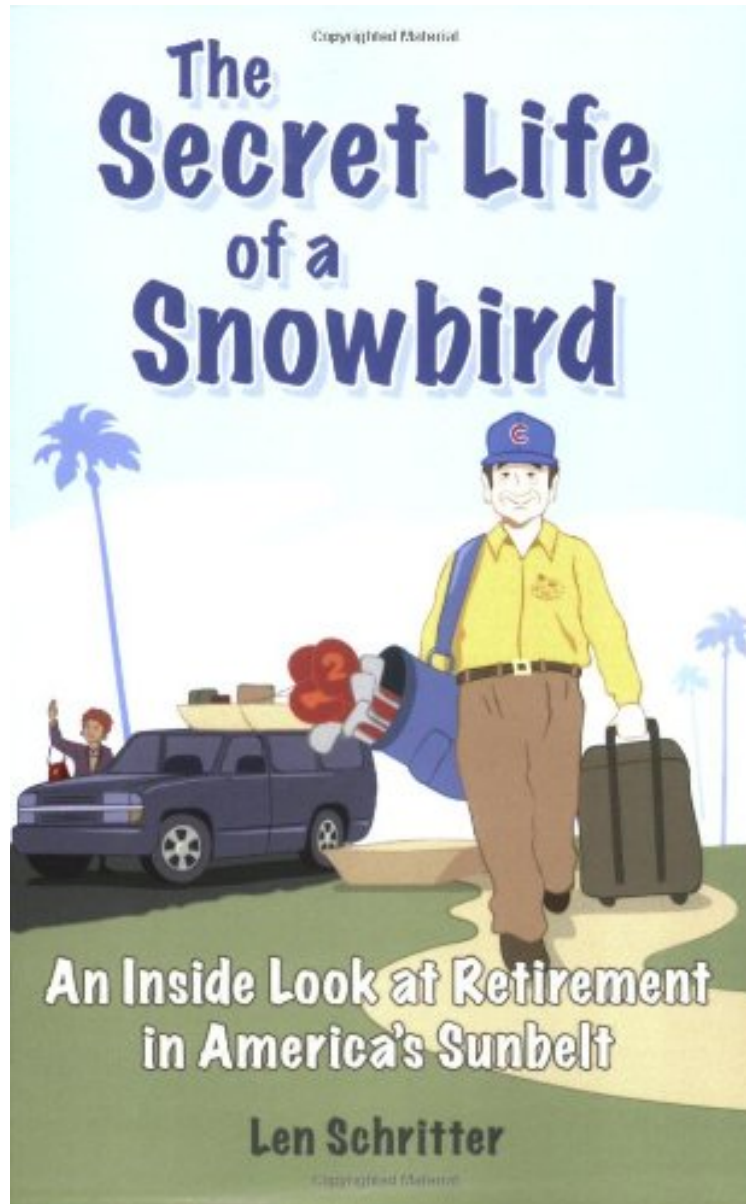


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2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Very LameBy Lavonne DietrichIt's really just a story of the couples winter stay. I was expecting more tips. Very disappointing you can read in 30 minutes2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. "FUNNY, ENTERTAINING, AND TOUCHING!"By Author/Reviewer Geri AhearnAfter living in the Northeast forty-five years, then moving to Arizona, I have listened to many voice their opinion on the two different worlds. But no one can describe the comparison better than Len Schritter, a potato farmer from Idaho, who migrates to sunnyArizona as one of our many winter visitors. With perfection, he describes how it feels to besnowbound, constantly dreaming of the warm sun. From blizard-after-blizard, to being a mainattraction at the gulf course in the Southwest. From his chilling bones during raging snowstorms, to the palm trees at his Las Vegas mini-vacation. He describes his life as asnowbird with humor, and heartfelt emotion as he tells stories about the two different liveshe lives, and great adventures with all the folks he made friends with in Arizona. There'snever a dull moment for Len and Diana as they remove their winter coats, and venture outinto the wonderment of retirement paradise, while absorbing the sun. I highly recommend thisbook to anyone who is retired, everyone who's contemplating on becoming a snowbird, and tothose who enjoy a heartwarming read, with a blend of humor. The author will guide you tofine dining in Arizona and Mexico as he describes all the people he met on his differentbus tours, while admiring the Southwest mountains. The reader will hear about all thefuss at bingo drama hall as the saga continues, while learning about the main topics discussedat the community pool. "THE SECRET LIFE OF A SNOWBIRD: An Inside Look At Retirement In America's Sunbelt" is as funny as THE-OUT-OF-TOWNERS, and as entertaining as GRUMPY OLD MENwith Jack Lemmon, and Walter Mattau.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. There really are snowbird secrets!By LS Wagen, AuthorI first met the author of this book at an Arizona Authors Association meeting. He asked me to buy his book. Now if I bought all of my fellow members books, I would have no room in the office/library for the computer. So I told him I would check it out of the public library. Of course, this was in 2007.Also, since the title of the book was The Secret Life of a Snowbird, I thought this was silly for me to read the book. I know all about Snowbirds. They dont have secrets. I live in Arizona and we permanent residences know all about snowbirds. Snowbirds are our name for winter visitors, who have a home in Arizona in the winter, and go back home to the snow country for the hot Arizona summer. They migrate just like the actual birds do.In the authors case, his snow home was in Idaho. He is not actually