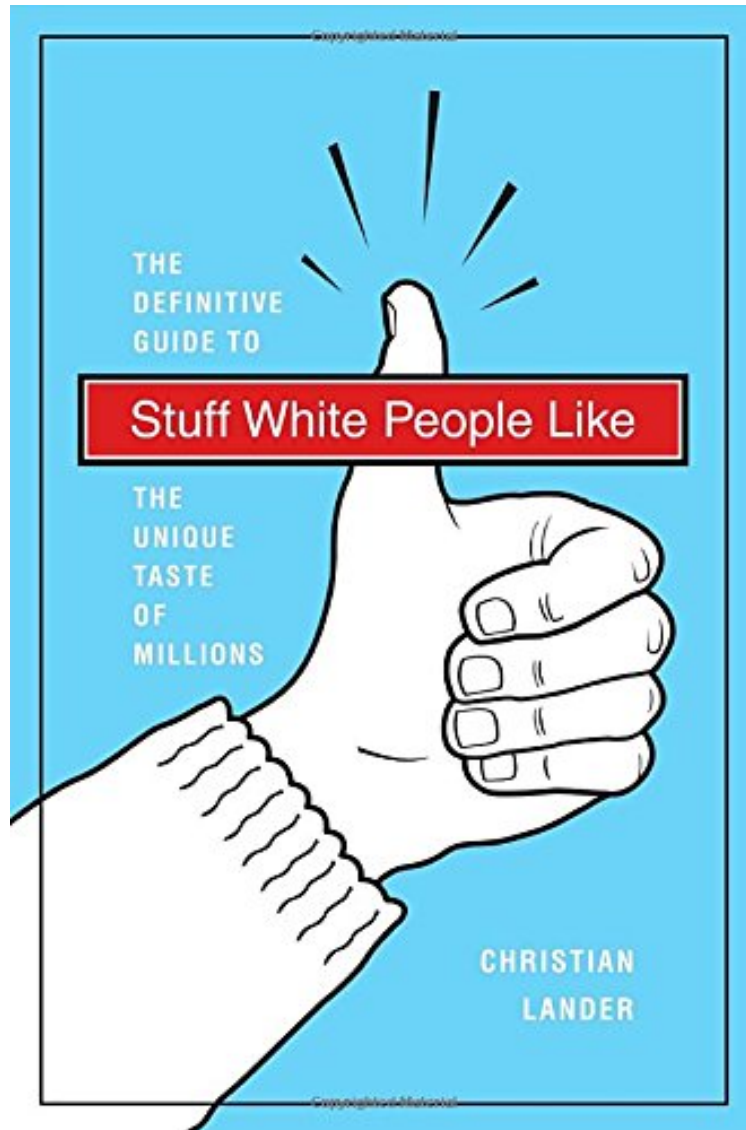


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About the AuthorChristian Lander is the creator of the website Stuff White People Like. He is a Ph.D. dropout who was the 2006 public speaking instructor of the year at Indiana University. He has lived in Toronto, Montreal, Copenhagen, Tucson, Indiana, and now Los Angeles, where he lives with his wife, Jess, a photographer who contributed many of the photos in the book.Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.1. COFFEEThere is no doubt that white people love coffee. Yes, its true that Asians like iced coffee and people of all racesenjoy a cup. But it is a certainty that the first person at your school to drink coffee was a white person. It was obvious that they didnt enjoy it, but they did it anyway, until they liked itlike cigarettes.As white people begin to age, a genuine taste for coffee will emerge. During this time white peoplewill also develop a self- proclaimed addiction. This leads to them saying things like You do not want to see mebefore I get my morning coffee. White guys will also call it anything but coffee: rocket fuel, java, joe, black gold,and so forth. Its pretty much garbage all around. Its worth noting that where white people buy coffee is almost as important as the drink itself. For the most part, white people love Starbucks, although they will profess to hate how the chain is now a multinational corporation. This hatred is often sublimated by their relief at seeing one in an airport. The best place for white people to drink coffee is at a locally owned coffeeshop that offers many types of drinks, free Wi- Fi, and some sort of message board that is peppered with notices about rooms for rent and bands looking for bass players.White people are given extra points for buying Fair Trade coffee, because paying the extra \$2 means they are making a difference while their peers are drinking liquid oppression.2. RELIGIONS THEIR PARENTS DON'T BELONG TOWhite people will often say they are spiritual but not religious. This usually means that they will believe in any religion that doesnt involve Jesus. The most popular choices include Buddhism, Hinduism, Kabbalah, and, to a lesser extent, Scientology. A few even dip into Islam, but thats much rarer, since you have to make real sacrifices and actually go to a mosque.For the most part, white people prefer religions that produce artifacts and furniture that fit into their home or wardrobe. They are also particularly drawn to religions that do not require a lot of commitment or donations. When a white person tells you Im a Buddhist/Hindu/Kabbalahist, the best thing to do is ask how they arrived at their religious decision. The story will likely involve a trip to Thailand or a college class on religion.3. FILM FESTIVALSWhite people cant get enough of film festivals, especially Sundance, Toronto, and Cannes. This love can be due to a number of factors.Fact #1: 90 percent of white people have taken a film class at some point in their life.Fact #2: White people like feeling smart without doing worktwo hours in a theater is easier than ten hours with a book.Fact #3: If white people arent going backpacking, they generally like to travel with a specific purpose.Fact #4: 75 percent of white people believe they either have the potential to or will become filmmakers/screenwriters/directors at some point.Fact #5: White people hate stuff that is mainstreamso they go to film festivals, where they see movies that every other person in their demographic wants to see. Its a pretty sweet way to rebel.Fact #6: It is required by white- person law that you publicly declare foreign cinema to be better than Hollywood movies, and on par with indie film.Fact #7: White people earn credibility by being into films from strange countries: Oh, you liked Sideways? Yeah, I didnt see it, Im really into Serbian film now. They had a great retrospective at the

Vancouver Festival.