

Weird O Pedia The Ultimate Book Of Surprising Strange And Incredibly Bizarre Facts About Supposedly Ordinary Things

The perfect gift for all those big and little kids in your life who ask'why...?'. With an introduction from Zoe Ball. The QI Elves are the clever clogs behind the hit panel show QI. Every Wednesday the Elves appear on The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show's 'Why Workshop' where they answer the ponderings and wonderings of Radio 2's most inquisitive listeners. Funny You Should Ask... features the QI Elves' answers to questions on topics ranging from goosebumps to grapefruit, pizza to pirates and everything in-between. Generously sprinkled with extra facts from the Elves this is essential reading for the incurably curious. How much water would you need to put out the Sun? If spiders can walk on the ceiling why can't they get out of the bath? What's the point of snot? Why does my pizza taste so much better the next morning? Why do dads make such bad jokes? Why am I a capital letter and you're not? Why is there an Essex, a Wessex, a Sussex but no Nossex? Can I dig a tunnel to the other side of the Earth? Why aren't unicorns called unihorns? Do cats get goosebumps? When does a rock become an island? Why don't clouds freeze? Can I live forever?

"The most complete ocean reference ever, more than 350 amazing color photos throughout the book."

Face it, life is short and who has time to see 1000 places, read 1000 more 'classics' or see 1000 movies somebody else deems essential, and all that nonsense? Here is a list of 101 things you should never bother with from the fiendishly clever mind of Kevin Prysak. The F*ck It List is a hilarious middle-finger salute to all those absurd life goals that will ensure an anxiety-filled middle age will be followed by shame-filled golden years. It pokes a sorely needed pin into a bloated rite of passage that's ripe for deflation. Do you really need to firewalk or didn't Oprah and Tony Robbins take care of that for us? Swimming with sharks is a really dumb idea, so let's leave that with the gullible reality tv desperadoes, shall we? Kevin Prysak has come up with a "to don't list" that will have you laughing out loud and leave you with lots more time to do the all the things YOU really want to do!

The best baseball stories from the state whose season is short, but there's no shortage of future major leaguers - 300 in the last 30 seasons, include Mark McGwire.

Literary Miscellany

The Ultimate Book of Shocking, Scandalous, and Incredibly Bizarre Sex Facts

The Ultimate Book of Surprising, Strange, and Incredibly Bizarre Facts about Politics

Baseball Stories from Alaska

A Dictionary Of Arts, Sciences, Literature And General Information (Volume I) A To Androphagi

Diamonds in the Rough

Happiness Hacks

Did you know that if you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground it can't hop? Did you know that cows have accent? Did you know the U.S. almost went to war with Canada over a pig? In this book, within just a few pages, you're going to learn more than you learnt from all your teachers combined. This book is full of incredible, hilarious, and amazing things that you've never heard of before and your friends haven't either. By showing what you'll learn in this book, you can actually wow your friends, and they'll start asking you, "Wow, really?!", "Can you tell me more about that?!" or even, "You are a genius, how did you know that?!" No more feeling lost for words because you've got the perfect ice breaker. This book can literally become your secret weapon in any conversation. You can learn interesting facts about many topics, for example: -Countries -Celebrities -Movie stars -Human body -Science -Economics -Space -Movies -Animals -and more, lots more. So, let's delve into the world of the amazing and fascinating facts right now.

Food Weird-o-PediaThe Ultimate Book of Surprising, Strange, and Incredibly Bizarre Facts about Food and DrinkSimon and Schuster

Highly Effective Hacks From Totally True Facts! Could you be happier at work . . . in love . . . in life? You may not need a total overhaul—just a few good Happiness Hacks! Here are hundreds of shortcuts to brighten your day and boost your mood—and the science behind how they work. Discover why . . . 57°F (13.9°C) is the happiest temperature Selfies give you a jolt of joy Renters have a surprising edge over homeowners 17-minute breaks are the most productive Intimacy is better than sex It's more satisfying to work a full 40-hour week Date night is the key to a happy marriage Just 10 minutes of exercise can cheer you up! Whether you're seeking better health, stronger friendships, or that elusive “happy place,‒ these stunningly simple tips are proven to help. You can hack your way to happiness!

