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"Lovingly researched and lushly described, Loren's essays transport you to the graveyard, where she is quite a tour guide. Curiosity and compassion burn at the heart of these essays."-Paula Guran, editor of Dark Echo magazine Almost every tourist destination has a graveyard. You go to Yosemite National Park: there's a graveyard. You go to Maui: graveyards everywhere you look. The Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park: both graveyards. The number one tourist destination in Michigan has three cemeteries. America's best-preserved Gold Rush ghost town has five. Gettysburg is a National Park because it has a graveyard. Some graveyards are even tourist destinations in themselves: the Old Jewish Cemetery of Prague, the colonial burying grounds of Boston, and Kennedy's eternal flame in Arlington National Cemetery. Jim Morrison's grave in Père Lachaise Cemetery ranks in the top five tourist sites of Paris. Wish You Were Here: Adventures in Cemetery Travel contains 35 graveyard travel essays, which visit more than 50 cemeteries, churchyards, and gravesites across the globe. Over the past two decades, Loren Rhoads has visited literally hundreds of graveyards. She's traveled to London's Highgate Cemetery, strolled through the Paris Catacombs, seen Hollywood Forever pulled back from the brink of destruction, studied Native American graveyards in Michigan, explored a circuit minister's churchyard on Maui, delved into the Protestant Cemetery of Rome and Zoshigaya Reien in Tokyo, and made stops in Prague, Boston, Los Angeles, Hiroshima, Yosemite, Sleepy Hollow, Gettysburg, and New Orleans along the way. Come along on her adventures in cemeteries around the world. Loren Rhoads was the creator of the cult nonfiction magazine Morbid Curiosity. She edited the book Death's Garden: Relationships with Cemeteries and served as the monthly cemetery columnist at Gothic.Net for four years. Now she blogs about graveyards as travel destinations at CemeteryTravel.com. "With her dead-on honesty and her fascination for the dark side of life in all its complexity, Loren's writing never fails to make me think."-Thomas Roche, Loren's editor at Gothic.Net

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