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**Chuck Woodbury : The Best from Out West** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Best from Out West:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Fine selections from the Newspaper That RoamsBy hyperbolium Author Woodbury has selected some of his best writing, taken from his quarterly tabloid, "Out West." Woodbury roams the blue highways and small towns of the Western USA, interviewing those he meets and writing about the places he visits. He has a tremendous sensibility about where to go (and perhaps more importantly, when to stay put), and a newsman's nose for a story. The stories that he digs up are not so much daily news, as people and places that are exemplanatory of small-town life, forgotten times, and the general oddities that make the world more interesting than yet another faceless mall (or Starbucks or McDonald's). Woodbury delights in his subjects, and in many ways, is himself the most interesting subject of his writing. His reactions and feelings (especially his musings about being a wandering journalist) are a cross between reporting and diary-writing, creating a highly engrossing blend. Among the selection in this book are stories of Bill, Wyoming (population 1), eating a plate of cow brains, waging war on chipmunks over Cheezits, sampling potato ice cream and visiting museums and attractions such as Jake the Alligator Man and Death Valley. Long out of print, can usually help you find a used copy.

From book jacket: "In the Best from Out West, author Chuck Woodbury treats us to a vision of an unfamiliar western terrain. We visit homes in hollowed redwoods, or carved inside great mounts of limestone. We stop in towns like Bill,

Wyoming, population 1 (down from 5 twelve years ago). We eat a plate of cow brains in the Oxford Cafe, wage a war on chipmunks over Cheezits, sample Space Burgers, potato ice cream, and other culinary wonders. "In a campground, a woman bending to tie a bandage around her leg makes an evening's entertainment. In Death Valley, where the ground heats up to 200 degrees, you can cook an egg in the shade. There are towns where candy costs a penny, museums with such attractions as Jake the Alligator Man, stretches of road where you can drive for hours seeing no one, and twilit evenings that settle silently, broken only by the howl of a coyote. "The Best from Out West is a wonder. Ten years ago, public relations man Chuck Woodbury decided to forsake his rooted life-style and lead the life of a nomad. Six months a year now, armed with little more than computer, flashlight, and radio, he roams the West in his RV and writes about the people he meets and the places he encounters, compiling these pieces in the world's only mobile newspaper, which he circulates quarterly. In The Best from Out West, we are treated to the choicest samples of his paper. And when we read this book, we feel an odd and delightful nostalgia, as we explore this foreign land within our borders. "Chuck Woodbury began publishing his quarterly "on the road" newspaper with his desktop publishing system in late 1987. A self-described "connoisseur of offbeat journalism," when not on the road Woodbury makes his home in Grass Valley, California."