fully retired as most of the snowbirds are but works on his potato farm in the summer, and comes to Arizona for the winter. You see if he lived in Idaho all year around he would be inside all winter, the nongrowing season, so since could afford two homes, why not come to Arizona for the winter.So you see, I did discover secrets in the book. Not all snowbirds are retired. Some of the other secrets I learned was during the early part of the snowbird season, autumn, snowbirds are sympathetic to the plight of their relatives back home and try not to bring up the perfect weather, but during the real snowy season, like to rub it in that their temperature is 70 degrees and sunny.Other secrets of snowbirds include traveling across Arizonas border to Mexico and getting soused on Mexicos margaritas which apparently are a stronger variety than those North of the border, lying to their wives about their affinity for being dragged around Arizonas largest outdoor flea market, the Mesa Marketplace Swap Meet, and lying about their prowess on the golf course.Mr. Schritter has an affinity for cleverly amusing, and witty writing, and I would have never have read the book if I had not discovered it by accident at the library sitting on the shelf for Arizona authors. I am glad that in 2015, I finally got around to fulfilling my promise to read his book, and check it out of the public library. You should read his book too!

Len Schritter is an Idaho potato farmer who's had his fill of winters. As soon as the snow begins to fly, Len and his wife become snowbirds, migrating southward to the warmth of the Arizona sun. A gifted storyteller, Len offers readers humorous and touching insights into a snowbird's life.

The Secret Life of a Snowbird is expertly written with just enough humor to make it an interesting and enjoyable read. Len Schritter is able to make readers feel as though they are right there with him. I felt his pain from the slip of the tongue while talking with the elderly gentleman in the grocery store. I felt the same sense of helplessness he was feeling when he had too many margaritas in Mexico. Len's adventures and misadventures are so true to life, I couldn't put the book down. Anyone who is considering retiring to a warmer climate either full time or part time should read this book. It is an inside look at exactly what to expect from living in a retirement community.About the AuthorLen Schritter is a third generation farmer and rancher in Aberdeen, Idaho, where Len and his brother Mike run a 3,500-acre farm on which they produce potatoes, sugar beets, and wheat. Len wants to state here publicly how bad he feels leaving Mike behind on the tundra to tend to things. It s just that Len s had enough winters to last him a lifetime, and so he and his wife Diana head for Mesa, Arizona, every year just about the time the snow starts flying back home. The Secret Life of a Snowbird is Len s first book. He is already at work on his second.