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From Gottlieb, Andrew (NRT) : Drink, Play, F@#k: One Man's Search for Anything Across Ireland, Las Vegas, and Thailand before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Drink, Play, F@#k: One Man's Search for Anything Across Ireland, Las Vegas, and Thailand:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good, enjoyable, funny... Not what I thought it was though...By R. David
First things first, I was introduced to this book by a friend who told me (and believed) that it was written by the real ex-husband of the vapid egotist that wrote *Eat, Pray, Love*... Having previously thumbed through that book and losing a significant amount of respect for the girlfriend who had recommended it to me as a book that had "changed her life", I was nothing but thrilled (in an admittedly petty sort of way) to read that my first assumptions were correct. I read a few chapters of my friend's copy of "drink, play, expletive," and immediately bought a copy for my kindle and finished it in a few hours. I DID laugh aloud, and I am embarrassed to admit how long it took me to suspect that if it was not fiction, it was a wildly exaggerated tale. And even though the painfully predictable ending was what really gave it away, it did put a lump in my throat and made my eyes water just enough that I had to roll my eyes at what a girl I am... A girl that really hates chick lit, but a girl who wants to believe in true love and fate nonetheless... (Insert audible sigh here) Three stars or five stars... I've vacillated between the two for a while now. When I believed it was non-fiction it was a 5 star book no question, but after finding out it was pure satire, my shoulders sank and I said "aw man!" and I called my ex husband (who I am still friendly with) to take back my vehement recommendation from last night. I can't quite put my finger on why it loses so much with this new bit of information but it really does. But, that being said, I'll probably read it again in a few years on a plane or something. It was a fun, quick read, and the characters are quite likable in their own sort of way. I read in a few other reviews that the characters and situations were completely unbelievable, but I've worked with people who very much live the lifestyle he describes so this wasn't an issue for me. I read a review about "Eat, pray, love" where they said something to the effect that it was a boring story about a "rich girl gone slumming", which was pretty much my own impression. I think he did a GREAT job at creating a character that could be the ex-husband of Ms Gilbert, or a character like her. I settled on four stars because I can't blame the book for the bad information I was given before reading it. I definitely ENJOYED reading it, but I probably wouldn't have bothered if I'd known it was satire from the get go... 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By robyn
Good book, fun, easy read
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Amusing little response
By Susan A. Keim
Read the predecessor a few years ago and loved it (although was a little disappointed in the movie). Thought this was a brilliant idea and looked forward to the dichotomy. While it's a cure story and it's actually pretty well-written, I was expecting something that would be interesting to men. Having just finished the book, I'm not fooled; this book is also for women. I only feel slightly cheated because it was a super quick read and contained a chuckle or two. It's cheap; go for it.

In *Drink, Play, F@#k* Bob Sullivan, a jilted husband, sets off to explore the world, experience a meaningful connection with the divine, and rediscover his passion. His travels lead him from his home in New York City to a drinking bender across Ireland, through the glitz and glamour that is Las Vegas, and to the hedonistic pleasure palaces of Thailand. After a lifetime of playing it safe, Mr. Sullivan finally follows his heart and lives out everyone's deepest fantasies. For who among us hasn't dreamed of standing stark naked, head upturned, and mouth agape beneath a cascading torrent of Guinness Stout? What could be more exhilarating than losing every penny you have because Charlie Weiss went for a meaningless last-second field goal? And what sensate creature could ever doubt that the greatest pleasure known to man can be found in a leaky bamboo shack filled with glassy-eyed, bruised Asian hookers? Bob Sullivan has a lot to teach us about life. Let's just pray we have the wisdom to put aside our preconceptions and listen. Because what Bob Sullivan finds isn't at all what he expected.

From Publishers Weekly
As an impudent retort to Elizabeth Gilbert's best-selling *Eat Pray Love*, the book that swept book clubs and bestseller charts throughout 2006, this comic travelogue is nothing if not a conversation starter. Fortunately, it's also a dizzyingly fun parody that apes Gilbert in its premise (Ireland, Las Vegas and Thailand replace Gilbert's post-divorce destinations, Italy, India and Indonesia) and its particulars, mirroring plot developments and platitudes line by line (where *Eat Pray Love* opens with its protagonist contemplating a kiss with an Italian named Giovanni, Gottlieb starts moments from a liplock between his narrator, divorcee Bob Sullivan, and Giovanna. That kind of parody can wear over pages, but Gottlieb's protagonist is a likable and entertaining enough rascal to carry the story and, with the help of a happy-go-lucky personal trainer named Rick, do some good-humored philosophizing on the gender-trumping predicament of heart-break. Still, anyone who has suspected that boys have a bit more fun than girls will find their theories confirmed, as Gottlieb packs in just as much adventure as Gilbert, with a quarter of the self-seriousness. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
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Andrew Gottlieb is a comedy writer with experience in sit coms, feature films, and books. He is currently writing and producing *Z Rock*, an original TV show that he co-created for the Independent Film Channel.