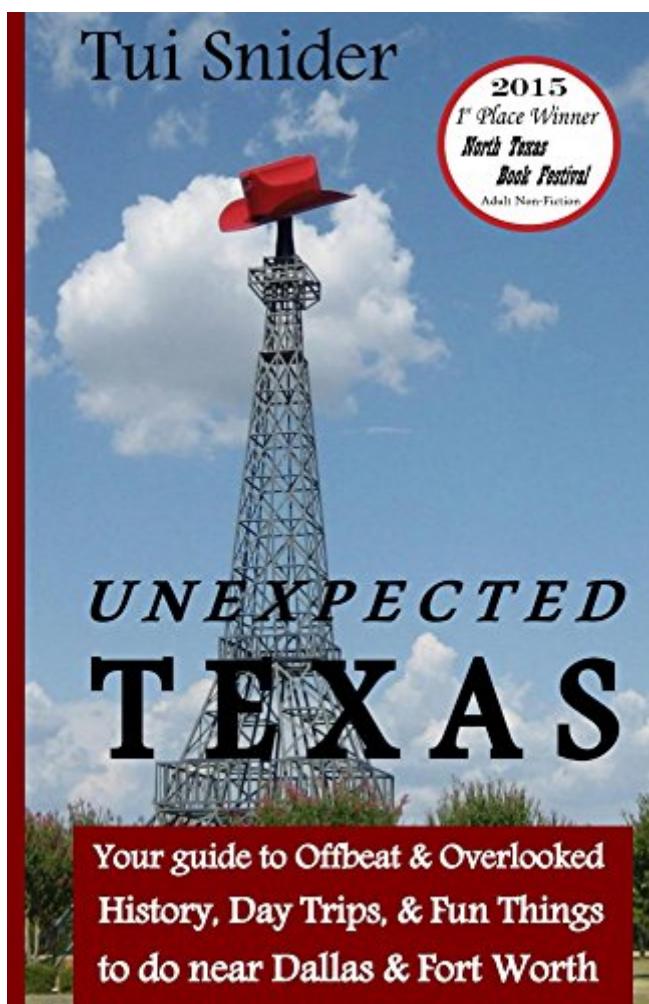


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# Unexpected Texas: Your Guide To Offbeat & Overlooked History, Day Trips & Fun Things To Do Near Dallas & Fort Worth



## **Synopsis**

You can't make this stuff up. Actually you can...But here in Texas, you don't have to! Not only does Tui Snider explain the stories behind these offbeat & overlooked sites, but she also gives directions to a bunch of quirky Texas places, including the:<sup>\*</sup> Gravesite of an Alleged Space Alien<sup>\*</sup> Courthouse Displaying a Dead Lizard<sup>\*</sup> Statue of Jesus Wearing Cowboy Boots<sup>\*</sup> Rope used to Lynch "Santa Claus"<sup>\*\*</sup> Building Made Entirely of Salt<sup>\*</sup> Wax Replica of Da Vinciâ™s Last Supper<sup>\*</sup> 65 foot tall Eiffel Tower Replica<sup>\*</sup> Petrified Wood Motel & Cafe<sup>\*</sup> World's Smallest Skyscraper<sup>\*</sup> Only Michelangelo Painting in America... and much more!

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am an avid traveler and travel blogger. I have traveled all over the United States and driven thousands of miles on back roads to visit quirky and offbeat destinations that can be found around this beautiful country. Many of those travels have included drives through the great and wondrous state of Texas. There are amazing things to be seen in Texas and Tui Snider's book "Unexpected Texas" provides over 200 marvelous destinations in the North Texas area. I have been fortunate enough to visit many of these destinations and Tui covers them very nicely. The book is meant as a

