

J. Maarten Troost - Author RSS - Random House

This page displays an RSS 2.0 feed for the Random House author J. Maarten Troost.

http://www.randomhouse.com/author/results.pperl?authorid=51835&max_returns=20&best=

Lost on Planet China by J. Maarten Troost

[Lost on Planet China](#) One Man's Attempt to Understand the World's Most Mystifying Nation **Written by J. Maarten Troost** **Trade Paperback**, 400 pages | Broadway | Travel - Essays & Travelogues | **\$14.95** | 978-0-7679-2201-2 (0-7679-2201-8)

The bestselling author of *The Sex Lives of Cannibals* returns with a sharply observed, hilarious account of his adventures in China—a complex, fascinating country with enough dangers and delicacies to keep him, and readers, endlessly entertained.

Maarten Troost has charmed legions of readers with his laugh-out-loud tales of wandering the remote islands of the South Pacific. When the travel bug hit again, he decided to go big-time, taking on the world's most populous and intriguing nation. In *Lost on Planet China*, Troost escorts readers on a rollicking journey through the new beating heart of the modern world, from the megalopolises of Beijing and Shanghai to the Gobi Desert and the hinterlands of Tibet.

Lost on Planet China finds Troost dodging deadly drivers in Shanghai; eating Yak in Tibet; deciphering restaurant menus (offering local favorites such as Cattle Penis with Garlic); visiting with Chairman Mao (still dead, very orange); and hiking (with 80,000 other people) up Tai Shan, China's most revered mountain. But in addition to his trademark gonzo adventures, the book also delivers a telling look at a vast and complex country on the brink of transformation that will soon shape the way we all work, live, and think. As Troost shows, while we may be familiar with Yao Ming or dim sum or the cheap, plastic products that line the shelves of every store, the real China remains a world-indeed, a planet--unto itself.

Maarten Troost brings China to life as you've never seen it before, and his insightful, rip-roaringly funny narrative proves that once again he is one of the most entertaining and insightful armchair travel companions around.

<http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780767922012>

Lost on Planet China by J. Maarten Troost

[Lost on Planet China](#) The Strange and True Story of One Man's Attempt to Understand the World's Most Mystifying Nation or How He Became Comfortable Eating Live Squid **Written by J. Maarten Troost** **eBook**, 304 pages | Broadway | Travel - Essays & Travelogues | **\$14.95** | 978-0-7679-3001-7 (0-7679-3001-0)
The bestselling author of The Sex Lives of Cannibals returns with a sharply observed, hilarious account of his adventures in China—a complex, fascinating country with enough dangers and delicacies to keep him, and readers, endlessly entertained.

Maarten Troost has charmed legions of readers with his laugh-out-loud tales of wandering the remote islands of the South Pacific. When the travel bug hit again, he decided to go big-time, taking on the world's most populous and intriguing nation. In *Lost on Planet China*, Troost escorts readers on a rollicking journey through the new beating heart of the modern world, from the megalopolises of Beijing and Shanghai to the Gobi Desert and the hinterlands of Tibet.

Lost on Planet China finds Troost dodging deadly drivers in Shanghai; eating Yak in Tibet; deciphering restaurant menus (offering local favorites such as Cattle Penis with Garlic); visiting with Chairman Mao (still dead, very orange); and hiking (with 80,000 other people) up Tai Shan, China's most revered mountain. But in addition to his trademark gonzo adventures, the book also delivers a telling look at a vast and complex country on the brink of transformation that will soon shape the way we all work, live, and think. As Troost shows, while we may be familiar with Yao Ming or dim sum or the cheap, plastic products that line the shelves of every store, the real China remains a world-indeed, a planet--unto itself.

Maarten Troost brings China to life as you've never seen it before, and his insightful, rip-roaringly funny narrative proves that once again he is one of the most entertaining and insightful armchair travel companions around.

<http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780767930017>

Getting Stoned with Savages by J. Maarten Troost

[Getting Stoned with Savages](#) A Trip Through the Islands of Fiji and Vanuatu **Written by J. Maarten Troost** **eBook**, 288 pages | Broadway | Travel - Essays & Travelogues | **\$13.99** | 978-0-7679-2493-1 (0-7679-2493-2)

From the bestselling author of *The Sex Lives of Cannibals*, the laugh-out-loud true story of his years on the islands of Vanuatu and Fiji, among cannibals, volcanoes . . . and the world's best narcotics.

With *The Sex Lives of Cannibals*, Maarten Troost established himself as one of the most engaging and original travel writers around. *Getting Stoned with Savages* again reveals his wry wit and infectious joy of discovery in a side-splittingly funny account of life in the farthest reaches of the world. After two grueling years on the island of Tarawa, battling feral dogs, machete-wielding neighbors, and a lack of beer on a daily basis, Maarten Troost was in no hurry to return to the South Pacific. But as time went on, he realized he felt remarkably out of place among the trappings of twenty-first-century America. When he found himself holding down a job—one that might possibly lead to a career—he knew it was time for he and his wife, Sylvia, to repack their bags and set off for parts unknown.

Getting Stoned with Savages tells the hilarious story of Troost's time on Vanuatu—a rugged cluster of islands where the natives gorge themselves on kava and are still known to "eat the man." Falling into one amusing misadventure after another, Troost struggles against typhoons, earthquakes, and giant centipedes and soon finds himself swept up in the laid-back, clothing-optional lifestyle of the islanders. When Sylvia gets pregnant, they decamp for slightly-more-civilized Fiji, a fallen paradise where the local chiefs can be found watching rugby in the house next door. And as they contend with new parenthood in a country rife with prostitutes and government coups, their son begins to take quite naturally to island living—in complete contrast to his dad.

