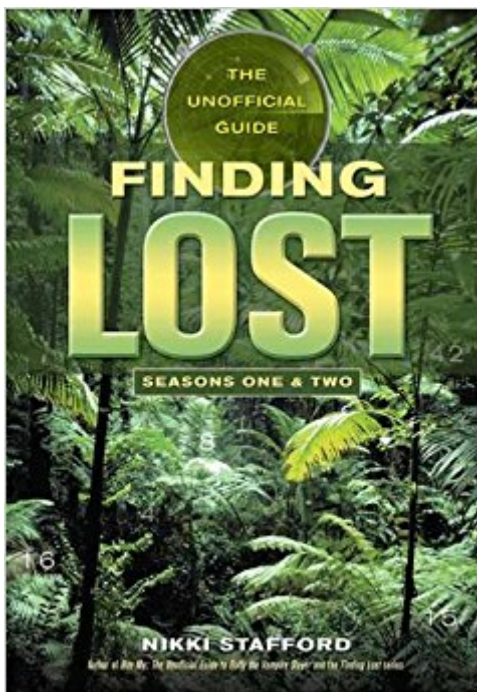


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# Finding Lost: The Unofficial Guide



## Synopsis

The perplexing plotlines and bewildering array of characters on the Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning television program "Lost" are analyzed and pieced together in this in-depth exploration.

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"If you're a fan of the popular TV show Lost, you can't be without this unofficial guide." [California Bookwatch](#)"Stafford has a gift for writing about television" [and this book is an interesting read and definitely a must for any Lost fan.](#)" [The Medium Online](#)"Stafford brings the symbolism, themes, and mythology to the forefront, so that casual viewers and devoted fans have a better understanding of what is happening in each episode." [About.com](#)"A engaging and unpretentious writer with a real passion for her subject matter. She deftly deconstructs each episode in season five, providing insightful commentary . . . Stafford's observations permit a deeper appreciation of this drama and the influences that have helped to shape the show." [Scene Magazine](#)

Nikki Stafford is the author of several books, including *Bite Me!: An Unofficial Guide to the World of Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Once Bitten: A Guide to the World of Angel*, and *Uncovering Alias: An Unofficial Guide*.

While previous guides for the serial drama "Lost" have often left something to be desired, the book "Finding Lost: The Unofficial Guide" more than makes up for it. Nikki Stafford's attention to detail (and believe me, \*all\* "Lost" fans should have a great attention to detail) is thus far unparalleled in any other guide book. You name it, this guide book has it. In addition to the usual episode synopsis, Stafford provides readers with all the information they can handle, including keeping track of the appearances of the "numbers", discussing theories, pointing out bloopers and continuity errors, illuminating connections, and just generally proving that she has watched way more "Lost" than any of us. In addition to all that, Stafford gives the low-down on each of the "Lost" cast members, before they became Losties. Even if you have watched each episode of "Lost" 4 or 5 times, and think you have caught every little nuance and clue hidden within it, I guarantee you'll read this book and discover things you didn't catch, or never thought of. One of my favorite features in this book is the essay that details and explains everything on the "invisible" map that Locke briefly gets a glimpse of in season 2 during the episode "Lock Down" when the blast door comes down on top of his legs, and a black light switches on, illuminating the secret map. Bottom line, this book is a must have for serious "Lost" fans. It would also be a great aid to anybody who is just now beginning to get into "Lost".

This book has been very interesting so far, however there are quite a few mistakes. Some of her oops and nitpicks are ridiculous and/or can later be explained by watching the rest of the season/seasons. Also some of her opinions about the show and about certain episodes that she dislikes seems to be prominent and overbearing. She uses the word "blech" more than once to describe aspects of the show...I find that quite annoying. Also some of the connections she makes with Hurley's numbers 4 8 15 16 23 42 are over the top. It's like the movie "23." Of course if you are looking for those numbers you'll be able to find them anywhere. If you divide/add/subtract/multiply of course some of those numbers will be found. Some of the numbers she connects with the significant Hurley numbers have seemingly no significance. However, overall I enjoyed this read especially the literary summaries of the books featured on the show. That was really enjoyable. Overlooking the occasional eye roll that result from her oops, nitpicks, mistakes, and some non-significant numbers, it held my attention and provided some insight. I am trying to read as much as I can about Lost. I am definitely late in watching the series, but I'm so glad I have. I would probably say it's the best and most enjoyable show I've ever watched.

Wow where to begin? I ordered this book as well as a cpl of others by a different author since I am

re-watching LOST on DVD w/ my boyfriend who didn't watch it when it was on TV. I won't name the other books here but I honestly thought I would get more out of them, since they were about LOST's overarching themes such as mythology & the characters. I wasn't sure what to expect w/ Nikki's book & just ordered it on a whim due to the mostly positive reviews. I couldn't have made a better choice. I found the other books a little too heady for me, while w/ Nikki's I am absolutely riveted. Though I've seen the whole series before, it's like watching it from a new perspective w/ the book as a companion. As she suggests, I watch an episode and then read the corresponding synopsis of the episode in her book & I literally can't wait to read them. She is incredibly thorough. It's amazing actually how much thought is put into each episode. As she states in the beginning, she doesn't give simple details of each episode, she cuts right to the heart of what's REALLY going on in Lostville. She does describe the main events but not in a dry, textbook type way. Every word she writes has personality, she's deeply insightful & intelligent, pointing out things I never would have noticed. I also find that I watch the show more carefully now, looking for things I think she might point out & get excited when I find them(& trust me she doesn't miss much!). And it's not even just the show she reviews but EVERY single book that's mentioned/shown on the show! Not only does she review those books as well, she then goes deeper to point out possible ties they have into themes of the show. Her insights are incredibly thought provoking. I ordered this book & figured if I liked it, I'd get the others. I wasn't even finished w/this one before going ahead and ordering every single other for each season. I am on the last season, S6 now & since I do already know how the show ends, I think what I'll miss the most is rushing to read Nikki's books. If you are a LOST fan & esp. if you have the DVDs & feel like re-watching, do yourself a favor & get her books. The names should be changed to Finding Lost: The OFFICIAL guide :)They're just that good!

I am obsessed with every bit of this show so a book detailing the episodes and characters was right up my alley. I held back 2 stars because I feel like the reviews are short and sweet. In trying not to reveal too much so that you have to watch the show. I feel the book loses a little something. I want to be able to read the book on a plane and not have to pop in the DVD to understand something, unless it's a freeze frame Easter Egg type deal of course. Also there is a lot repeated if you watch the commentary but don't let that dissuade you, most times it is from a different point of view and can expand on thoughts from the creators. Finding Lost offers back stories of the characters and book report type sections for all of the literature that went into creating the characters and themes. There are also Bios on all of the actors because in most cases the show was shaped by the real lives of these people. There are even lists of all the co-stars in each episode. All of that said, I have

learned a lot about the literature that goes into the writing and have gained some great insight into the characters. I plan on reading all of the books in this series, it is a great treat for a true fan.

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