

# Trivia Nation Questions And Answers

*2019 UPDATED EDITION - FEATURING THE JEOPARDY! ALL-STAR GAMES "This is Jeopardy!" Celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of America's Favorite Quiz Show® with The Jeopardy! Book of Answers. In honor of this extraordinary milestone, the show's producers have selected fifteen historic games from over seven thousand episodes that illustrate why the show is every bit as timely—and as lively—as it was the moment that Alex Trebek first took the stage in 1984. You'll meet Ken Jennings in his first win, and you'll be there for the stunning end of his record-breaking run. Experience again the epic battle of Man vs. Machine with IBM's Watson computer. Follow the Celebrity Invitational Finals with \$1,000,000 on the line for charity. Get the play-by-play for championship showdowns, memorable tournaments, and so much more. Each game includes the complete text of the Jeopardy!, Double Jeopardy!, and Final Jeopardy! rounds along with exclusive behind-the-scenes details and photos. Get to know the contestants, and, for the first time in print, you'll get untold stories from the staff behind some of our most popular players, games, and competitions. Who knows? It may even inspire you to become the next Jeopardy! champion! From the very first Jeopardy! episode to the exciting come-from-behind finish of last season's Tournament of Champions, The Jeopardy! Book of Answers is a must-have for any fan.*

*One of Uncle John's all-time bestselling editions, Supremely Satisfying is everything a Bathroom Reader should be: informative, funny, surprising, thought-provoking, weird, and a little bit gross. Supreme satisfaction awaits you in Uncle John's 14th all-new edition,*

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*which covers a whole host of topics—from the silly (a branding iron for hot dogs), to the bizarre (an exploding whale), to the profound (the rise of the Democratic and Republican parties). Since 1987, the Bathroom Readers' Institute has led the movement to stand up for those who sit down and read in the bathroom (and everywhere else for that matter). With more than 11 million books in print, the Uncle John's Bathroom Reader series is the longest-running, most popular series of its kind in the world. Where else could you learn how soap works, why people started tipping, and the history of chocolate? Uncle John rules the world of information and humor, so get ready to be thoroughly entertained. Read all about... - Dumb 9-1-1 calls - 22 things that fell from the sky - How Star Trek went from failed series to cult phenomenon - The origins of football, photography, soap operas, and paperclips - Quack medicines from yesterday and today - The "Uplifting" history of the bra - And much more!*

*Looking for trivia books filled with fun facts and trivia questions and answers? Answers to Questions You've Never Asked will entertain you for hours. Fun facts for kids of all ages: When you take the most absurd parts of history, science, economics and geography, you end up with a pretty confusing picture of humanity. Why do we have borders, what's the furthest you can get from the ocean, how do you qualify as a country and why did Vikings wear those silly helmets? These are just a few of the strange questions that bounce around the head of YouTube sensation Joseph Pimenti, aka RealLifeLore. Trivia questions and answers: In his channel, Pimenti presents illogical truths in a logical manner. In his debut book, Pimenti builds on this nonsensical humor of the universe with in-depth analysis of empires, economies, and ecosystems as he helps answer the ridiculous. Why, you ask?*

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*Because someone has to. Using line drawings, graphs and charts, Piseni not only details the absurd, but he also provides explanations on why things are...and why they aren't.*

*Answers to: • Where can I move to so that I'm never tempted by McDonalds again? • How far into the Pacific does Trump's wall stretch? • If Plato came back to life, what would he think of modern democracy? • Why do all empires fail? • Who decides what countries are allowed to participate in the Olympics? • What makes Finland so great? Witty, thought-provoking and occasionally snarky, Answers to Questions You've Never Asked is for anyone who beams with curiosity and has a belly-button.*

*Over 70% of North Americans are (water) closet readers. The Uncle John's Bathroom Readers series is still the best selling book of its kind anywhere in the world. Millions of people have discovered it over the past 25 years, making it one of the publishing industry's longest-running humor series. It's our 16th year running (so to speak) I mean, we're still going (uhh) strong. A light-hearted, easy-to-read collection of facts, quotes, history, science, word-origins, pop culture, gossip, humor . . . and more! Organized by length-"Short" (a quick read), "Medium" (1-3 pages), "Long" (for those visits when something a little more involved is required), and to satisfy every demand, our popular "Extended Sitting Section" (for a leg-numbing experience.) Running feet on every page provide a "book within a book" of weird facts. Partial Table of Contents included.*