<http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780767924931>

Getting Stoned with Savages by J. Maarten Troost

[Getting Stoned with Savages](#) A Trip Through the Islands of Fiji and Vanuatu **Written by J. Maarten Troost**
Trade Paperback, 256 pages | Broadway | Travel - Essays & Travelogues | **\$13.99** | 978-0-7679-2199-2
(0-7679-2199-2)

With *The Sex Lives of Cannibals*, Maarten Troost established himself as one of the most engaging and original travel writers around. *Getting Stoned with Savages* again reveals his wry wit and infectious joy of discovery in a side-splittingly funny account of life in the farthest reaches of the world. After two grueling years on the island of Tarawa, battling feral dogs, machete-wielding neighbors, and a lack of beer on a daily basis, Maarten Troost was in no hurry to return to the South Pacific. But as time went on, he realized he felt remarkably out of place among the trappings of twenty-first-century America. When he found himself holding down a job-one that might possibly lead to a career-he knew it was time for him and his wife, Sylvia, to repack their bags and set off for parts unknown.

Getting Stoned with Savages tells the hilarious story of Troost's time on Vanuatu-a rugged cluster of islands where the natives gorge themselves on kava and are still known to "eat the man." Falling into one amusing misadventure after another, Troost struggles against typhoons, earthquakes, and giant centipedes and soon finds himself swept up in the laid-back, clothing-optional lifestyle of the islanders. When Sylvia gets pregnant, they decamp for slightly-more-civilized Fiji, a fallen paradise where the local chiefs can be found watching rugby in the house next door. And as they contend with new parenthood in a country rife with prostitutes and government coups, their son begins to take quite naturally to island living-in complete contrast to his dad.

<http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780767921992>

The Sex Lives of Cannibals by J. Maarten Troost

[The Sex Lives of Cannibals](#) Adrift in the Equatorial PacificWritten by [J. Maarten Troost](#)eBook | Broadway | Travel - Australia & Oceania; Humor | **\$14.00** | 978-0-7679-1895-4 (0-7679-1895-9)

The laugh-out-loud true story of a harrowing and hilarious two-year odyssey in the distant South Pacific island nation of Kiribati-possibly The Worst Place on Earth.

At the age of twenty-six, Maarten Troost-who had been pushing the snooze button on the alarm clock of life by racking up useless graduate degrees and muddling through a series of temp jobs-decided to pack up his flip-flops and move to Tarawa, a remote South Pacific island in the Republic of Kiribati. He was restless and lacked direction, and the idea of dropping everything and moving to the ends of the earth was irresistibly romantic. He should have known better.

The Sex Lives of Cannibals tells the hilarious story of what happens when Troost discovers that Tarawa is not the island paradise he dreamed of. Falling into one amusing misadventure after another, Troost struggles through relentless, stifling heat, a variety of deadly bacteria, polluted seas, toxic fish-all in a country where the only music to be heard for miles around is "La Macarena." He and his stalwart girlfriend Sylvia spend the next two years battling incompetent government officials, alarmingly large critters, erratic electricity, and a paucity of food options (including the Great Beer Crisis); and contending with a bizarre cast of local characters, including "Half-Dead Fred" and the self-proclaimed Poet Laureate of Tarawa (a British drunkard who's never written a poem in his life).

With The Sex Lives of Cannibals, Maarten Troost has delivered one of the most original, rip-roaringly funny travelogues in years-one that will leave you thankful for staples of American civilization such as coffee, regular showers, and tabloid news, and that will provide the ultimate vicarious adventure.

<http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780767918954>

The Sex Lives of Cannibals by J. Maarten Troost

[The Sex Lives of Cannibals](#) Adrift in the Equatorial PacificWritten by [J. Maarten Troost](#)Trade Paperback, 288 pages | Broadway | Travel - Australia & Oceania; Humor | **\$14.00** | 978-0-7679-1530-4 (0-7679-1530-5)

At the age of twenty-six, Maarten Troost-who had been pushing the snooze button on the alarm clock of life by racking up useless graduate degrees and muddling through a series of temp jobs-decided to pack up his flip-flops and move to Tarawa, a remote South Pacific island in the Republic of Kiribati. He was restless and lacked direction, and the idea of dropping everything and moving to the ends of the earth was irresistibly romantic. He should have known better.

The Sex Lives of Cannibals tells the hilarious story of what happens when Troost discovers that Tarawa is not the island paradise he dreamed of. Falling into one amusing misadventure after another, Troost struggles through relentless, stifling heat, a variety of deadly bacteria, polluted seas, toxic fish-all in a country where the only music to be heard for miles around is "La Macarena." He and his stalwart girlfriend Sylvia spend the next two years battling incompetent government officials, alarmingly large critters, erratic electricity, and a paucity of food options (including the Great Beer Crisis); and contending with a bizarre cast of local characters, including "Half-Dead Fred" and the self-proclaimed Poet Laureate of Tarawa (a British drunkard who's never written a poem in his life).

With The Sex Lives of Cannibals, Maarten Troost has delivered one of the most original, rip-roaringly funny travelogues in years-one that will leave you thankful for staples of American civilization such as coffee, regular showers, and tabloid news, and that will provide the ultimate vicarious adventure.

