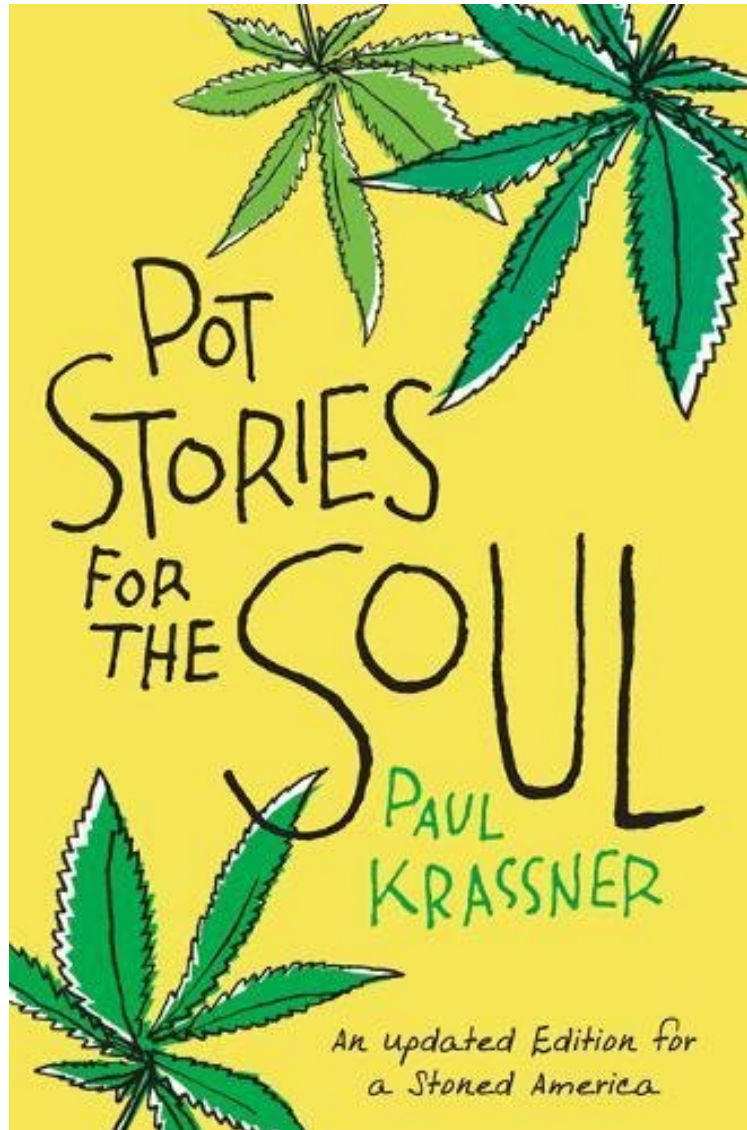


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**Paul Krassner : Pot Stories for the Soul** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pot Stories for the Soul:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gift for the "smoker" in the family By fedcamper Nice gift for the guy who smokes everything. It will bring a smile to his face, but that's nothing new, is it? 54 of 60 people found the following review helpful. Touched my Soul.. By A Customer First off, let me say that the past reviewer who said this book was "same old same old" has obviously never read this book. This guy probably just saw the High Times logo,

and just imagined what this book was. Of all the ways I could describe this great book, I would never say that this book is "same old same old." As a person who has smoked marijuana, and has many friends who also smoke, I must say that the stories presented in this book have no similarity to my life. I only wish that I had the same cool adventures listed in these pages! I am just your average Joe, with a job, a car, and a nice little place in the city. While some people think all marijuana users are wild "Cheech and Chong" types, I am here to say that I am no different today, then when I started to smoke. I am shy, quiet, and only share my marijuana smoking with my closet of friends. Living in this country, I am always afraid to tell anyone about my "hobby", out of fear that I will end up in prison. While it might feed into some square's fantasy that all pot smokers all crazy nut jobs, I am here to say that we are all not Timothy Learys and Robert Downy Jr. Having said that, let me say that this book was a trip into the cool world of cannabis heaven. Stories of people, just like us, who happen to have neat adventures while they are high. And it is not what you think. While some reviewers might think this book is the ranting of a few stoners, I am here to say that it is no such thing. Stories of love, escape, hate, paranormal, history, travel, and so much more. I could not put this book down. Each story was so personal and intimate, that I felt that these people are now my close friends. It is my wish that everyone who thinks that marijuana is "dangerous" will read this book. If this does not open your eyes and free your mind, then you are a zombie! Now, for the standard stoner yell: FREE THE WEED!! But something tells me that we will just get, "same old same old." 5 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Good TimesBy readingisfun83I originally bought this book cuz I saw my favorite writer had contributed a story, the great HST. Turns out his contribution was a very brief article on his adventure in Africa popping lots of malaria pills (not a lot herb mentioned but still a very funny story.) I really loved all the stories in this book too. Sure, it's a pot book so all it has are stories about marijuana and drugs and stoners. I say so what! It's an excellent collection of different stories about a "somewhat misunderstood" subculture and lifestyle. AND THEY'RE FUNNY! These stories are extremely diverse and not all of them are pro-marijuana so there are some different angles presented for the non-tokers. OK, some of the stories do read like one of those typical stoner movies but many had a story to tell and a lesson to be learned. And if the story WAS about a typical stoner situation it was still funny and enjoyable to read. Excellent job Krassner!

The pieces in Pot Stories for the Soul are funny, whimsical, bizarre, poignant, informational, shocking, and, yeah, soulful. They are about love, hate, escape, reality, the paranormal, Allen Ginsberg, Ken Kesey, Michelle Phillips, Hunter Thompson, Abbie Hoffman, Wavy Gravy and peanut butter. Ultimately, these stories reveal the wide, weird, and wonderful subculture of stoners, where the reefers are mad, the joints are fat, and the buzz lasts for six-and-a-half days. Mainstream America has had an uneasy relationship with marijuana. Once a legal substance, the 1930s saw a massive campaign against the "Devil's Harvest" that led to pot being rendered illegal. In the 1960s, marijuana became one of the defining elements of the counterculture before once again being shunted to the sidelines. Over the last decade, however, marijuana has gone mainstream and has been the topic of seminars, expos, concerts, comedy routines, movies, TV shows, and college courses across the country. Originally published by High Times in 1999, Pot Stories for the Soul won the Firecracker Alternative Book Award and also became a Quality Paperback Book Club selection. This brand-new edition includes several new essays by Paul Krassner, plus his foreword, his afterword, and the evolution of cannabis sanity in between.

“Krassner has the uncanny ability to alter your perceptions permanently.” —Los Angeles Times  
“Wickedly funny.” —San Francisco Chronicle  
“[Krassner] is an expert at ferreting out hypocrisy and absurdism from the more solemn crannies of American culture.” —The New York Times  
“Krassner lives in a world where Truth and Satire are swingers, changing partners so often you never know who belongs with whom.” —Playboy