



The Texas Hamburger

History of a Lone Star Icon

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Texans are passionate about this signature sandwich, and photographer/writer Rick Vanderpool has become, in his own right, the Ambassador of Texas. In 2006, Rick undertook a quest to find and photograph the best Texas burgers, traveling over eleven thousand miles and visiting over seven hundred Texas burger joints. Since that time, he has continued his travels, sampling the finest burgers the Lone Star State has to offer. He has also picked up some fellow enthusiasts willing to share their own tasty tales along the way. From Fletcher Davis's 1885 Athens creation (recipe included) and the Cheeseburger Capital of Texas in Friona to Whataburger #2 in Corpus Christi and Herd's in Jacksboro, join Rick and his "Hamburger Helpers" on their journey celebrating the history of the original Texas hamburger.

Media review copies, high-resolution photographs & interviews available upon request.

Writer/photographer **Rick Vanderpool** has marketed and sold his creative output for nearly forty years. Vanderpool graduated from the University of Georgia's Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications. In 2000, Vanderpool published *Looking for Texas*, a unique collection of photos of the state name, at least one from each Texas county, gathered from traveling over twenty thousand miles in the Lone Star State from 1994 to 1999. His travel journal, by the same title, was published the following year by Republic of Texas Press. The success of *Looking for Texas* and subsequent variations of Vanderpool's trademark Texas-themed photographic montage collections is owed to his varied experience as author, imagist, teacher, newspaper publisher, speaker, entrepreneur and grandfather. He now resides in

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