*The Encyclopaedia Britannica*

*The Complete Book of Bible Secrets and Mysteries*

*The Big Trivia Quiz Book*

*Disinformation Campaigns Against a Small Nation : Fourteen Hard Questions and Straight*

*Answers about a Baltic Country*

*35th Anniversary*

*Ask A North Korean*

**Relive the history of the NBA's greatest dynasty with stories from Bob Cousy, Bill Russell, K.C. Jones, John Havlicek, Dave Cowens, and many more. Since the team's inception in 1946, the Boston Celtics have been at the heart of the culture and history of the city they call home. And as Boston has transformed over the years, the Celtics too have evolved to reflect and embrace the changing times. This book recalls the turmoil of the fifties, as the franchise struggled to get its footing and the nation faced the birth of the Civil Rights Movement. K. C. Jones and Clyde Lovellette. The epic eighties Celtics-Lakers rivalry and the leadership of legends Larry Bird and Magic Johnson is told by teammates Robert Parish, Dennis Johnson, and Nate Archibald, and rivals Julius Erving and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Former Celtics honor the legacy of Reggie Lewis and relay the dark days after his untimely passing in 1993, and the revival of the Celtics under the guidance of Paul Pierce and Brad Stevens in the 2000s. Love them or hate them, the Boston Celtics have a long history in the sport of basketball. In fact, the Celtics**

**have been around since before the NBA even existed. Let's check out some interesting facts about Boston's team in green. The latest, greatest volume in the popular Uncle John's series, flush with fun facts and figures and plenty of trademark trivia. The dedicated folks at the Bathroom Readers' Institute are back with some Fast-Acting, Long-Lasting relief for our legions of fans who have been suffering without a new infusion of Uncle John's trademark trivia and obscure facts. That's right, folks, this is the book you've been waiting for! Number 18 in the Bathroom Reader series is flush with fun, new factoids, trivia, and all the usual useless (and occasionally useful!) information our fans have come to expect. Ever wonder what you can do with Preparation H besides the obvious? Want to learn more about celebrity jailbirds or whether dragons really exist? Then it's time to take the plunge! Where were Venetian blinds invented? What color is the black box on a commercial airplane? Where did India ink originate?\* Most of us know more than we think we know. We also think we know more than we actually do-because some of what we think we know simply "ain't so." We all harbor misconceptions that are accepted not only because they are popular but also because they make sense. It**

**makes sense to believe, for example, that German chocolate originated in Germany rather than the truth: that German chocolate is so named because it was created by Sam German. It seems logical to believe that Mercury is the hottest planet because of its proximity to the sun, or that buttermilk contains butter, that Danish pastry is from Denmark, and that the boat race America's Cup was named after the United States of America. In Sorry, Wrong Answer, Rod Evans takes readers on a tour of misleading trivia, debunking commonly held assumptions and sharing surprising "right" answers.**

**\*Answers: Japan; Orange; China**

**Volumes in the "Complete Book of" series are an excellent resource for any home library or for pastors and lay leaders to use for sermon preparation, small group, and Sunday school. In The Complete Book of Bible Secrets and Mysteries, J. Stephen Lang deciphers puzzling Bible mysteries such as, Who is the Antichrist? and What does the Bible say about ghosts?**

**Trivia Questions That Even Know-It-Alls Get Wrong**

**Is Canada Even Real?**

**Boston Celtics Team Ultimate Trivia**

**Trivia for Adults**

### **1,001 Questions for Competitive Play Uncle John's Ahh-Inspiring Bathroom Reader**

Always amusingly entertaining, often oddly enjoyable, sometimes surprisingly educational, and periodically perfectly enlightening, the 2,000-plus multiple-choice trivia questions can provide a fount of knowledge for your reading pleasure or serve as an excellent supplement to your favorite trivia board game. Each page features questions from six general trivia categories (Entertainment & Food, History & Government, Math & Science, Geography & Nature, Literature & Arts, and Sports & Games), and answers are kept out of view, appearing with a related factoid in the same spot on the same side of the book two pages later.

