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Calgary Stampede: An Altitude Superguide



Synopsis

The Calgary Stampede is Alberta's premier attraction, with more than a million people attending the two week affair every July. This guide provides a complete overview to the attractions and the rodeo events as well as a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the Stampede ranch, the parade and other Stampede events.

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The Calgary Stampede is the epitome of the Canadian West. It is what the west is really all about: rugged cowboys, resilient women, thundering horses, flapjacks and beans, cowboy hats, denim, music and dancing - and rodeo. This book is a celebration of this enduring western vision. It paints a picture of the wild Canadian frontier before the age of the cowboy. It takes you to the Calgary Stampede Ranch for a behind-the-scenes look at the wranglers and the horses. It describes various styles of clothing and apparel necessary to create an authentic western "look." And it takes you to the Calgary Stampede itself, to the action behind the chutes as well as in front of the Grandstand.

Chris Cheadle has lived in Sidney, north of Victoria, for over 20 years. His photographs of nature, outdoor recreation and travel have been sold throughout the world and have been featured extensively in many international publications.

This book is just the greatest! If you care for animals you need this book! It's talking about how HUMANS treat animals (and ultimately each other). And humans CAN think, reason, and have compassion. Let me quote Ghandi, "We err in copying the lower animal world - if we are superior to

it." To paraphrase Charles Darwin, our differences are that of degree rather than kind. To this end, we must as a society grapple with unconscionably exploitative features of our relationship with the animal kingdom. Within the contexts of feminism, racism, speciesism, classism, and vegetarianism, the author lucidly demonstrates how our culture and language (re)define and (re)inforce a great feeling of satisfaction at the sport of bull riding and some of the better known riders. It also includes some really great pictures! Having been a bull rider for 5 years I found the book so good that everything he was writing about, I could see it clearly in my mind. I know the riders so well that it was amazing how easily he put the characters and their characteristics into words that were so descriptive and easy for any reader to get a clear picture of them in their own mind. Best nonfiction book about cowboys and showgirls and all-night trips down dusty highways. But buy it, and many copies of it, because you will want your friends to experience its cinematic poignancy after the movie in your head ends. I encourage English teachers to consider this in a curricula on rodeo writing. It is lasting stuff.

Oh the Stampede!! I may be a Goth at heart but I was raised in the Country and can appreciate a good rodeo!... Nothing get me hollaring then watching the bull riding events!!! This book was a great reference to Calgary and believe me when my dh and I are able to get there we will be taking this guide along!!

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