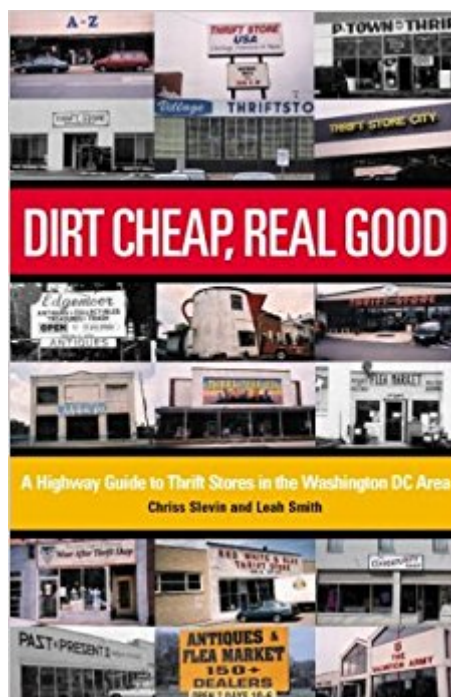


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# Dirt Cheap, Real Good: A Highway Guide To Thrift Stores In The Washington DC Area (Washington Weekends)



## Synopsis

Dirt Cheap, Real Good is a take-along travel guide to the best second-hand shops in the Mid-Atlantic region. It leads readers on six adventurous road trips, featuring the very best of local thrifting. The network of routes, which map the finest second-hand, antique, and vintage shops, all originate from Washington, DC, allowing you to create your own weekend thrift expeditions. Dirt Cheap, Real Good offers the low-down on the merchandise, hours, and phone numbers for each location, plus colorful descriptions of each stop, as well as photos, road maps, and quotes from local characters. As the icing on the cake, Dirt Cheap, Real Good notes pits stops at quirky bars, cheap motels, greasy spoon diners, off-the-wall amusements and miscellaneous roadside oddities. Route #1: Washington DC to Philadelphia, PA Route #2: Washington DC to Pittsburgh, PA Route #3: Washington DC to Charleston, WV Route #4: Washington DC to Winston Salem, NC Route #5: Washington, DC to Raleigh, NC Route #6: Washington, DC to the Delaware and Maryland Coasts

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## Customer Reviews

"...(a) humorous guide..." -- Darragh Doiron, Port Arthur News, April 21, 2004 "...offers thrift store travel adventure for followers of fashion, urban hipsters and those who are just plain cheap." -- Publishers Weekly, January 19, 2004

Chriss Slevin is a bona fide packrat. On numerous road trips and other journeys she has accumulated a collection of highway souvenirs, clothing, and thrift oddities. She works as a Program

Officer for an arts foundation in New York City. Chriss studied painting at the Rhode Island School of Design and her artwork has been exhibited nationally. Chriss currently lives in Brooklyn, NY and is a dedicated thrifter, expert bargain hunter, and a staunch advocate of dirt cheap living. Leah Smith has developed thrifting into a form of creative expression. For the past 14 years, she has made numerous thrift shopping expeditions across the country and has collected enough artifacts to open her own vintage store. Leah currently lives in Boston, MA where she earned a BFA at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts and Tufts University in film studies. One of Leah's plays is published in *Seven Short Plays for the Bedroom* (Mutable Press, 2002)

I have been going to a lot of stores that were reviewed in this guide, and the descriptions were accurate. Even with google, I would have had a hard time compiling this list of places to shop for myself. I keep in my glove compartment, so when I am visiting a different neighborhood in DC I have new places to shop. It has been really fun.

You may purchase this guide looking for some stores to stop into, but what you'll find instead is the makings of a thrift vacation. The authors outline great roadtrips to surround the highlighted thrift stores, so you'll know where to stay and eat as you thrift your way around the mid-atlantic region. They even throw in some other activities besides thrifting in case you go into bargain-hunting overload. It's a pretty genius idea and a totally original take on road-tripping. I highly recommend picking this book up for a new perspective. Plus, they do give you all those great stores to stop into.

Dirt Cheap Real Good Rocks. I was visiting some friends in Philly and my friend was wearing a cool old IZOD(I had been dying to find some IZODs and Le Tigre vintage shirts). When I asked him where he got the shirt-he pulled out Dirt Cheap... and we spent THREE full days on tours of the Philly area thrift shops! I cleaned up!(now you can find some of those shirts on my ebay site) There were also cool insights to local eateries!! Now I have one in my car and have circled the next several trips.. They need to write one for every part of the U.S.!!

Chriss Slevin and Leah Smith travelled 4000 miles to research "Dirt Cheap, Real Good" and all of the hard work shows. This thorough travel guide of the thrift shops and other stores specializing in highly discounted items is broken down to six road trips that start in Washington, D.C. and travel to Delaware, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and other places surrounding D.C."Dirt Cheap" is a really fun book, and the restaurant recommendations included in it are a real treat.

I bought DIRT CHEAP, REAL GOOD for a weekend trip to D.C. and I was blown away by the thorough research the authors had done on thrift shops in the area. They not only tell you where to go, but also include information about what to expect in terms of price, selection, and even atmosphere. The writing is lively and fun, and the book is illustrated with photos of many of the stores. This book is a gem for true connoisseurs of thrift stores and American popular culture.

I read this book assuming that, after 9 years living in the DC area, I would find summaries of my favorite haunts, and maybe scoff at outdated listings for a few that had closed. I did not expect, and was very happily surprised, to find mention of several newer shops, including a few nearby I didn't even know existed! The book was obviously very thoroughly researched, and I'm sure they had a blast writing it. (Now, if only I had thought of it!)

we used Dirt Cheap this weekend on a trip to Philly - these girls know their stuff! i got a brand new thrifty couch at one of the stores listed in the book, and we ate breakfast at carman's country cafe in south philly, which was delicious and really really fun. i highly recommend Dirt Cheap Real Good.

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