"In his new book, *Ask a North Korean*, Daniel Tudor—a former Economist journalist and current Korean beer entrepreneur—wants people to understand the true lives of everyday North Koreans. Using translated essays written by defectors, the book covers topics from politics to pornography." — *The Boston Globe* *Understanding North Korean Through the Eyes of Defectors*. The weekly column *Ask A North Korean*, published by NK News, invites readers from around the world to pose questions to North Korean defectors. Adapted from the long-running column, these fascinating interviews provide authentic firsthand testimonies about life in North Korea and what is really happening

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inside the "Hermit Kingdom." North Korean contributors to this book include: "Seong" who went to South Korea after dropping out during his final year of university. He is now training to be an elementary school teacher. "Kang" who left North Korea in 2005. He now lives in London, England. "Cheol" who was from South Hamgyeong in North Korea and is now a second-year university student in Seoul. "Park" worked and studied in Pyongyang before defecting to the U.S. in 2011. He is now studying at a U.S. college. Ask A North Korean sheds critical light on all aspects of North Korean politics and society and shows that, even in the world's most authoritarian regime, life goes on in ways that are very different from what outsiders may think.

Test your knowledge of our great nation with this comprehensive volume of United States trivia, complete with quizzes to challenge—and stump—your friends. These days, many Americans are more familiar with The Simpsons than they are with American presidents. So historian Richard Lederer and author Caroline McCullagh have decided to put their fellow American to the test with the American Trivia Quiz Book. This entertaining volume brims with fascinating facts about the people, places, and events that make our nation great, with a series of fun and informative quizzes on subjects ranging from Columbus to baseball. There are questions about presidents and first ladies, explorers and inventors, heroes and poets, and much more.

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TRIVIA for ADULTS contains 620 original questions with EXPANDED answers. Most answers are explained, so this TRIVIA is not only entertaining but educational. None were copied from other sources. These questions are for adults. There are no questions that only a teenager would know. Answers are separated from the questions and expanded. For example, Q621.

Tishomingo is the name of a County in Mississippi and a city in Oklahoma, both named after (A. A Confederate hero of the Civil War. (B. An early Spanish Explorer. C. A Chickasha Indian Chief. A621. Tishomingo County in Mississippi and Tishomingo, Oklahoma, are named after (C. A Chickasha Indian Chief who led his people west during the Trail of Tears when they were forced out of their homes and lands in Alabama and Mississippi. Tishomingo, Oklahoma, is the capital of the Chickasha Nation. TRIVIA for ADULTS is to furnish educated, thinking people some brain exercise. There is no board, tokens, or dice to roll, just questions and answers. One person has to be in charge, to read the questions and help grade the teams. Players form teams, quietly discuss the question among themselves and come up with a consensus answer. If you follow my instructions on how to put the teams together, TRIVIA for ADULTS will serve as a catalyst to get people better acquainted with each other. Rules are explained first, then the questions and answers, after that, a sample score sheet that you can duplicate and use.

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Uncle John's Endlessly Engrossing Bathroom Reader

Brainiac

The Sarcastic Sports Trivia Book

The Smithsonian Book of Presidential Trivia

Facebook Nation

Heart of Darkness

***Put your general knowledge to the test, and impress your family and friends with your astonishing brainpower and trivia genius. An addictive quiz ebook for all the family featuring 10,000 questions, The Big Trivia Quiz Book has something for everyone. With 10 different general knowledge categories - from Science & Technology, Art & Literature, and Natural History, to Food & Drink, Film & TV, and Sport & Leisure - and three increasing levels of difficulty, it offers a fresh and up-to-the-minute quizzing experience that will educate and entertain all the family. Bursting with fascinating facts to boost your trivia knowledge, whatever your specialist subject or your nemesis topic, The Big Trivia Quiz Book is perfect for home entertainment and virtual pub quizzes. You won't be able to put it down!***

***Ahh...what a relief it will be to hold this most entertaining, informative, and amusing tome in the palm of your hands. Hours of***