When you learn about topics like history, Shakespeare, science, and politics at high school, the problem is that quite often some of the weirdest and most interesting stories are left out of the textbooks and exam papers. Pick up The Totally Awesome Book of Crazy Stories, your ultimate source of interesting facts about a wide range of diverse topics. What follows are some of the craziest, weirdest, funniest, wackiest, and most awesome stories that you'll have hopefully never heard before. This book is truly a quick read packed with information from cover to cover. In this amazing trivia book, you will find out:How an impaled stork helped in our understanding of the natural world?How you might be able to fool your doctor into believing you've given birth to a litter of rabbits ?How much Bach liked coffee, and how much Frederick the Great hated coffee.?How important pee was to the Ancient Romans, and how important farts were to 17th-century plague-fearing Londoners.?And so many more curiosities!Gathered in The Totally Awesome Book of Crazy Stories, you will find some of the craziest, weirdest, wackiest, and most awesome stories we could ever have told you. And what makes it even more awesome, is that there are a lot more crazy stories out there to tell! Grab your copy right now and start having fun!

Kitchens of the Great Midwest

The Alaska Adventures of Iditarod Champion Dick Mackey

Baring Our Complicated Relationship with Sex

One Second to Glory

Favorite Recipes from Breadn15

New York Giants

The Office Quizpedia

Sex Weird-o-Pedia

This book has been considered by academicians and scholars of great significance and value to literature. This forms a part of the knowledge base for future generations. So that the book is never forgotten we have represented this book in a print format as the same form as it was originally first published. Hence any marks or annotations seen are left intentionally to preserve its true nature.

An amusing collection of fictional facts about an array of stinky, slimy, and strange things includes the world's loudest burp and a detailed description of the occupation of professional smeller, from the author of "Ant and Honey Bee. Original.

Literary Miscellany is a breezy tour through the literature of today and yesterday, touching on many great classical literaryworks, movements, and trends. But don't fear that it's only forintellectuals—there's plenty here for the contemporarypleasurereader as well. Alex Palmer offers something for everyone, includinganswers to the following questions: What's the original bestseller? What authors introduced insults as a literary art form? Who burned the first book? Are writers more likely to be depressed than booksellers? How does a book become a movie? When did sex become part of literature? Most people don't know that the Bible gets credit for plenty oflines that were written by William Shakespeare or John Milton.In Literary Miscellany, learn how this happened. Also examine themore recent concept of “false memoirs,‒ with a list of who liedabout what. And speaking of villains, was the devil the first badguy in print? Did his appearance lead to the inevitable self-helpbook? Or was that Oprah? This quirky work is filled with entertaining literary trivia fora unique perspective on writers' lives and inspirations, from thedrinks they imbibed to the books they penned. Delightfully illustrated,it will entertain casual readers and literary buffs alike.

Astonishing Events From the American Revolution That They Don't Teach in School! We all know about Washington's crossing of the Delaware and Betsy Ross's stitching together the Stars and Stripes, but how about a little-known, valid reason for the war itself and why General George was able to survive a plague that wiped out many of his fellow countrymen? History buff Tim Rowland provides an entertaining look at happenings during and surrounding the Revolutionary War that you won't find in history books. He digs into the war's major events and reveals the unknown, bizarre, and often wildly amusing things the participants were doing while breaking away from Great Britain. For example, conventional wisdom says that “no taxation without representation” was an important reason for the revolution, but not in the way we've been told. Colonists paid the wages of common-court judges, who were reluctant to rule against the men who paid their salaries. Therefore, duties on molasses (the key ingredient in rum) were generally unenforced until the British cut the tariff in half. Strange but true, the spark that touched off the revolution was in fact a tax cut. During the French and Indian War and then again in the first year of the revolution, the British were accused of biological warfare, infecting blankets with smallpox and then concealing them in Indian camps. So feared was the disease that soldiers began to illegally inoculate themselves before widespread vaccination was finally ordered for the army. Washington himself was immune, thanks to a Caribbean trip taken as a young man when his brother Lawrence sought a cure for tuberculosis. Lawrence wasn't cured, but George was infected with smallpox in Barbados. As a young man in a warm climate, he survived. As an older man in a northern winter, however, the story of our country might have had a different ending. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history—books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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The Most Fascinating Facts That Don't Really Matter

