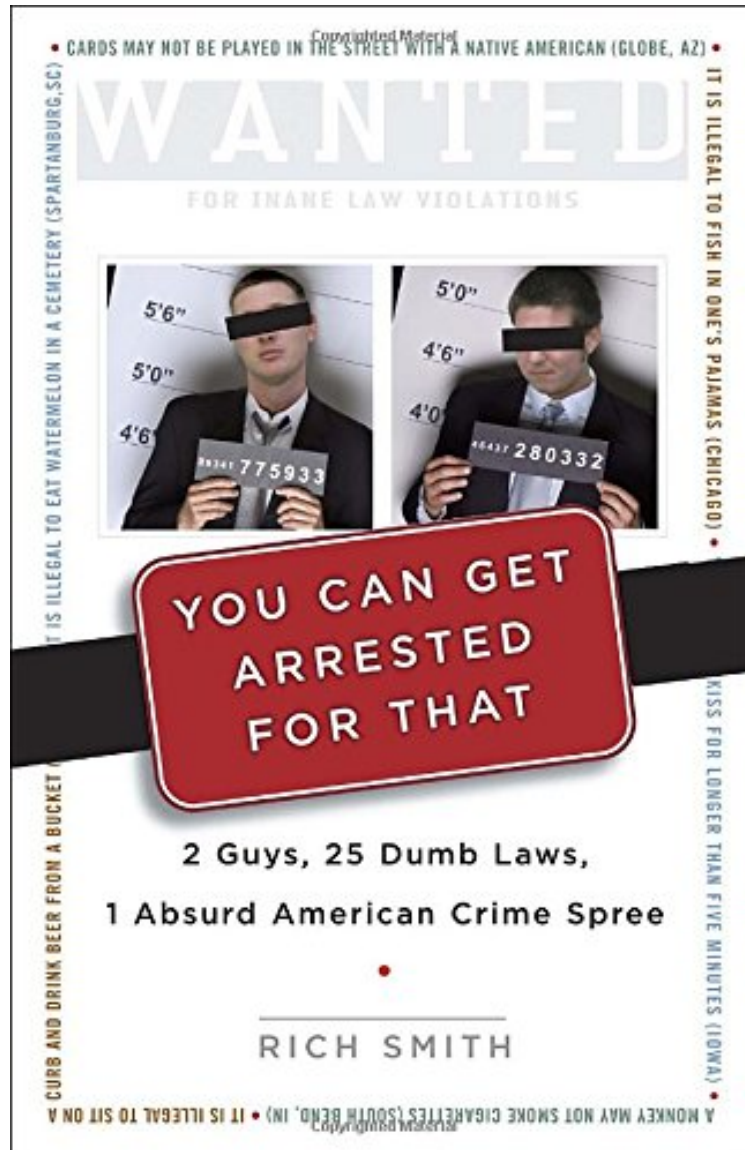


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Two Englishmen on a crime spree break American laws!Stupid, unreasonable, and long-forgotten laws—but laws just the same.In 1787 the wise framers of the U.S. Constitution laid out the laws of the land. Since then, things have gone awry, and a few laws even the far-sighted framers couldn't have imagined have worked their way onto the books in towns and cities across the country.Did you know that in the United States it's illegal to:• Fish while wearing pajamas in Chicago, Illinois?• Enter a theater within three hours of eating garlic in Indianapolis?• Offer cigarettes or whiskey to zoo animals in New Jersey?• Fall asleep in a cheese factory in South Dakota?Englishman Rich Smith discovered these little-known laws during a great American crime spree that took him from coast to coast in search of girls to kiss (it's illegal to kiss for longer than five minutes at a time in Kansas), oranges to peel (which the law says shouldn't be done in hotel rooms in California), and whales to hunt (unlawful in Utah). What inspired a perfectly law abiding, mild-mannered Englishman to come to America and take on the law? He simply wanted to know why. How did these “only in America” laws come to be, do the police know they exist, and would they care if he broke them? So with his best mate, Bateman, by his side—and at the ready should bail be required—Smith set out to break the law in the United States.Part road trip, part chronicle of the absurdity of human behavior, part search for the ultimate in roadkill, *You Can Get Arrested for That* follows Smith and Bateman on their not quite Bonnie and Clyde adventure.

From Publishers WeeklyThe premise is solid enough: Smith, a 20-something journalism student in England, asks a buddy, Luke Bateman, to travel across the U.S. with him over the course of a summer, with the goal of trying to break more than two-dozen archaic laws along the way—without getting caught, of course, and while documenting the adventures. The execution is less than captivating: it is illegal to ride a bike in a swimming pool in the Los Angeles suburb of Baldwin Park; they do. In Globe, Ariz., it is illegal to play cards against a Native American; they do. (Actually, Smith does, and Bateman photographs.) Smith seemingly picks the laws at random, with little explanation or research into their backgrounds. So when the two men fish in their pajamas in Chicago, or drink beer out of a bucket on a St. Louis sidewalk, it reads like little more than a prank TV vignette. There's some cheek (as in a trip to Hooters) but too much British reserve: one doesn't come away with a strong sense of Smith and Bateman's friendship, or how the long months in a car together affect their relationship.Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From BooklistWhen the author, a Briton, learned that American law books were chock-full of ridiculous laws (in Atlanta, you can't tie a giraffe to a telephone pole), he conceived of a plan that was at once brilliant and ludicrous: he would go to America, with his friend, and together they would break as many foolish laws as they could. They would ride a bicycle in a pool; play cards with a Native American; hunt for whales in Utah; and plenty of other weird stuff—all illegal in some jurisdiction somewhere from sea to shining sea. The book is very funny (it really can't help being funny), but it's also quite an eye-opener. Smith does a nice job of showing us the U.S. through the eyes of a British visitor, and, from his point of view, most of those oddball laws come to seem, well, somehow normal in context of the equally odd American characters he encounters. David PittCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorRich Smith is twenty-five and lives in Portreath on the north Cornish coast. He is currently studying for a degree in journalism. His ambition is to become a primary school teacher.