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*great bathroom reading await you! Uncle John's Ahh-Inspiring Bathroom Reader, Uncle John's all-new 15th edition, sheds a light on everything under the sun and over the moon. From obscure history to classic wordplay to dumb crooks to inspiring quotations, you never know what you're going to read next! Since 1987, the Bathroom Readers' Institute has led the movement to stand up for those who sit down and read in the bathroom (and everywhere else for that matter). With more than 12 million books in print, the Uncle John's Bathroom Reader series is the longest-running, most popular series of its kind in the world. Where else could you learn how the banana peel changed history, how to predict the future by rolling the dice, how the Jivaro tribes shrunk heads, and the science behind love at first sight? Uncle John rules the world of information and humor, so get ready to be thoroughly entertained. Read all about... \* Homer the Greek versus Homer the Simpson \* The history of the bicycle \* When humans become hailstones \* Alternate definitions for common words \* Helen Keller's wisdom \* The Silly Putty saga \* And much more!*

*Grab some quiet time for yourself and enjoy hundreds of pages of the world's most twisted trivia! The crackpot staff at the Bathroom Readers' Institute has scoured the worlds of pop culture, politics, sports, history, and more to bring you Slightly Irregular, the seventeenth all-new edition in the best-selling series. As always,*

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*the articles are divided by length for your sitting convenience. So turn thine eyes away from the shampoo bottle, O bathroom reader, and let Uncle John pepper your brain with these absorbing articles . . .*

*\* Women in space \* The origin of Kung Fu \* The CIA's secret coup \* The great windshield epidemic \* Spider eggs in the brain, and other urban legends \* What went down at Woodstock \* Freedom of McSpeech \* How to kill a zombie, and much more!*

*Strategically placed near the best seat in your home, Uncle John's Endlessly Engrossing Bathroom Reader is jam-packed with great bathroom reading. It's the gift that keeps on giving...and giving...and giving.... The BRI's 22nd all-new edition--Uncle John's Endlessly Engrossing Bathroom Reader--is like reading several books all rolled into one: a history book, a weird news anthology, a science text, a dictionary, a how-to manual, a sports magazine, a joke book...and the list goes on and on. Since 1987, the Bathroom Readers' Institute has led the movement to stand up for those who sit down and read in the bathroom (and everywhere else for that matter). With more than 11 million books in print, the Uncle John's Bathroom Reader series is the longest-running, most popular series of its kind in the world. Where else could you learn about the lost cloud people of Peru, the world's first detective, and the history of surfing? Uncle John rules the world of information and humor, so get ready to*

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***be thoroughly entertained. Read all about... \* Soda pop flops \* Spider farms \* England's Secret UFO Files \* Real hillbilly recipes \* Webster's least-wanted words \* Super-trains \* And much more!***  
***Uncle John's Supremely Satisfying Bathroom Reader***

***Answers to Questions You've Never Asked***

***A Dictionary of Arts, Sciences, Literature and General Information***

***Trivia Why's***

***Hoop Hysteria***

***Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia Buffs***

***Why is our lucky 13th edition All-Purpose? Uncle John himself explains: "You can read this Bathroom Reader anywhere—in the obvious spot, in bed or, heck, by the pool or at work." Why Extra-Strength? "Because of the mountains of research gathered, you can guess where, by our crackpot...I mean hotshot...staff." Yes, APES (as we affectionately call it at the BRI) is filled to the rim with more than 500 pages of amazing facts, quotes, history, myths, brain teasers, origins, celebrity gossip, and our powerful brand of "uncanny" humor. Here are 13 reasons to read this book: 1. Triskaidekaphobia, the fear of ten plus three 2. Military surplus: The story of carrot cake 3. The***

**real-life inspiration behind Dracula 4. Going Ape: The history of Tarzan 5. People who married themselves 6. Politically incorrect toothpaste 7. Legendary business blunders 8. Hollywood's biggest bombs 9. Wide world of weird sports 10. Dog food for thought 11. The birth of the CD 12. Dumb criminals 13. Zappa's Law And much, much more!**

**THE STORY: This groundbreaking Obie-winning Off-Broadway smash also won multiple awards for its hit film adaptation. It tells the story of internationally ignored song stylist Hedwig Schmidt, a fourth-wall smashing East German rock 'n' roll godde**

**Is Canada Even Real? is a funny nostalgia trip for Canadians and those poor, tobogganless souls outside our maple-scented borders. This book handily stitches together a fresh national identity based on Canada's true modern icons. It's a fun history lesson, and a quirky ode to a quirky land.**

**I would put a few sample question on the back cover.**

**Marvel Quiz Questions and Answers to Test Your Superheroes**

**Knowledge: Marvel Superheroes Trivia Quizzes and Games**

**How Schools and Parents Around the World are Inspiring Greatness,**

***One Child at a Time***

***The Original Trivia Treasury***

***The Jeopardy! Book of Answers***

***The Leader in Me***

***1,000 Super Fun Mind-Bending Totally Awesome Trivia Questions***

Describes the experiences of a newcomer to the Yukon when he attempts to hike through snow to reach a mining claim.