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Sports Weird-o-Pedia

The Rise and Fall of a Jazz Age Con Man and the Invention of Christmas in New York

Stink-o-pedia

How well do you know The Office? This unofficial quizpedia will put your trivia to the test. While it's been seven years since The Office ended, the show's stellar writing, lovable cast, quotability, and sheer meme-ability has seen the show increase in popularity (with thanks to platforms like Netflix). Most of us can quote Dwight till we're blue in the face, but how well do we really know The Office? With season-specific quizzes and character-focused questions, this interactive trivia book is perfect to play with friends or family. (Or, for the superfans of The Office...solo!) In the "So you think you know Michael Scott" quiz, your memory will be put to the ultimate test, with questions like: What were the names of the "identical" waitresses who Michael Scott met at Benihana? What prized possession of Michael's does Jan destroy in "Dinner Party"? What is the title of Michael's self-penned action movie? And, of course, what four words make up Michael's favorite joke? Get thinking, fam. And put on your favorite season of The Office while you flick through this fun book in the company of your closest work friend.

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Check out the weird and wonderful facts in this massive encyclopedia of alphabetized oddities: HUMANS ARE THE ONLY ANIMALS THAT ENJOY SPICY FOOD (there's a reason no one sells Tabasco-flavored cat food). NAPPING CAN SAVE YOU FROM A HEART ATTACK (assuming you are not operating heavy machinery at the time). PSYCHOLOGISTS CAN ASSESS YOUR PERSONALITY FROM HOW YOU DIP FRIES IN KETCHUP (nice fries, sociopath). SURFING THE INTERNET ACTUALLY MAKES YOU SMARTER (but not as smart as reading this book will). Now the next time someone tells you smugly that Pluto isn't a planet, you can counter with any one of these hundreds of weird facts and remain king or queen of the cocktail (or kegger) chatter.

WITH A FOREWORD BY ANDREW ZIMMERN "What Zoë and Jeff have done with the Artisan Bread in Five Minutes series is prove that the world's easiest yeasted loaf, the most versatile bread dough recipe (even pizza!), can be taken in so many directions and have so many applications that it has created a series of hits." —From the Foreword by Andrew Zimmern From Jeff Hertzberg, M.D., and Magnolia Network's Zoë François, the authors of the Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day series, comes a collection of all time favorite recipes and techniques. With nearly one million copies of their books in print, Jeff Hertzberg and Zoë François have proven that people want to bake their own bread, so long as they can do it easily and quickly. But with five very different "Bread in Five" books to choose from, bakers have been asking: "Which one should I get if I want a little of everything: the best of European and American classics, whole-grain recipes, pizza and flatbread, gluten-free, sourdough, and loaves enriched with eggs and butter?" With The Best of Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day, Jeff and Zoë have chosen their absolute favorite 80 recipes from all five of their books, bringing them together into a single volume that is the only bread book a baker needs. In addition to old favorites, the book pulls in a few new tricks, tips, and techniques that Jeff and Zoë have learned along the way. With this revolutionary stored-dough technique—along with color and instructional black-and-white photographs—readers can have stunning, delicious bread on day one. The Best of Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day will make everyone a baker—with only five minutes a day of active preparation time.

The Merriest, Tastiest, Quirkiest Holiday Traditions from Around the World

The Mental Floss History of the United States

The Encyclopaedia Britannica

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We Did That?

