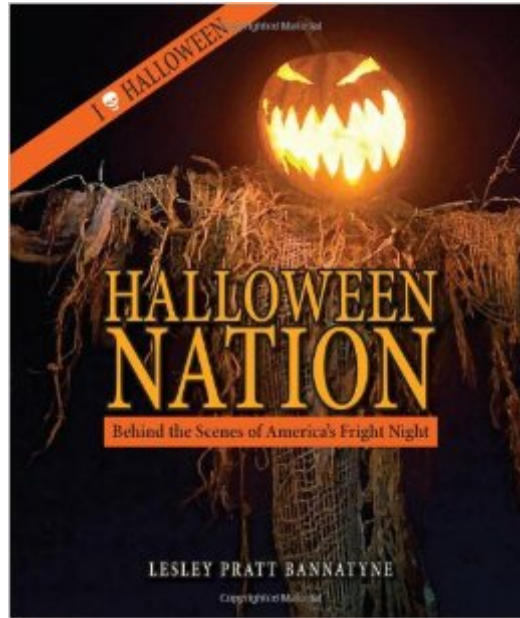


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# Halloween Nation: Behind The Scenes Of America's Fright Night



## Synopsis

America's leading authority on Halloween presents interviews with spooky rock groups, amateur vampires, haunted house creators, champion pumpkin carvers, and more, all in the quest of explaining the nation's unique love affair with this holiday. The collection of essays and interviews explores the pop culture phenomenon that is Halloween, and why we celebrate it the way we do today.

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Full disclosure: Lesley and I are friends. We weren't always though. There was a time, when I just a fan, in awe of her writing talent and knowledge of Halloween. But over time, we have e-mailed, talked, danced together in costume and even shot authentic Kentucky bourbon in Louisville. Okay, I sipped it and couldn't even finish it. Lesley, on the other hand, shot it back, slapped her cash on the bar and dashed out the door to a haunted attraction tour. She's quite a lady!

I usually approach non-fiction books with a bit of trepidation, dreading text book type passages, dry words and language or concepts that are over my head so I have to re-read them three times to grasp the content. But Halloween Nation is filled with plain ol' Halloween fun. Halloween Nation is Lesley's more than usual immersion into the world of Halloween. The New York City Greenwich Village Parade, zombie walks, naked pumpkin runs and Halloween and Vine are just a smattering of the places explored. Musicians and organizers and witches (Oh my!) enlighten us on their views and activities of the holiday. Lesley delves deep into a few mythological aspects of Halloween such as Jack-o-lanterns (don't worry-still not dry) and how the internet has changed the holiday. What I

loved best is that I felt I was right alongside her. Her voice is friendly and fun and her writing is clever and fresh. She's self deprecating, inquisitive and charming. (I know, you're probably thinking I only wrote that because she's my friend. But if I felt any different I wouldn't have said anything at all!) The book went by very fast. I would sit down only intending to read a page or two and before I knew it chapters sped by. Interspersed within the pages are quotes and gorgeous photos.

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