This book explores total information awareness empowered by social media. At the FBI Academy in February 2021, I asked the FBI about the January 6 Capitol riot organized by social media that led to the unprecedented ban of a sitting U.S. President by all major networks. In March 2021, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Google CEO Sundar Pichai, and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey appeared before Congress to face criticism about their handling of misinformation and online extremism that culminated in the storming of Capitol Hill. With more than three billion monthly active users, Facebook family of apps is by far the world's largest social network. Facebook as a nation is bigger than the top three most populous countries in the world: China, India, and the United States. Social media has enabled its users to inform and misinform the public, to appease and disrupt Wall Street, to mitigate and exacerbate the COVID-19 pandemic, and to unite and divide a country. Mark Zuckerberg once said, "We are at the intersection of technology and social issues." He should have heeded his own words. In October 2021, former Facebook manager-turned-whistleblower Frances Haugen testified

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U.S. Senate that Facebook's products "harm children, stoke division, and weaken our democracy." This book offers discourse and practical advice on information and misinformation, cybersecurity and privacy issues, cryptocurrency and business intelligence, social media marketing and caveats, e-government and e-activism, as well as the pros and cons of total information awareness including the Edward Snowden leaks. "Highly recommended." - T. D. Richardson, Choice Magazine "A great book for social media experts." - Will M., AdWeek "Parents in particular would be well advised to make this book compulsory reading for their teenage children..." - David B. Henderson, ACM Computing Reviews.

You may have to wait a while longer for Black Widow now - but there's no reason you can't get your Marvel fix through the nation's new favourite pastime: quizzing. Whether on House of Cards, Google Hangouts, Zoom or Messenger it's never long before a quiz is suggested - and it will be your turn to host... Marvel Superheroes Fun Quiz has your back with a round of 10 questions to Marvel to test your friends and family on the biggest film franchise of all time - see how many you can get right. Questions on everything from Iron Man to Infinity Stones. Answers will be below - no peeking! Do you consider yourself an expert in all things Iron-Man and Captain America? If so, share your knowledge and accept the challenge like a superhero.

The Original Trivia Treasury "If you liked Trivial Pursuit, you'll love this book!" --Matthew Costello Author, The Greatest Puzzles of All Time "Wayne has a special knack for devising ingenious games with a great sense of fun. His trivia questions are so interesting and provoking they make you feel a need to know the answer and, as the best trivia questions

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to do, they make you feel smarter than you really are." --Will Shortz Editor, Games mag  
Which is deeper--the Atlantic Ocean or the Pacific? Who was the first host of the Ton  
What did the "D" in "D-Day" stand for? Which travels faster--radio waves or X-rays? W  
by one of the nation's leading trivia experts, The Original Trivia Treasury offers 1,001  
interesting and amusing trivia questions covering a broad range of topics and organize  
competitive play. Based on these questions, rules are provided for seven different com  
games and three solitaire variations. Whether played alone or in groups of two to ten,  
Original Trivia Treasury offers great entertainment for game mavens and trivia fans of  
The Best of the Best of Uncle John's Bathroom Reader

A Novel

Uncle John's Legendary Lost Bathroom Reader

Total Information Awareness

300 Funny and Challenging Questions from the Dark Side of Sports

An All-American Trivia Book to Test Your General Knowledge!