travel guide and not as a history book, so most of the articles are brief and to the point. But she provides the reader (and the traveler) plenty of information to have a fascinating and wonderful offbeat road trip. If you're looking for the spooky and the dead, she's got it in the book! If you're looking for the quirky, such as the small Eiffel Tower with the cowboy hat on top of it, you can find it there! How about buildings made out of petrified wood? They're in the book! Perhaps you're looking for a house made out of beer cans or a giant Jackalope, well if you have "Unexpected Texas" in your hand along with a map, you will get to find those locations without a hitch! As I travel the country, I am always looking for guides that provide good and detailed local information. I look for guides to help me to find unique things that I may not have known about in little towns along the way. It is books such as this, they make travel easier and more fun! I highly recommend Tui Snider's fun book on the unique, the quirky, the offbeat and even the spooky destinations that you can find in North Texas. It's a fun read, and an absolute must in your travel toolbox.

Truly a page turner, enjoying every word and nearing the end. Tui, you clearly hold the death grip of an impeccable writer! I sure hope you write about Corsicana, Texas someday in a guide like this. I don't live there but hope to live near there someday. Energetically and historically it's a fabulous life twister! Even today, it has the BEST Tex Mex and margaritas I've experienced in Texas. Why is that? And why is the Spanish speaking culture there speaking very different dialect, with very different facial features, than the Spanish speaking culture I've known in Dallas, Houston and Austin? And what is the deal with Tex-Mex restaurant row in a town of 26k, and all seem to thrive? Just a one foody to another - food for thought, lol. Oh and I'm wondering about Ennis, Texas too - Drive there on I45 at night from Dallas, and what is that to the right? A huge 6 screen drive in theatre? Whaat?! I've driven by, takes your breath away and your mind travels back to 30 or 40 years ago but it's here now! Don't know much about it, but maybe Ennis has other jewels for your next book too. Looking forward to your future books Tui.

We are relocating to the Dallas area and we wanted to get to know the area a bit, as newcomers. I purchased this book after reading the reviews. It's well worth the read. Not only does it give insight into off-the-beaten-path things to do in the area, it's well written and a fun read.

If you live in North Texas, you need this book. I've lived here for decades and I hadn't found all these places. Tui tells about them with such a spirit of fun. If you're going to visit Texas, then you need this book. Your trip will be enriched by visiting these out of the ordinary and off the beaten path

attractions. You'll know more about the real Texas if you do. If you've decided your never coming to Texas, then you're the one who needs this most. Tui will take you places most real Texans never find and you'll have so much fun, you'll decide you want to visit.

Bless her heart, Tui Snider is not from Texas, but she has Texas in her heart. As I read the preview of her new travel book, a theme song was playing in my head. I was hearing that Texas treasure, Lyle Lovett crooning "That's Right (You're Not From Texas)" but Texas wants you anyway. This gal is a world traveler who writes about the exotic places she visits, yet she looks at Paris, Texas with the same excitement she would muster for Paris, France. That's not surprising, because even Moses got excited when he saw The Promised Land. However, Tui writes with playful love for the Lone Star State. The result is a quirky travel book that will enlighten even Native Sons and Daughters. Yes, friends, Texas wants Tui, and you might not know it yet but you want this travel book!

A great travel writer not only takes the reader along on a trip, but instead takes the reader and opens a bridge to imagination that allows for the reader to be ON the trip, alongside the author. Having never been to Texas before, nor anywhere in the South, I was delighted to find myself at long last in the Lonestar State. Eschewing the obvious, cliche, and benign, "Unexpected Texas" is a great read for those looking to travel to, and within, the state that has, according to song and pop culture, has become to home to many left-behind human hearts. I now want to travel to Texas even more! Thanks to the author!

This was a great read, filled with a bit of history about the offbeat places it covered. I found it perfect to read at bedtime when I wanted to unwind for the day. Tui takes you to fun places that make you want to visit Texas and see them yourself. Or go on your own adventure and find your own, local offbeat locations.

Written like a travel guide should be... not only informational, but a hoot to read even if you aren't from around Texas! Sometimes, the most interesting things are right under your nose in the local area. Tui does a great job of pointing out the sightseeing morsels the rest of us don't even give a second glance.

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