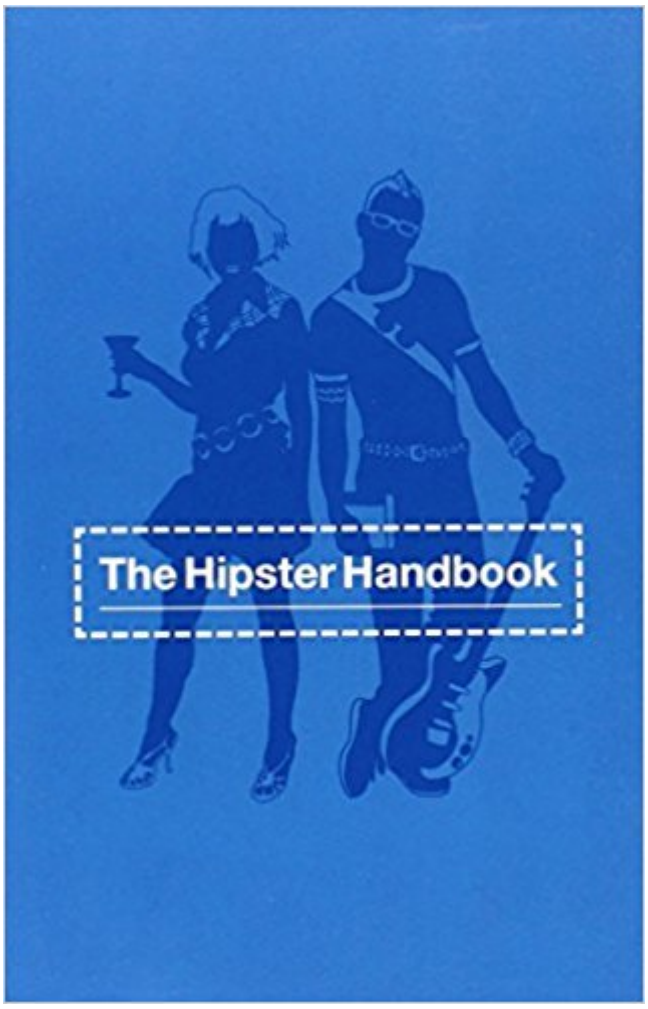
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The Hipster Handbook



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Synopsis

hipÃ¢â ¬Â¢ster - \hip-stur (s)\ n. One who possesses tastes, social attitudes, and opinions deemed cool by the cool. (Note: it is no longer recommended that one use the term "cool"; a Hipster would instead say "deck.") The Hipster walks among the masses in daily life but is not a part of them and shuns or reduces to kitsch anything held dear by the mainstream. A Hipster ideally possesses no more than 2% body fat. Clues You Are a Hipster1. You graduated from a liberal arts school whose football team hasn't won a game since the Reagan administration.2. You frequently use the term "postmodern" (or its commonly used variation"PoMo") as an adjective, noun, and verb.3. You carry a shoulder-strap messenger bag and have at one time or another worn a pair of horn-rimmed or Elvis Costello-style glasses. 4. You have refined taste and consider yourself exceptionally cultured, but have one pop vice (ElimiDATE, Quiet Riot, and Entertainment Weekly are popular ones) that helps to define you as well-rounded.5. You have kissed someone of the same gender and often bring this up in casual conversation.6. You spend much of your leisure time in bars and restaurants with monosyllabic names like Plant, Bound, and Shine.7. You bought your dishes and a checkered tablecloth at a thrift shop to be kitschy, and often throw vegetarian dinner parties.8. You have one Republican friend whom you always describe as being your "one Republican friend."9. You enjoy complaining about gentrification even though you are responsible for it yourself.10. Your hair looks best unwashed and you position your head on your pillow at night in a way that will really maximize your cowlicks.11. You own records put out by Matador, DFA, Definitive Jux, Dischord, Warp, Thrill Jockey, Smells Like Records, and Drag City.

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Customer Reviews

Just as The Official Preppy Handbook exposed wearers of Lacoste polos and drinkers of Bloody Marys, Lanham’s new book delves into the lives of those who deem themselves too cool for school. Hipsters, he says, are the ones you see around town smoking European cigarettes, wearing platform shoes and reading biographies of Che Guevara. Lanham, editor of the site FreeWilliamsburg.com (Williamsburg being a favorite New York City hipster enclave), does his best to dissect the personality types, the hangouts, the colleges and even the facial hair of the modern-day Hipster. There’s no main narrative per se, rather a prolonged pastiche of sarcastic observances and witty asides. And in a clever marketing gimmick, Lanham compiles a raft of lists detailing crucial Hipster music (including the Beastie Boys record Paul’s Boutique) and literature (Nick Hornby’s High Fidelity), which are sure to spark debate. Topping it off is a questionnaire, to suss out whether or not you could qualify for Hipsterdom (e.g., if you subscribe to Wallpaper, you’re in; if Maxim’s more your speed, you’re out). The truly hip wouldn’t touch this with a 10-foot pole, of course, but they aren’t really Lanham’s target. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"The Hipster Handbook. . .proves that behind every goatee, shaggy hairdo and baggy blouse, there’s still a lot of preening."-- The New York Times"The Hipster Handbook is your official guide to the language, culture and style of hipsters young and oldÃ¢â ¬Â¦. There’s even a dating guide for various hipster combinations." Ã¢â ¬â œLos Angeles Times"Describes everything coolÃ¢â ¬â œthe slang, the dress code, the career path, greetings and (of course) taste in music kids from the Inner Mission to Williamsburg ascribe to--in pitch-perfect detailÃ¢â ¬Â¦. [T]his guy clearly has some insider information himself. Gently teasing and hilarious." Ã¢â ¬â œPhiladelphia Weekly"The Hipster Handbook is The Official Preppy Handbook for people who wear Atari T-shirts." Ã¢â ¬â œEsquire

Does what it’s designed to do

I read a pdf version. Its pretty funny tbh. It would be nice to actually get the book though hint hint

Not as good as Food Court Druids, but a quick fun read.

I bought this as a gift for a friend. The information in it is a little outdated because the hipsters today

have changed a lot on 2 years. It was pretty funny and my friend enjoyed it. This was a little bit more towards the post - college hipsters, but it was still funny nonetheless.

Funny but now pretty outdated.

This book is hysterical, especially if you have ever considered yourself a hipster in any way, shape, or form. I don’t even consider myself all that "hip" and try not to be a fashion victim or scenester...but wow, I could relate to 3/4 of the stuff in this book! I especially love the way hipsters are broken down into specific types and categories...it’s frighteningly accurate and so, so funny!!!

Hilarious!

I bought this book for my boyfriend and decided to read it before I gave it to him. It was quite wonderful. It mixes humor with truth. Buy this for all your hipster friends!

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