

What Do You Say To That?
Walt Bodine

He won’t allow you to say that he’s become a legend in his own time. Nevertheless, Walt Bodine is as much a Kansas City institution as the Plaza lights or Bryant’s Barbeque.

Now, for the first time, Walt shares the private thoughts of a very public figure. Does he really believe the stuff his talk-show guests dish out? And while we’re at it, who dishes out the best food in town? Behind the camera and the microphone, what does the media really think about political campaigns and elected officials? What really goes through his mind when callers are on the line?

Never straying far from home, Walt has spent a lifetime studying the soul of Kansas City. Walt takes our hearts, minds, and noses on passionate tours of the river city. While searching for the perfect malted, Walt tells us how to always get the right-of-way, and how to maneuver around the surliest waiter. Walt gives us a rare, insider’s view of the media and his role as a self-proclaimed “public nuisance.”

Whether bumping into Nikita Khrushchev in a cornfield, hiding under a staircase with Hubert Humphrey, or watching a KC cop pull a dead horse the length of a city block, Walt is never thrown off course. Walt is curious, skeptical, and effervescent – and this book represents him to perfection. And for all that he shares with us, he’s serious when he asks, “*What do you say to that?*”