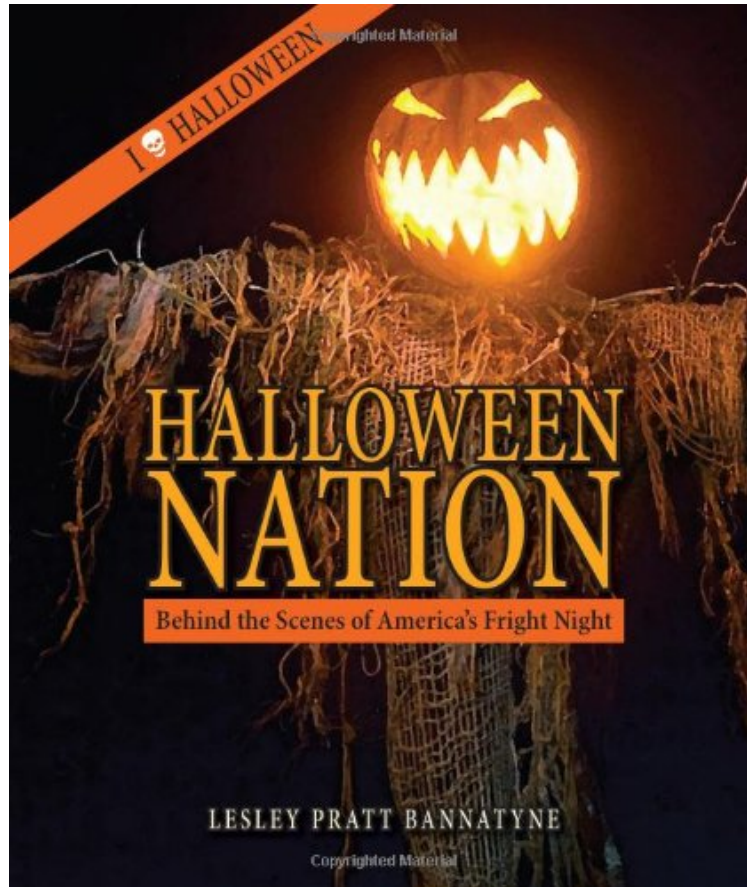


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**Lesley Bannatyne : Halloween Nation: Behind the Scenes of America's Fright Night** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Halloween Nation: Behind the Scenes of America's Fright Night:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Halloween Strong! By shadowbat Probably the best book on modern Halloween traditions I have read. Lesley not only covers what Halloween means NOW, but also gives us in depth information on it's origins. She takes us on a grand investigation on what current traditions and activities Halloween enthusiasts are creating for our modern times while also keeping the ancient beliefs and rituals alive. You really get a sense of genuine interest from Lesley and she translates the true passion that the people she included in this book have for this holiday. If you are a Halloween enthusiast or even have just a basic interest, this is the best book for you to read and own. 5 out of 5! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not Your Typical Fare By tckld\_pnk What a great read! It's certainly not your typical, "and thus the hollowed turnips of Ireland became the jack o'lantern pumpkins of American Halloween" sort of book. Rather than giving us yet another historical write-up of the holiday, Ms. Bannatyne explores the cultural significance of Halloween in our modern world. It's a refreshing change,

and certainly gives the reader an inside look at what we who love all things Halloween are like. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious and Deep as the Ocean By FrangiapanMs. Bannatyne writes in a personal style packed with such a sense of humor it is easy to miss the gravity of what she is saying in this fascinating, quirky, full of facts you never knew book. It is not a coffee table book by any means, although the content makes great conversation for everyone. It's not just about Halloween, although of course, it's ALL about Halloween. It's about all of us who chose ways to live creatively regardless of one's opinion of Main Street status quo, at least one night a year. Embracing the dark side with passion, joy and a poke in the ribs brings light and laughter to the true dark side of humanity. Isn't that an evolved approach to the human condition? Thank you Lesley Bannatyne for bringing all this to us.

America's leading authority on Halloween presents interviews with spooky rock groups, amateur vampires, haunted house creators, champion pumpkin carvers, and more, all in the quest of explaining the nation's unique love affair with this holiday. The collection of essays and interviews explores the pop culture phenomenon that is Halloween, and why we celebrate it the way we do today.

"A sophisticated yet playful celebration of all things macabre, morbid, and marvelous . . . Bannatyne makes a great case for celebrating Halloween everyday, all year long. . . . It's an energetic, thorough, and breathless salute to everyone's favorite horror holiday." -Chris Alexander, editor in chief, Fangoria magazine  
"After reading this book, I've added about thirty things to this year's 'Halloween to-do list!' Halloween Nation is the perfect source for hundreds of different ways to celebrate our favorite holiday!" -Richard Christy, writer/producer, The Howard Stern Show, SIRIUS XM Satellite Radio  
From the Author Halloween Nation is my attempt to understand why Halloween is so important today, who makes and celebrates it, and why it matters. It's my fifth book, and my favorite. There are those who say that Halloween is an over-commercialized holiday that's lost its meaning. After talking with scream queens, prop-designers, pumpkin carvers and growers, pumpkin beer brewers, ghost hunters, home haunters, mediums, witches, zombie scientists, dark artists, craft artists, musicians, morticians, and many, many others, I can tell you that Halloween is very important to a lot of different people, and for reasons that go way beyond how incredibly fun it is. I really hope you enjoy this.  
From the Back Cover Halloween is not just for children anymore. On a mission to define the modern Halloween, expert Lesley Pratt Bannatyne delves into the world of enthusiasts, fanatics, and subcultures including Goth, metal, and zombie. In a series of investigative interviews, people from all walks of life reveal their devotion to this fall celebration as Bannatyne crafts a portrait of a wildly popular and surprisingly meaningful twenty-first-century Halloween. As one of the leading authorities on Halloween, Lesley Pratt Bannatyne contributed the Halloween article found in World Book Encyclopedia and is Halloween advisor to the Vampire Empire. She has shared her knowledge of the holiday on television specials for Nickelodeon and the History Channel. Bannatyne is also the author of A Halloween How-To: Costumes, Parties, Decorations, and Destinations; A Halloween Reader: Poems, Stories, and Plays from Halloweens Past; Halloween: An American Holiday, an American History; and Witches' Night Before Halloween, all available from Pelican. She resides in Somerville, Massachusetts.