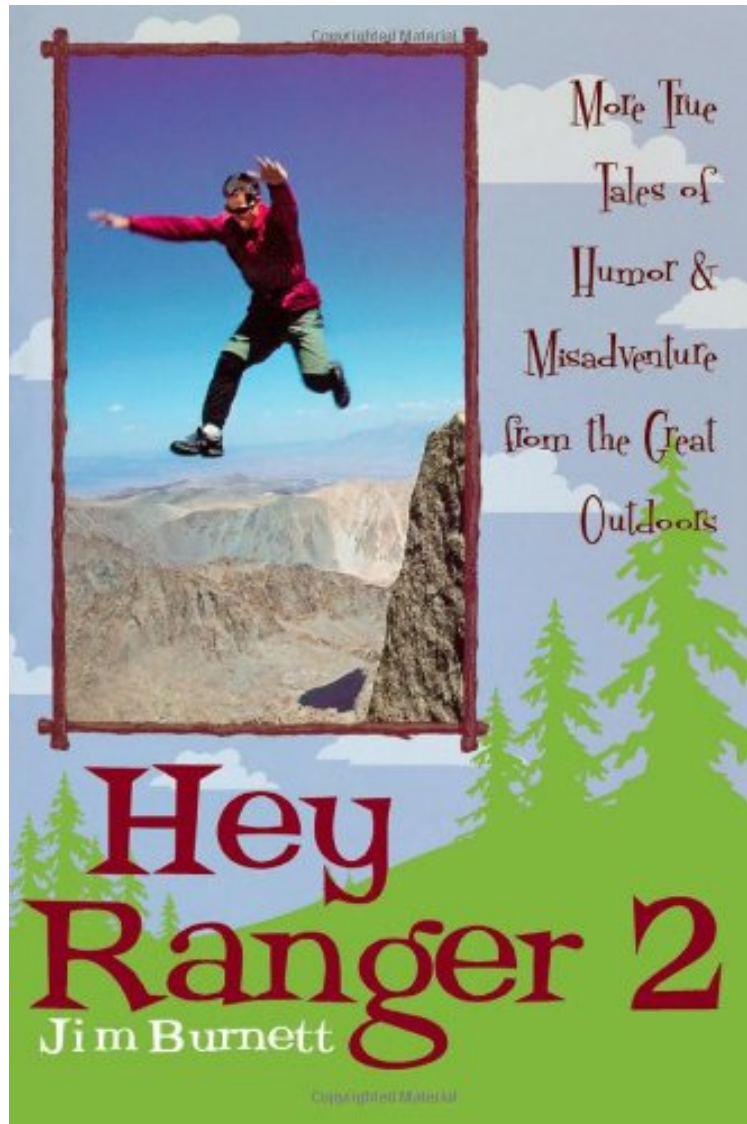


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Jim Burnett : Hey Ranger 2: More True Tales of Humor Misadventure from the Great Outdoors (No. 2) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hey Ranger 2: More True Tales of Humor Misadventure from the Great Outdoors (No. 2):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Hey Would You Believe - Darwin Awards for National Parks Experiencss 2 offered by a Treasure Trove of Park Service RangersBy CRAIG A. BUHRIf you enjoyed the first book

on this subject, you will be thrilled by the second book to tell about just a few of the never ending blunders by the general populous that entertain themselves in the US National Parks each year. Coming from a perspective of life's journeys and years of dedicated service, this author and his noted contributing staff members, keeps a lively and humorous journey through time and public use life's travails. I first learned of this book by one of the contributing rangers quoted later in Chapter 29 while enjoying a coach bus journey with others through the Southwest National Parks system. His own sense of humor clearly showed during the trip and equally in the works of the original author and contributing staff of their many hard-working daily life experiences with animal life, public visitors, and situations occurring from less than stellar blunders. One begins to wonder after reading these many mishaps of life, how there are not more accidents and mishaps of major consequences within the parks due to people's inability to read, think, or reason out simple life's situations. I guess some people simply don't have a lick of common sense, ability to apply practical applications in life, or use a bit of reasoning before finally asking that wonderful and often life-saving question - "Hey Ranger". This book takes the first to a new and expanded level that those of the Darwin Awards, America's Funniest Videos, or today's stupidest Youtube videos will greatly appreciate. Thanks to the author who was able to draw upon their life's adventures and bring them to everyone to enjoy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. don't recommendBy talkinturtleswish i hadn't bought this. bought 1 2 at the same time. barely got through book 1, started 2 and just couldn't read anymore. these books had great potential, but it just never came through. boring stories, too much background, too much distraction, too much rambling on and on about what rangers do with no funny story attached. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Sorry Ranger!By Anthony M. FrascaI had high expectations for this book but I had to put it down after a couple of chapters. There were too many instances where Mr. Burnett tried way too hard to make a story funny that really wasn't funny. The book is basically about stupid people asking stupid questions and doing stupid things. My advice is to just tell the stories and let the reader decide if it's funny, sad, ironic, etc. Also, there are way too many cliché's. I really hate reading books with cliché's. They should be stricken from every piece of literature ever written!Anyway, there are some funny stories but the writing is just not really worth wading through.