*Long ago, Bathroom Reader fans everywhere cried out in terror when Uncle John's legendary 5th, 6th, and 7th editions were taken out of print. But then they rejoiced at the release of this ginormous book: Uncle John's Legendary Lost Bathroom Reader! Weighing in at a whopping 673 pages, the entire texts of those long-lost editions have been reanimated into one of the BRI's all-time best sellers. You'll be rewarded with thousands of amazing facts, hundreds of incredible quotations, and dozens of short, medium, and long articles (and a few extra-long*

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*ones, too), covering history, sports, politics, origins, language, blunders, and more. Find out what half a million readers already know: Legendary Lost is quintessential Uncle John. A few examples: \* Pizza history \* The Godzilla quiz \* How Wall Street got rich \* The strange fate of the Dodo bird \* The best of the worst country song titles \* People who were famous for 15 minutes \* Miss Piggy's timeless wisdom \* Accidental discoveries \* The king of farts And much, much, much, much more!*

*Offers more than eight hundred questions and answers about NCAA Division I men's basketball history, from scores and personalities to rules and team nicknames*

*Which president holds the record for the most vetoes? Which president had the largest shoe size? Who was the only president to serve in both World War I and World War II? Who was the tallest president? These questions and many, many more are answered in The Smithsonian Book of Presidential Trivia, which has been fully updated to 2021 to include trivia question and answers about every US president to date. Divided into 11 chapters, The Smithsonian Book of Presidential Trivia looks at every aspect of our heads of state and presidential history: Citizens, Officers, Heroes, and Saviors; Stumping: From Front Porch to Facebook; The Pledge and the Parties; Inside the Oval Office; The Perpetual Podium; Home, Hotel, Parlor, Playground; First Families; Impeachment, Controversy, Shame; Assassination; Death, and National Mourning; Presidents in the Popular Imagination; and The Quotable President. Many of the questions are accompanied*

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*with photographs of artifacts from the Smithsonian's collections. The Smithsonian Book of Presidential Trivia is sure to puzzle the trivia buff and presidential expert alike!*

*Children in today's world are inundated with information about who to be, what to do and how to live. But what if there was a way to teach children how to manage priorities, focus on goals and be a positive influence on the world around them? The Leader in Me is that programme. It's based on a hugely successful initiative carried out at the A.B. Combs Elementary School in North Carolina. To hear the parents of A. B Combs talk about the school is to be amazed. In 1999, the school debuted a programme that taught The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to a pilot group of students. The parents reported an incredible change in their children, who blossomed under the programme. By the end of the following year the average end-of-grade scores had leapt from 84 to 94. This book will launch the message onto a much larger platform. Stephen R. Covey takes the 7 Habits, that have already changed the lives of millions of people, and shows how children can use them as they develop. Those habits -- be proactive, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek to understand and then to be understood, synergize, and sharpen the saw -- are critical skills to learn at a young age and bring incredible results, proving that it's never too early to teach someone how to live well.*

*To Build a Fire*

*Uncle John's Unsinkable Bathroom Reader*

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*How a Nation Built on Hobos, Beavers, Weirdos, and Hip Hop Convinced the World to Believe*

*The Case for Latvia*

*Merchant of Venice*

*Sorry, Wrong Answer*

A collection of trivia quizzes for every day of the year includes questions and answers that cover such topics as paleontology, mixology, medieval Popes, Bach, and daytime soap operas, all tiered into three difficulty levels.

Presents one thousand trivia questions and answers on various subjects, from geography and nature to popular culture and history, as well as map, photographic, and game show quizzes.

The latest, greatest volume in the popular Uncle John's series, flush with fun facts and figures and plenty of trademark trivia. Uncle John's Curiously Compelling Bathroom Reader, the 19th edition of this best-selling series, has more than 500 pages of the perfect reading material for the throne room. Settle in and read about: Great Moments in Bad

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TV, the First Detective, the Story of Prohibition, the Queen of the Roller Derby, and the jiggly history of Jello. Plus all of your bathroom reading favorites are back: Dumb Crooks, Amazing Luck, Forgotten History, Pop Science, Celebrity Gossip, Brainteasers, and much, much more. So cultivate your curiosity with this truly compelling read!

