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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This sort of passion for The 80s is why we have Stranger Things!By Jeffrey SchusterI am a huge fan of 80s teen movies, but not as much as Kevin Smokler! This book covers LOADS of content - including a few movies that I've never gotten around to seeing, and a few more than I've just never even heard of! All the greats are covered here, including the John Hughes catalog, Savage Steve Holland's Better Off Dead,

and the immortal classic *The Goonies*. I had the distinct pleasure of getting to meet Mr. Smokler during his recent book tour, and he sat down for an interview where we talked about what makes this decade's cinematic offerings so memorable and legacy-worthy. If you've ordered this book or are thinking of ordering this book, give a listen :) [...]

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An extraordinary book by an extraordinary writer. I didn't come of age during the 1980s, but after reading this thoroughly engaging book, I wish I had! The issue of place is a central theme in all the arts as well as in other dimensions. Mr. Smokler deftly brings the reader to an examination of place in the movies. But this book is not just for film buffs but rather for all of us who grapple with the importance of place in our lives.

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I so enjoyed this backstage peek into the 80's. Going back in this fun, well written and expert piece.

From the fictional towns of Hill Valley, CA, and Shermer, IL, to the beautiful landscapes of the Goondocks in Astoria and the time of your life dirty dancing resort still alive and well in Lake Lure, NC, '80s teen movies left their mark not just on movie screen and in the hearts of fans, but on the landscape of America itself. Like few other eras in movie history, the '80s teen movies has endured and gotten better with time. In *Brat Pack America*, Kevin Smokler gives virtual tours of your favorite movies while also picking apart why these locations are so important to these movies. Including interviews with actors, writers, and directors of the era, and chock full of interesting facts about your favorite '80s movies, *Brat Pack America* is a must for any fan. Smokler went to *Goonies Day* in Astoria, OR, took a *Lost Boys* tour of Santa Cruz, CA, and deeply explored every nook and cranny of the movies we all know and love, and it shows.

One of Book Riot's Best Books from Indie Presses 2016 "Smokler's enthusiasm for movies shines through, making this an absolute delight for movie buffs." *Library Journal* "An important addition to the growing 80s canon." *Third Coast* "The perfect ticket to go back to those days. DeLorean not included." *The Quivering Pen* "Two thumbs up.... Now pardon me, while I go add a dozen or so movies to my Netflix queue." *GeekDad* "Kevin Smokler's fun new look at 80s teen movies." *San Jose Mercury News*