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Literature

Hundreds of weird and wonderful facts in this massive encyclopedia of food and drink oddities! A perfect gift for foodies and trivia fans alike! Food Weird-o-Pedia offers up hundreds of off-kilter bits of info about food that will make you rethink what you know about even those dishes you've been eating your whole life. Organized in sections such as “Between-Meal Tidbits: Curious Facts about Snacks” and “Spice Up Your Life: Unexpected morsels about condiments, sauces and spices,‒ each chapter offers an alphabetical encyclopedia of strange facts that will give you plenty to chew over whether reading from cover-to-cover or just flipping to a random page during a lunch break. Learn weird and obscure facts about fruits, vegetables, baked goods, meat, dairy, seafood, junk food, condiments, sauces, spices, beverages, desserts, and more, such as: Cherries may have killed the twelfth president of the United States. Why we call that vulgar sound we make by putting our tongue between our lips and blowing out a “raspberry.” Enzymes on the inside of a banana peel actually encourage splinters to move toward the skin's surface. Dark soy sauce contains ten times the antioxidants of red wine and contributed to a decrease in risk of cardiovascular disease. The most egg yolks ever found in a single egg is nine. Frank Sinatra was buried with a bottle of Jack Daniel's whiskey. Hershey's Kisses get their names from the smooching sound and motion the machine made when it popped the candy onto the conveyor belt. And many, many more! Every one of us has a deeply personal relationship to the food we eat, each as unique as we are. But there is also a lot that can surprise us about what we put in our body—unexpected facts about staple fruits and veggies, strange backstories to our favorite sweets, and ways of whipping up a familiar dish that are downright weird. These odd aspects of the food we eat are what this book is all about. Food Weird-o-Pedia is sure to provide plenty of fodder to impress friends and family over your next meal—whatever it is you're eating.

A guide to the human body answers common questions through text, photographs, illustrations, and diagrams that discuss body systems and health care, and includes complementary experiments and top ten lists.

This is the moving story of high school students in an isolated village at the top of Alaska starting a football team. Against long odds the Whalers had to practice and play in extreme conditions and travel hundreds of miles from home when they went on the "road," flying for each game. They ended their first season victorious, while maintaining their subsistence hunter-gather culture.

The true story of John Duval Gluck, Jr., who in 1913 founded the Santa Claus Association, which had the sole authority to answer Santa's mail in New York City. He ran the organization for 15 years, gaining fame for making the myth of Santa a reality to poor children by arranging for donors to deliver the toys they requested, until a crusading charity commissioner exposed Gluck as a fraud. The story is wide in scope, interweaving a phony Boy Scout group, kidnapping, stolen artwork, and appearances by the era's biggest stars and New York City's most famous landmarks. The book is both a personal story and a far-reaching historical one, tracing the history of Christmas celebration in America and the invention of Santa Claus.

The (Almost) Complete and (Entirely) Entertaining Story of America

A Biography

A Food Adventurer's Guide

Little-Known Tales About Gotham's People and Places

An Amazing Inside-out Tour of the Human Body

Strange and Obscure Stories of the Revolutionary War

A Novel

Ultimate Bugopedia

The 1948 crime film The Naked City (later a television show) ended with this iconic line “There are eight million stories in the naked city.” Things have not changed either before or since: every era and neighborhood is full of true tales and legends about which even residents are likely to be unaware. Strange And Obscure Stories Of New York City takes the reader on a breathtaking tour of the five boroughs in search of these accounts. Some are eerily fascinating in their own right while others explain how city became the great metropolis that it is. Before the World Trade Center 9/11 tragedy, the aftermath of a fire aboard the steamboat General Slocum in the East River was the city's greatest disaster. The 1904 event occurred during an outing for a church group. The loss of life—1,021 out of the 1,358 passengers—devastated the German-America community that inhabited Manhattan's East Village. To escape bad memories, they relocated to the Upper East Side's Yorkville, the reason why that neighborhood became celebrated for its German restaurants, stores, and breweries. On July 23, 1886, not long after the Brooklyn Bridge opened, a 23-year-old named Steve Brodie announced that he survived a 150-foot drop from that span into the East River. (A liquor dealer offered to back a saloon that Brodie wanted to open but only if he took the risk). Although there were no witnesses, news of the alleged jump made headlines, with The New York Times supporting Brodie's claim, and the phrase “pull a Brodie,‒ meaning to try a dangerous stunt, entering popular parlance. Then too are the unsolved murders, ghost stories, urban legends (are there indeed alligators living in the sewers?), and hidden histories that are all part of this lively and captivating chronicle of the world's greatest city. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history—books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