**NATIONAL BESTSELLER** • A witty, charming, and engaging dive into trivia's colorful history, from America's highest-earning game show contestant of all time "Insightful, informative, and written with a strong dose of humor and humility. . . . I loved this book."—Will Shortz, crossword editor, *The New York Times* Ken Jennings is trivia's undisputed king—and as he traces his rise from anonymous computer programmer to nerd folk icon, he explores his newly conquered kingdom: the world of trivia itself. Trivia, he has found, is centuries older than his childhood obsession with it. Whisking us from the coffeehouses of seventeenth-century London to the Internet age, Jennings chronicles the ups and downs of the trivia fad: the quiz book explosion of

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the Jazz Age; the rise, fall, and rise again of TV quiz shows; the nostalgic campus trivia of the 1960s; and the 1980s, when Trivial Pursuit® again made it fashionable to be a know-it-all. Jennings also investigates the shadowy demimonde of today's trivia subculture, guiding us on a tour of trivia across America. He goes head-to-head with the blowhards and diehards of the college quiz-bowl circuit, the slightly soused faithful of the Boston pub trivia scene, and the raucous participants in the annual Q&A marathon in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, "The World's Largest Trivia Contest." And, of course, he takes us behind the scenes of his improbable 75-game run on Jeopardy! But above all, Brainiac is a love letter to the useless fact. (Who knew that there's a crater on Venus named after Laura Ingalls Wilder? Ken Jennings, that's who.) Engaging and erudite, Brainiac is an irresistible celebration of nostalgia, curiosity, and geeky obsession—in a word, trivia.

American Trivia Quiz Book

Explaining the What If in Science, Geography and the Absurd

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Ragtime

Uncle John's Slightly Irregular Bathroom Reader

Amazing Questions and Answer To Test Yourself: Sport

Questions and Answers

Uncle John's Unstoppable Bathroom Reader

**The wittiest, wackiest, and most popular selections from the last 12 years in the best-selling Uncle John's Bathroom Reader series. We stuffed the best stuff we've ever written into 576 glorious pages. Result: pure bathroom-reading bliss! You're just a few clicks away from the most hilarious, head-scratching material that has made Uncle John's Bathroom Reader an unparalleled publishing phenomenon. As always, the articles are divided into short, medium, and long for your sitting convenience. So treat yourself to the best of history, science, politics, and pop culture--plus the dumbest of the dumb crooks, the strangest of the strange lawsuits, and loads more, including . . . \* The Barbados Tombs \* The Lonely Phone Booth \* The Origin of the Supermarket \* The History of the IQ Test \* Robots in the News \* Tennessee's Body Farm \* Happy Donut Day! \* The Origin of Nachos \* The Birth of the Submarine \* A Viewer's Guide to Rainbows \* How the Mosquito Changed History And much, much more!**  
Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best novels of all

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time Published in 1975, Ragtime changed our very concept of what a novel could be. An extraordinary tapestry, Ragtime captures the spirit of America in the era between the turn of the century and the First World War. The story opens in 1906 in New Rochelle, New York, at the home of an affluent American family. One lazy Sunday afternoon, the famous escape artist Harry Houdini swerves his car into a telephone pole outside their house. And almost magically, the line between fantasy and historical fact, between real and imaginary characters, disappears. Henry Ford, Emma Goldman, J. P. Morgan, Evelyn Nesbit, Sigmund Freud, and Emiliano Zapata slip in and out of the tale, crossing paths with Doctorow's imagined family and other fictional characters, including an immigrant peddler and a ragtime musician from Harlem whose insistence on a point of justice drives him to revolutionary violence.

What do we know about Latvia and the Latvians? A Baltic (not Balkan) nation that emerged from fifty years under the Soviet Union - interrupted by a brief but brutal Nazi-German occupation and a devastating war - now a member of the European Union and NATO. Yes, but what else? Relentless accusations keep appearing, especially in Russian media, often repeated in the West: "Latvian soldiers single-handedly saved Lenin's revolution in 1917", "Latvians killed Tsar Nikolai II and the Royal family", "Latvia was a thoroughly anti-

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Semitic country and Latvians started killing Jews even before the Germans arrived in 1941", "Nazi revival is rampant in today's Latvia", "The Russian minority is persecuted in Latvia. . ." True, false or in-between? The Finnish journalist and author Jukka Rislakki examines charges like these and provides an outline of Latvia's recent history while attempting to separate documented historical fact from misinformation and deliberate disinformation. His analysis helps to explain why the Baltic States (population 7 million) consistently top the enemy lists in public opinion polls of Russia (143 million). His knowledge of the Baltic languages allows him to make use of local sources and up-to-date historical research. He is a former Baltic States correspondent for Finland's largest daily newspaper Helsingin Sanomat and the author of several books on Finnish and Latvian history. As a neutral, experienced and often critical observer, Rislakki is uniquely qualified for the task of separating truth from fiction.

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