In this sequel to the wildly successful *Hey Ranger: True Tales of Humor and Misadventure from America's National Parks*, former ranger Jim Burnett casts his net globally in search of the most outrageous and humorous stories of man in his eternal quest to experience the natural world. Burnett tells of campers being belted by mysterious objects falling from the sky, like potatoes and ice cream; wildlife photos that went awry, including a ground squirrel that outwits a photographer; dumb crooks in parks, such as the drunk driver who mistakenly knocked on a judge's door to report an accident; and drivers who went over the hill and into the woods instead of to Grandma's house. Burnett also assembles contenders for the strangest questions ever asked of a park ranger, lessons on how not to pick a campsite, life lessons you can learn from a canoe trip, as well as some classic bear stories. As always, Burnett's stories are meant to inform as well as entertain, and serve as cautionary tales on how not to become "a victim of your vacation." Told in Burnett's classic, conversational style, *Hey Ranger 2* will not disappoint.

All National Park rangers have a treasure trove of stories about the silly and the serious side of visitor adventures. Jim Burnett not only shares his own tales, but manages to pry other amusing spins from his cohorts in this second book of the *Hey Ranger!* series. The accounts are not only entertaining, but informative as Burnett provides answers to questions all visitors have longed to ask, but were too embarrassed to discuss. (Brett Prettyman *The Salt Lake Tribune*) It has been my experience that the truth is much stranger than fiction-and thus simply more interesting. Jim Burnett's true tales of adventure as a 30-year park ranger are most often funny, sometimes poignant-and always entertaining. It's the perfect bedside book for lovers of the out-of-doors. (Thom Gabrukiewicz *Outdoors Editor, Record Searchlight*) This book is a sequel to author Jim Burnett's first book of stories culled from incidents in national parks, at which he worked as a ranger for 30 years. Regularly interacting with the public, the encounters gave Burnett plenty of fodder to share in this second book, which he broadens to include global experiences. Combining his outdoor knowledge and true stories (he changes names occasionally to protect, as he writes, "the guilty and the innocent"), Burnett choose some interesting, hilarious and perplexing incidents. At times you'll wonder what in the h-e-double-toothpicks the person was thinking. But one man's foolishness is another man's amusement. This book is a fun trip away from the usual writings about outdoor experiences. (Amy Maestas *Inside/Outside Magazine*) Jim Burnett has struck gold again with *Hey Ranger 2* thanks to the uncanny ability of some national park visitors to show how little they actually know about the out-of-doors. Along with providing a nicely delivered dose of humor, Jim's collection of anecdotes should serve as a reminder for the rest of us to prepare properly for our forays into nature. (Kurt Repanshek, *Author of Frommer's National Parks With Kids*) From the Publisher In his second *Hey Ranger* book, veteran national park ranger Jim Burnett tells of campers being pelted by mysterious objects falling from the sky; wildlife photos that went awry, including the tale of a ground squirrel that outwits a photographer; dumb crooks in parks, one of whom offered perhaps the lamest alibi ever uttered by a culprit caught in the act; and drivers who went over the hill and into the woods instead of to Grandma's house. The author has also assembled contenders for the strangest questions ever

asked of park rangers, advice on how not to launch a boat or pick a campsite, and life lessons you can learn from a canoe trip, as well as some classic bear stories. As always, Burnett's stories are meant to inform as well as entertain and serve as cautionary tales of how not to become a "victim of your vacation." Told in the author's classic, conversational style, *Hey Ranger 2* will not disappoint as the follow-on to what has become a campground classic. From the Author

At this moment all around the world, people are involved in an incredible variety of activities in the Great Outdoors. Whether it's just an afternoon picnic or a trip to the lake, a weekend of camping or a major backcountry expedition, spending some time close to nature seems like a fun and healthy idea. After all, what could possibly go wrong in a nice natural setting like a park or recreation area? The answer is - probably more than you could ever imagine! During thirty years as a ranger at national park sites from Montana to Arizona and Nevada to Virginia, I encountered literally thousands of people in an amazing - and sometimes bizarre - variety of situations. Perhaps you - or someone you know - has taken such a trip, one that just didn't work out quite the way it was planned. If so, you're in good company - and maybe even in one of my books! I invited readers of my first book to submit their own funny outdoor miscues and a number of them responded. I've included some of those tales in *Hey Ranger 2*, along with more stories from my fellow rangers and my own personal experience. One of my favorites comes from Australia, and it proves that people can get into weird situations with wild - and not so wild - animals anywhere in the world. I'd like to say thanks to all of you who read my first book, and welcome to those of you who are new to my work. Happy reading!