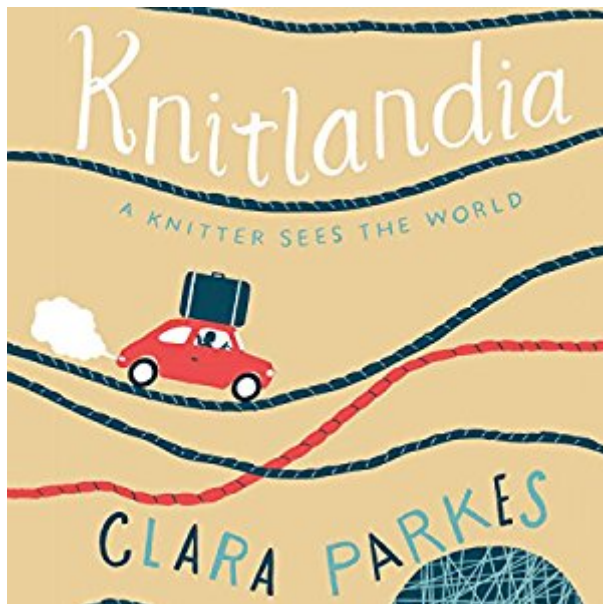


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Knitlandia: A Knitter Sees The World



Synopsis

Knitting aficionado and notable artisan Clara Parkes delves into her storied travels with this inspiring and witty New York Times best-selling memoir of a creative life enriched by her adventures around the world. Building on the success of *The Yarn Whisperer*, Parkes' rich personal essays invite listeners and devoted crafters on excursions to be savored, from a guide who quickly comes to feel like a trusted confidante. In *Knitlandia*, she takes listeners along on 17 of her most memorable journeys across the globe over the last 15 years, with stories spanning from the fjords of Iceland to a cozy yarn shop in Paris' 13th arrondissement. Also known for her PBS television appearances and hugely popular line of small-batch handcrafted yarns, Parkes weaves her personal blend of wisdom and humor into this eloquently down-to-earth guide that is part personal travel narrative and part cultural history, touching the heart of what it means to live creatively. Join Parkes as she ventures to locales both foreign and familiar in chapters like: "Chasing a Legend in Taos" "Glass, Grass, and the Power of Place: Tacoma, Washington" "A Thing for Socks and a Very Big Plan: Portland, Oregon" "Autumn on the Hudson: The New York Sheep & Wool Festival" "Cashmere Dreams and British Breeds: A Last-Minute Visit to Edinburgh, Scotland" Fans of travel writing, as well as knitters, crocheters, designers, and fiber artists alike, will enjoy the masterful narrative in these intimate tales from a life well crafted. Whether you've committed to exploring your own wanderlust or are an armchair traveler curled up in your coziest slippers, *Knitlandia* is sure to inspire laughter, tears, and maybe some travel plans of your own.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a fiber junkie who loves to go to shows and retreats. Clara Parkes has nailed the atmosphere, excitement and just plain fun. Her writing style is sophisticated--not gushy or cute as these things tend to be. Best of all she's taken me to events that I'll probably never get a chance to see. If you wonder why your knitting, spinning and weaving friends wax poetic over yarn, this book will help clear up the mystery.

Seldom does an author prompt me to laugh-out-loud while reading their book, but Clara Parkes' writing has this effect on me. This has been a delightful read...one that has sent me Googling more times than not a geographical location, a festival, a yarn store...I even calculated the distance from my sister's house to one of the festivals she writes about....future trip planning for sure!!! Filled with short but riveting vignettes of her yarn travels, it is sure to satisfy the reader looking for something different. Highly recommend this book

Great read, now I'm interested in reading more of her books, as well as looking into more yarn/knitting festivals! Also, I've always loved traveling and knitting, so anything that combines the two is always a joy!

No, wait, all fiber lovers should have this book on their must-read list. Clara Parkes is a wonderful story teller, so the trip she takes you on is highly entertaining. The venues and the people mentioned will have readers wanting to find out more, and perhaps put the venues on their bucket lists of must places and the people as hope-I-get-to-meet some day.

I NEVER write reviews, but I LOVED this book. Being a knitter, I found all of the behind the scenes accounts really interesting. I really didn't want the book to end. I loved it so much, I think I may go back and read it again, which is unheard of for me. I loved the chapter on Iceland, and I think anyone would enjoy it, whether he/she is a knitter or not.

We gave this as a gift to our daughter, who loves to knit. She loves it, and really enjoys the around the world aspect as written.

Fun book about her travels and knitting/yarn.

This book inspired me to travel for a love-of-knitting reason.

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