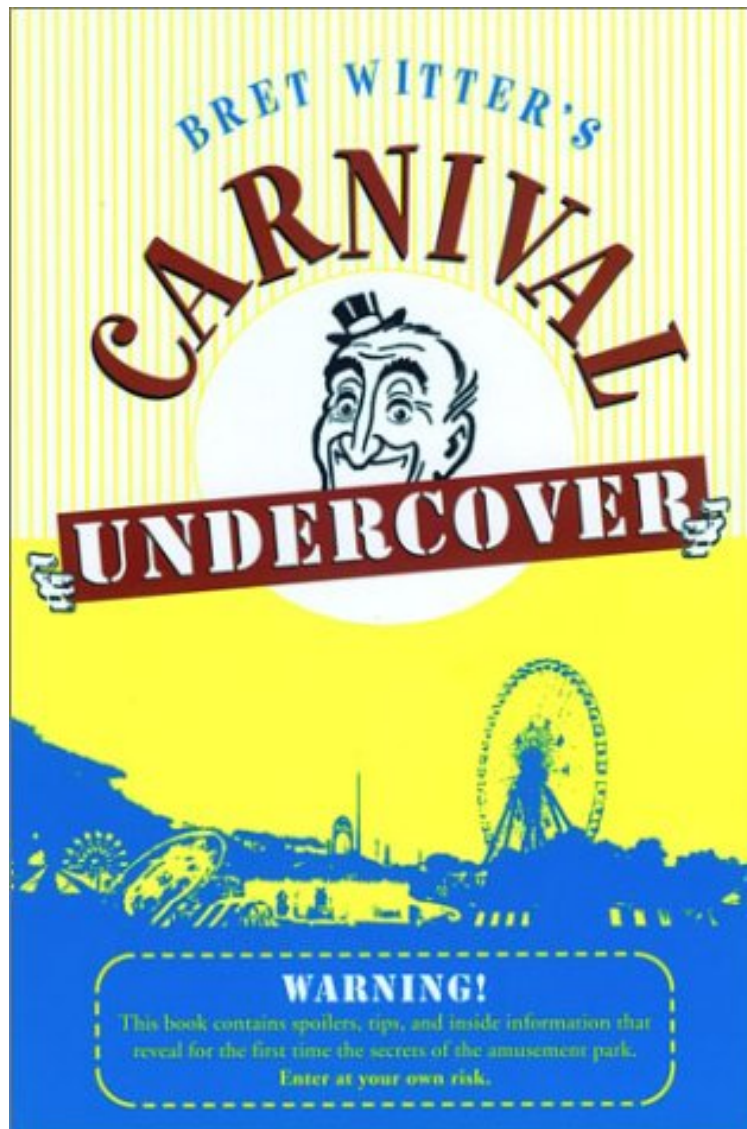


## Carnival Undercover

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**Bret Witter : Carnival Undercover** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Carnival Undercover:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A brief collection of commonly known old factsBy G. G. RobinsThis book was a quick read and was disappointing. It claims to enlighten the reader to the world behind the scenes of the amusement industry and carnivals but in reality it is nothing more than a few well known facts compiled into different chapters. It is very shallow and although I did get a couple of laughs out of it, it does not delve deeply

enough into the subject matter to reveal anything "secret" or previously unknown. Having worked in a similar industry for over a decade I know there is much more going on behind the scenes. But you won't read about it here. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Summer Skye Great book! Exactly what I expected :) 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Carnival Fun By Ax20 What food should you eat at the carnival? What seat is the best seat on a rollercoaster? How can you make the log flume make a bigger splash? What are the danger signs for rides? Are games fixed (or gaffed, as it is called in the amusement park/carnival/fair world)? Find out the answers to these and so many more mysteries of the carnival. Bret Witter writes about every aspect of the ride/booth based life. From how to get involved to how to have the best time while attending, Witter manages to touch upon every curiosity. Subjects are marked with symbols- Top Secret Information, Tips to Improve Your Skills, and Terrible Tales. It's not a must read. There's no page turner quality to it. It's more like the kind of thing you pick up every so often and read a section or two. Or you read it before or take it with you when going to a fair, carnival, or amusement park of some sort. There are certainly some fun facts and interesting details. If you have a friend who loves going to the county fair or the carnival or who is obsessed with amusement parks, this is a fun gift for them. For me, it needs some sort of a narrative, just reading the facts of a carnival isn't as interesting as it might have been to follow a few people in each setting. But, it has a recipe for Funnel Cakes! What could be better than that?

Entertaining, hilarious, and filled with hundreds of insider tips, this handbook will teach you how to win the biggest prize every time, identify the best seat on any ride, recognize the real freaks from the phonies, and create a carnival-quality funnel cake in your own home. This behind-the-scenes look at America's amusement parks also includes the goods on carnival trade secrets- from how cotton candy is made to which coasters have injured the most people. A book for the aficionado and pop culture enthusiast alike, *Carnival Undercover* is required reading for the 270 million Americans who visit amusement parks and fairs every year.

From School Library Journal Adult/High School- Ladies and gentlemen! Step right up and learn the secrets of the midway! Arranged for beginners, this book first gives an overview of the carnival layout and the psychology behind it. The section on food contains a brief history of the common items, as well as recipes for funnel cakes. In "Midway Games Revealed," the odds of winning are shared, though how these were determined isn't clear. More importantly, the tricks to the games are exposed- once one knows the physics of the can toss, it is easier to capture the giant stuffed animal that comes with the win. A brief history of roller coasters and other rides follows. Finally, a brief and respectful history of sideshow acts and their secrets is shared, with plenty of warnings against attempting these tricks at home. "A Field Guide to Carnies" is less successful, and the accompanying cartoons are a bit stereotypical. Otherwise, this is a great introduction for those who just want to know the way things work at carnivals and fairs. Jamie Watson, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Bret Witter has been a carnival and amusement park enthusiast since his first visit to the North Alabama State Fair in 1978. This is his first book.