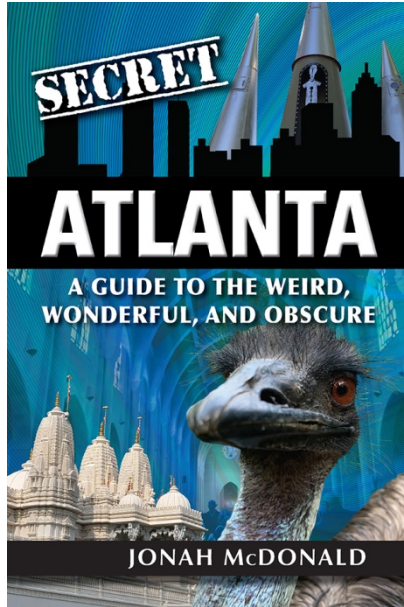


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**NEW BOOK REVEALS THE HIDDEN STORIES OF ATLANTA'S LANDMARKS, HISTORY, AND ODDITIES**

ST. LOUIS, MO—Reedy Press is pleased to announce the release of our new guidebook, *Secret Atlanta: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*, by Jonah McDonald. This guide to the obscure helps you unlock Atlanta's most intriguing, entertaining, and arcane secrets.

What's really inside Atlanta's sealed Crypt of Civilization? Where can you experience a midnight costume party or get your haircut at a museum? And is there really an elephant graveyard in the city? Sometimes the truth is stranger than fiction, and *Secret Atlanta* is the right book to prove this over

and over again. Beyond the standard Atlanta tourist attractions, visitors and natives alike will find a city full of secrets—in history, art, culture, nature, and places that are just plain weird. Tour the most hidden spots in the metro area, or see the famous sites through a new lens. You'll find answers to common questions, like why there are so many streets named "Peachtree." Don't miss Atlanta's more uncommon quirks too, such as the story behind the clergy parking spaces at one local bar.

Whether you're a lifelong Atlantan or a first-time visitor, local writer Jonah McDonald will help you marvel at Atlanta's most obscure oddities. These adventures through the city might sound too interesting to be true, but you couldn't even make this stuff up if you tried.

*Secret Atlanta: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure* is available wherever books are sold.

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## TALKING POINTS FROM THE BOOK:

### Suggested Anchor Intro:

Atlanta may be an internationally famous city, but there are many secrets to uncover, even for native Atlantans. Things like secret passageways in a swanky neighborhood, a marriage proposal etched into a Centennial Olympic Park brick, a cemetery in a Walmart parking lot, a haunted covered bridge, the largest collection of ferns in the county, and dedicated parking spots for clergy ... at a bar! Author of the popular guidebook, *Hiking Atlanta's Hidden Forests*, Jonah McDonald joins us to talk about his new book, *Secret Atlanta*, and the thrilling journey he took to uncover some fascinating hidden details about our city.

### Suggested Interview Questions:

- This book is laid out like a scavenger hunt – do you expect readers to visit all these places?
- Can you tell us a secret story about a famous Atlanta landmark?
- So why is it that so many streets are named Peachtree?
- Did you learn any stories from Atlanta's history that have been secret until now?
- Who knew that Atlanta had so many secrets - like the first-ever time capsule which is not to be opened until the year 8113, an elephant graveyard, and a one-person jail cell in a park. What are some of your favorites?
- How did writing your first book about the hidden forests of Atlanta inform your work on the new book? Was there anything you found that surprised you?
- These are things that people can find on their own?
- Why do you think Atlanta's secrets are important?
- How did you even come up with some of this stuff: like a golden toilet in a bank vault?
- What was the most bizarre discovery that you made?
- Where is the book sold?
- Upcoming events?
- Website: [www.secretatlanta.com](http://www.secretatlanta.com)

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