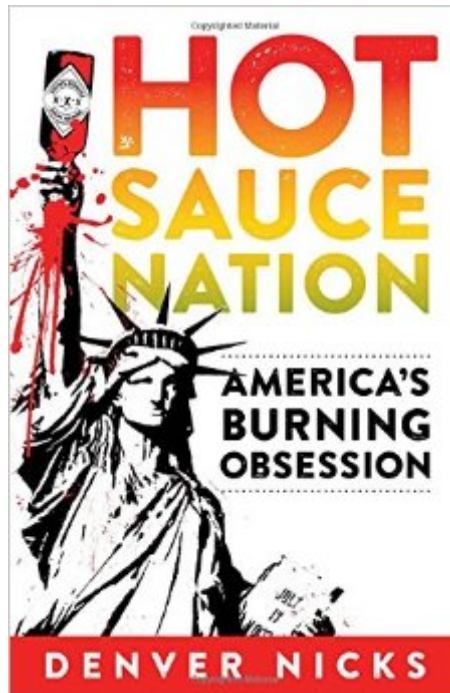


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# Hot Sauce Nation: America's Burning Obsession



## Synopsis

Hot Sauce Nation is a journey of discovery, delving into history, culture, immigration patterns, and the science of spice and pain. Through the stories of hot sauce makers and lovers, it explores the unique hold the dark prince of condiments has over the American heart.

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I used to be a reader. In home school there was little else to do. By the time I started public school in 8th grade, I had read everything I would be assigned to read through senior year AP English, with the exception of *The Handmaid's Tale*. After high school, I became so engrossed in playing/listening to/seeing music that books were largely a thing of the past. I can sum up the books I have read, post-2001, in a few simple categories: music biographies, books about dragons, clever books by fashionably eccentric hit-or-miss authors (Palaehniuk/Vonnegut/BEE), and books by Denver Nicks. I knew Denver from college and he introduced me to Fugazi via a decently played riff on his acoustic guitar, so any time he writes a book, I make a point to read it. In 2012, Denver Nicks wrote *Private: Bradley Manning, WikiLeaks, and the Biggest Exposure of Official Secrets in American History*. In 2016, he followed that up with *Hot Sauce Nation: America's Burning Obsession*. A book wrought with exclusive insight and access to an important and intriguing story of national security has been followed up by a book about hot sauce. When one begins reading a book about hot sauce, there are absolutely limits of expectation. A written history of the cultivation of peppers/chiles/chilis in America sounds ironically drab for such a fiery topic. As any good history

professor willâ |professâ |the matter-of-fact recounting of an event isnâ™t nearly as important as the context in which it occurred or how we view our present through these new viewpoints. Nicks has managed to sneak a road novel into a hot sauce history class. History can be boring and road novels are often self-indulgent and yet this combination is delightfully neither.

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