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**Allan C. Kimball : Texas Museums of Discovery (Texas Pocket Guide)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Texas Museums of Discovery (Texas Pocket Guide):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Texas Museums of Discovery By Cynthia J. Wright Texas journalist and novelist Allan Kimball is at it again. This time the consummate traveler targets the Lone Star State's most unique or important museums--the ones he says everyone should see. Kimball's passion for his subject is evident as he invites visitors to journey through Texas history from standing in awe at the preserved tracks of the acrocanthosaurus that chased an iguanodon some million years ago to experiencing the problems of showering in zero gravity aboard a space shuttle. His pocket-sized guide travels well, introducing visitors to everything Texas: exploring an oil boom town, packing and saddling a horse cowboy style, comparing one's lung capacity to that of a quarter horse, and viewing thousands of types of barbed wire also known as "devil's rope" to open-range cattlemen. Along with several impressive art museums that carry the works of the masters, there's one devoted to displays of toilet seats--among

them parts of a toilet from Saddam Hussein's palace. And, of course, there's the Alamo, the most visited historical shrine in Texas, followed by the second most visited site, The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. Whatever one's interests, Kimball's selections contain many interactive features to engage the entire family.

Where else but in Texas can one glimpse a Picasso original in jail, 1,000 artistic toilet seats or a hat made of barbed wire? And where can visitors stroll through a human body or sit in the middle of a hurricane, pilot the Space Shuttle or see a submarine burst through a front lawn? Texas journalist and novelist Allan Kimball has put to good use his decades crisscrossing the state by creating a guide to one of his passions: The region's most intriguing museums, some world famous, others little-known gems just ready to be discovered. Museums profiled are ones that maintain the state's cultural distinctiveness while displaying some of the nation's best exhibited paintings and sculpture from around the world, or pure Lone Star wackiness. From high brow to ones widely accessible, they are included if they pass Kimball's requirement that they do more than just show things to museum-goers. They must actively engage visitors. So internationally renowned collections like Fort Worth's Kimball Museum of Art and Houston's Menil are included along with the likes of Waco's Dr Pepper Museum and McLean's Devil Rope Museum. It's perfect for families who want to mix high art with just a fun experience.

"Even lifelong Texas residents will discover something new, and then keep this pocket-sized guide in their glove compartment for when they hit an unfamiliar town." --Rockport Pilot  
"Texas Museums of Discovery is a handy guide to about 150 interesting and sometimes offbeat Texas museums. You will want to keep this one in your glove compartment as you travel the state." --Bryan-College Station Eagle  
"Whether it's Picassos you want to see or Dr Pepper, Texas has a museum for you. Now it's a little easier to find those museums: In a new pocketbook guide, Texas Museums of Discovery, Texas writer Allan C. Kimball highlights his favorite museums across the state, ranging from the Kimbell and Menil art museums to the Kenedy Ranch Museum in South Texas and Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum in San Angelo." --Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
"Everyone who has visited a museum, and all who have not, will be forever grateful if they read this new book... Texas novelist and journalist Allan C. Kimball has explored the state's museums and landscape. He picked his favorite museums, including 23 from South Texas... This excellent book made me remember my dad or grandfather driving me to some of the old museums, from 1940 to many years later... The guide is a bargain at \$5.95, and I read every word." --Edinburg, Edinburg, Texas