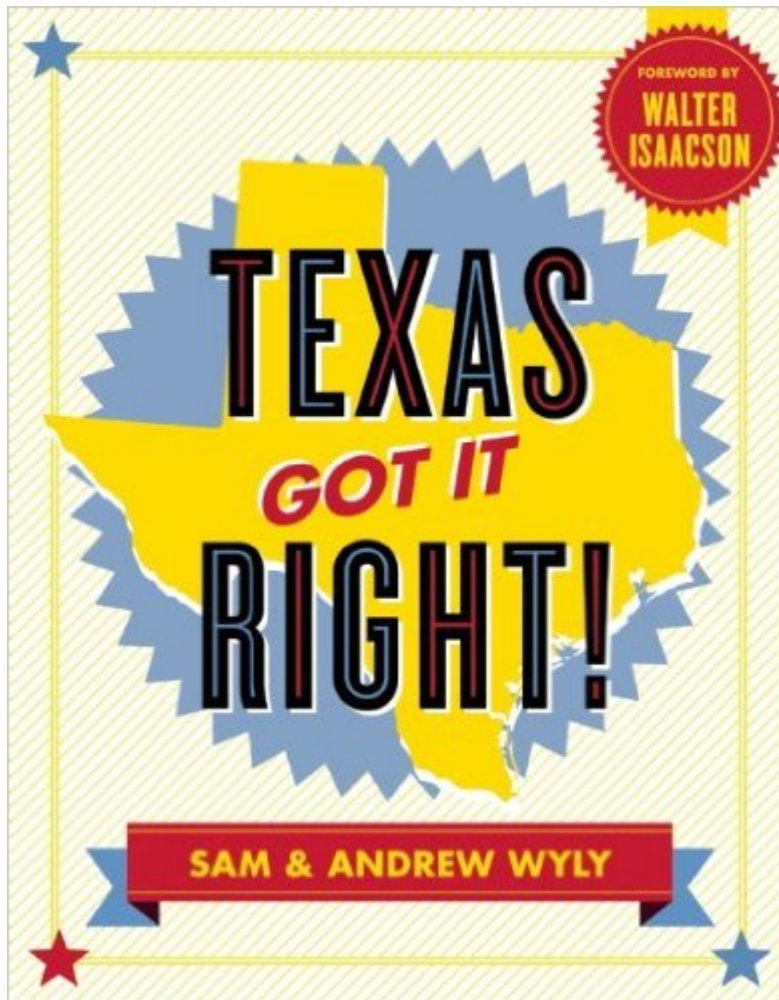


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# Texas Got It Right!



## Synopsis

It ain't bragging if it's true. • a rodeo bull rider Why are jobs moving from the once Golden State of California to the Lone Star State of Texas? Why are the best and the brightest moving from Chicago and Detroit to Austin and Houston and Dallas? Why are Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, and Illinois losing congressmen in 2012 while Texas gains four? Why is it that Texas is growing while the other big states in America are flat or flat-out broke? According to Sam and Andrew Wyly, it's simple: Texas got it right! The Lone Star State's long tradition of walking the path less traveled has made it a constantly renewing hotbed of invention and entrepreneurial can-do. From the birthplace of Whole Foods, Southwest Airlines, and Green Mountain Energy has come the innovation that has quadrupled America's natural gas and oil reserves in the past ten years, creating good jobs across the country and abroad. The most military-friendly state in the union is now leading the country in its use of high-tech windmills and is making it more likely that we'll soon bring an end to wars over Arab and Persian oil. The Wyllys' new full-color, fully illustrated book of true boasts, *Texas Got It Right!*, argues that the state's success stories can inspire the rest of the country. This astute and provocative look at Texan policies, history, and culture is packed with ideas begging to be exported to the other, less fortunate 49 states.

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I don't know whether Texas really gets it right, but this book does. It's every bit as colorful, quirky and energetic as the state itself. While it's clearly more in line with conservative viewpoints, it

praises Texas heroes and institutions across the full spectrum, left to right, male and female, representing all walks of life and claims to fame. It also makes for a very pleasant, easygoing read -- entertaining and nicely formed into bite-sized chunks. The unpretentious prose, sprinklings of factoids, abundance of illustrations and brightly hued charts are as welcoming as a big Texas "howdy." I give this book four Lone Stars.

If you read this, you'll want to move there for good living. Although, I live in California now, this book makes me want to return to my home. Very informative. Given copies to 10 people who I thought should know there is a better life in Texas.

I read this book in the waiting room at the allergy doctor's office. (Have to wait 20 minutes after you get your allergy shot.) It is so interesting on a variety of topics, stories, accomplishments, etc. After reading it, I had to have my own copy. It makes you proud to be a Texan after reading it. I highly recommend it.

I am not completely through reading this book but, as a native Texan, I am enjoying the Texas historical and informational bits. It's clear in the writing that the author is not entirely objective or unbiased but hopefully all of his facts are accurate. The book is kind of a "Readers Digest" format so it is easy to pick up, read a few sections, and set it down for later.

This fast read was put together by the author to answer his own question on the inside cover - Why is it that Texas is growing while the other 49 states are flat or flat out broke (2012)? What follows is a readers digest version of Texas' history, government setup, tax policies and culture to show that Texas's success during and after the latest recession was laid many, many years prior. Even today, 3 years after the book was written, Texas trails only North Dakota on return from the recession. In my opinion Mr. Wyly is spot on when he states that the major part of success is that Texas provides fertile ground for entrepreneurs, limited regulation and a political landscape that does not allow for "lifetime legislators" that plague other states. He does stretch a bit when he includes the "beauty" of Texas beaches and when he claims Texans invented the music video, but these are non-critical to the overall premise of the book. In addition to being very informative, he does spice it up with a little humor and of course the BEST Texas invention of all - The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders! Enjoy the read - then mail a copy to your state representatives.

I first saw this book at my Dentist's office, paged through it, and decided I needed it. I have bought multiple copies so I have some to give to relatives who are not Texas natives. This is a fun read, meaning it has a lot of graphs, charts, photos etc etc I have learned multiple things about Texas that I never knew. I have been here 28 years and have traveled many miles in Texas always learning news things about this wonderful state. Thank you Sam Wyly for compiling all this information for us.

Easy to read, amusing in some instances, and well worth the price. I liked the format - a short "story" on each page with pictures. I gave 2 away to guys in my family...I assure you they will like it.

I have known Sam Wyly since 1957 when we both worked in the Dallas IBM office. He became a very creative entrepreneur in various industries which gave him the knowledge and experience to author "Texas Got It Right" ! His brother Charles (who died in an accident in Aspen, Colorado) was great partner with complementary skills which provided the balance often needed in the entrepreneurial world. As a businessman in Texas for many years, I found the book very interesting and informative. Congratulations, Sam.

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