In 1978, Dick Mackey claimed the most dramatic victory ever in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, crossing the finish line in Nome a mere one second ahead of Rick Swenson after a two-week, 1,149 mile-run from Anchorage. Many years later Alaskans still shake their heads in amazement. In One Second to Glory, Mackey shares this and many other adventures: Making a home in the forntier state in the heady first day s of Statehood: Surviving the 1964 earthquake and helping rebuild Alaska: Mushing against “Doc” Lombard and George Attila in the heyday of sprint racing: Helping Joe Redington organize the Iditarod Trail SLED Dog Race: Experience 82 degrees below zero at Coldfoot, his famous Arctic Circle truck stop: Mackey's colorful stories are told in his own words in interviews with Lew Freedman, outdoor adventure writer for the Chicago Tribune and longtime former sports editor of the Anchorage Daily News. Freedman has written seventeen books about Alaska.

Buckle up for a very odd ride through history with entertaining trivia about the odd things humans have done . . . This book is packed with fun facts about: Quirky inventions: Everyone knows about mousetraps, but did you know they were originally inspired by burglar alarms? Bizarre beauty and fashion fads: Discover wooden bathing suits, breast enhancers in the shape of toilet plungers, and death-inducing cosmetics. Strange superstitions and folklore: Do you know about the centuries-old Banana Curse, the origin of the Tooth Fairy, or our weird obsession with shoes? Covering these and other subjects from very odd jobs to gross medical cures, this collection of our species' accomplishments is likely to leave you wondering, We did that? Read the #1 New York Times best-selling series before it continues in A Map of Days. Bonus features • Q&A with author Ransom Riggs • Eight pages of color stills from the film • Sneak preview of Hollow City, the next novel in the series A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow—impossible though it seems—they may still be alive. A spine-tingling fantasy illustrated with haunting vintage photography, Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children will delight adults, teens, and anyone who relishes an adventure in the shadows. “A tense, moving, and wondrously strange first novel. The photographs and text work together brilliantly to create an unforgettable story.”—John Green, New York Times best-selling author of The Fault in Our Stars “With its X-Men: First Class-meets-time-travel story line, David Lynchian imagery, and rich, eerie detail, it's no wonder Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children has been snapped up by Twentieth Century Fox. B+”—Entertainment Weekly “‘Peculiar’ doesn't even begin to cover it. Riggs' chilling, wondrous novel is already headed to the

movies.”—People “You’ll love it if you want a good thriller for the summer. It’s a mystery, and you’ll race to solve it before Jacob figures it out for himself.”—Seventeen

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A New York Times, USA Today, and national indie bestseller. A Feast of Wonder! Created by the ever-curious minds behind Atlas Obscura, this breathtaking guide transforms our sense of what people around the world eat and drink. Covering all seven continents, Gastro Obscura serves up a loaded plate of incredible ingredients, food adventures, and edible wonders. Ready for a beer made from fog in Chile? Sardinia’s “Threads of God” pasta? Egypt’s 2000-year-old egg ovens? But far more than a menu of curious minds delicacies and unexpected dishes, Gastro Obscura reveals food’s central place in our lives as well as our bellies, touching on history—trace the network of ancient Roman fish sauce factories. Culture—picture four million women gathering to make rice pudding. Travel—scale China’s sacred Mount Hua to reach a tea house. Festivals—feed wild macaques pyramid of fruit at Thailand’s Monkey Buffet Festival. And hidden gems that might be right around the corner, like the vending machine in Texas dispensing full sized pecan pies. Dig in and feed your sense of wonder. “Like a great tapas meal, Gastro Obscura is deep yet snackable, and full of surprises. This is the book for anyone interested in eating, adventure and the human condition.” —Tom Colicchio, chef and activist “This exquisite guide kept me at the breakfast table until dinner time.” —Kyle Maclachlan, actor and vintner

