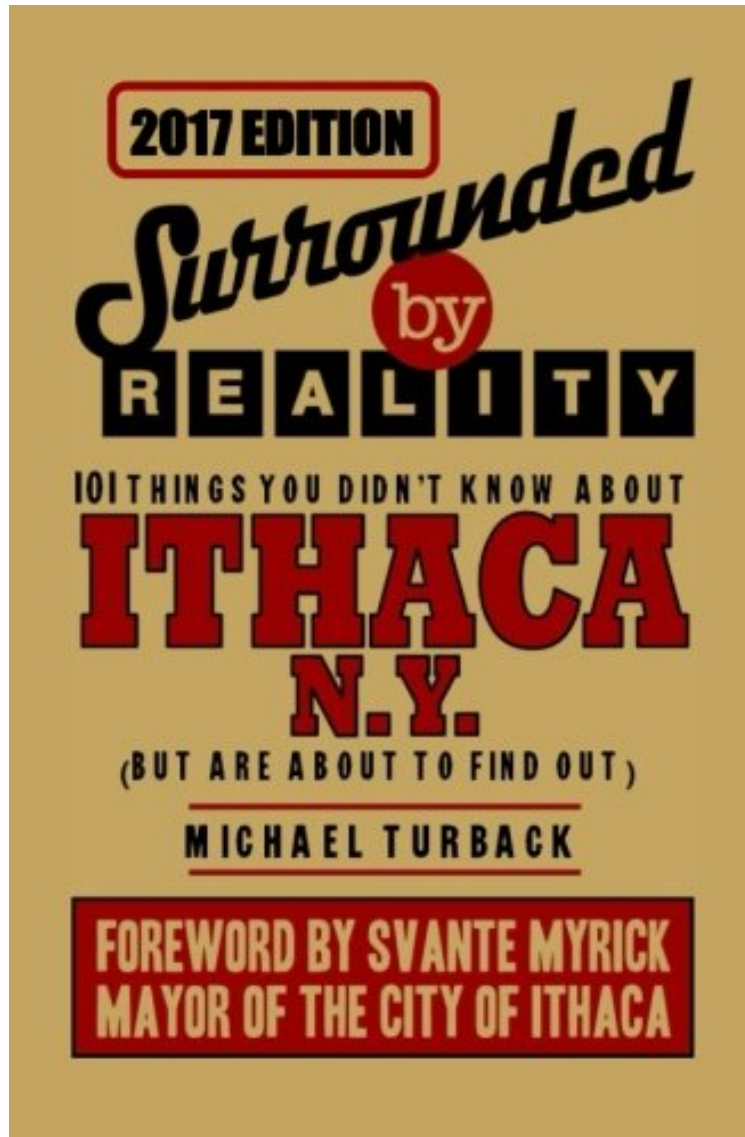


# Surrounded By Reality: 101 Things You Didn't Know About Ithaca, NY

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There is a popular bumper sticker in this Upstate New York town that reads, "Ithaca: 10 Square Miles Surrounded by Reality." The sentiment surely has something to do with the compelling history, eccentric characters, and quirky charm of this intellectually advantaged, culturally progressive, geographically isolated place. After you've browsed through this little book, you will better understand the bumper sticker's message - Ithaca is almost too good to be true. *Surrounded by Reality* offers readers fascinating tidbits and trivia in purposely random sequence (with generous cross-references) to create a ready-to-explore trail of knowledge about Ithaca and its environs, informing and entertaining, correcting myths and misconceptions, mostly revealing an unexpected treasure trove that brings a culture and a place into sharp focus.

**About the Author** Michael Turback arrived in Ithaca, New York, at the age of seventeen to attend Cornell University - and never left. After graduation he opened Turback's of Ithaca, a restaurant whose loyalty to small local farmers and wine growers helped to popularize American regional dining. As spinoffs of the restaurant gift shop, his Made-in-New York Stores featured regional gifts and sparked the idea for NEWYORKFIRST.COM, the world's first online department store. As an author he has written single-topic books about the ice cream sundae, the banana split, hot chocolate, chocolate and coffee pairings, creative coffee drinks, and progressive gin cocktails. His 2005 book for Ten Speed Press, *Greetings from the Finger Lakes: A Food and Wine Lover's Companion*, is a celebration of the region's achievements in winemaking, artisan farming, and culinary invention. He is the author of the *Ithaca Farmers Market Cookbook*, a work that has been praised by culinary legend Alice Waters. He makes his home in the enlightened city of Ithaca, New York.