Smarter than your old history teacher, funnier than the founding fathers, and more American than apple pie, The Mental Floss History of the United States is an almost (but not entirely) comprehensive primer on American history (or at least, the good stuff). From the editors of MentalFloss.com and mental_floss magazine—with its tagline: “Feel smart again”—comes an American History text packed with hilarious (but true!) trivia written in the smart-aleck tradition of The Mental Floss History of the World, Mental Floss Presents In the Beginning, and the first mental_floss book, Condensed Knowledge. Perfect for trivia buffs, history lovers, college students, and anyone who likes to laugh and learn. United States history has never been so fun. How did a young boy born into poverty become not only an international soccer star but a celebrity who visited and dined with kings and presidents? Where did the passion that fueled his success originate? This book examines the life of Pelé to find the answers. • Provides detailed information about Pelé’s life and amazing career that reveals the unique mindset that was instrumental to his success, allowing readers to fully appreciate how special and inspirational this athlete’s accomplishments were • Supplies insights into how Pelé singlehandedly brought more worldwide attention to soccer and helped spawn professional soccer—and generate a true fanbase for the sport of soccer in general—in the United States

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The Santa Claus Man

The Ultimate Book of Surprising, Strange, and Incredibly Bizarre Facts about Sports

The Atlas of Christmas

Your Questions Answered by the QI Elves

Crazy But True Stories That Actually Happened!

The Crazy and Amazing Stories Behind the World's Most Interesting Facts

By any standard of normal behavior, sports cannot escape the definition of weirdness. Sports achievements have the capacity to inspire and excite watchers, whether through athletic brilliance or magnificent team performance, but there are times when our athletes and teams go wacko on us, and the most peculiar things break out with no warning to provide wide-eyed astonishment or laugh-out-loud responses. Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs landed on the disabled list due to a back injury caused by sneezing too hard. Minnesota Vikings football stalwart Jim Marshall ran the wrong way with a recovered fumble. Former NBA player Dennis Rodman spearheaded American diplomacy with North Korea. The lyrics and music creators of “ Take Me Out to The Ballgame ” authored one of the most sung songs in American history without ever having seen a baseball game. And more! While those spontaneous combustions may result from someone rising from the weird side of the bed, they ’ re often the most memorable.

Government and politics might seem twisted today, but they ’ ve always been strange. There ’ s something about public office that, throughout time, has transcended normalcy. Politics Weird-o-Pedia presents some of the oddest and most interesting political absurdities and tidbits from around the world, from Peter the Great ’ s tax on beards to a lawmaker ’ s mistress whom he kept on the congressional payroll despite her admission that “ I can’t type, I can’t file, I can’t even answer the phone. ” Eminences include: Some of America ’ s Founding Fathers wanted to jail newspaper reporters. A Mongolian conqueror liked to build cement walls out of the bodies of his vanquished opponents (while they were still alive). An all-female resistance to nuclear missiles in Britain resulted in a protest that lasted for nineteen years—long after the missiles were gone. Politics Weird-o-Pedia doesn ’ t stand still for a minute. It is intriguing, funny, and occasionally startling. It is more than a collection of trivia, adding bits of context and historical vignettes that make it clear that no matter how dysfunctional politics and government might seem today—we ’ ve been through it all many times before.

Describes the life and career of Peyton Manning, quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts, who was named Super Bowl MVP in 2007.

Purchased in 1925 for \$500 by bookmaker and businessman Tim Mara, the New York Giants were New York City ’ s introduction to professional football. The National Football League was a mere five years old---and for the near-century since, the history of football, the city, and the Giants has been inextricably linked. This thorough and thoroughly entertaining illustrated chronicle of the New York Giants football team tells the full story of the seasons, players, coaches, teams, and moments that have made history decade after decade. From the early years as an upstart sport in a big city heading into financial chaos, to the team ’ s triumph in the 1930s (including 1934 ’ s famous “ Sneakers Game ” against the Chicago Bears); its return to glory in the 1950s behind the talents of Frank Gifford, Sam Huff, and Roosevelt Brown; and its pair of championship seasons in 1986 and 1990---these are the New York Giants, moment by colorful moment, right up to their upset victory over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII. Crammed with player statistics and team records, and brilliantly illustrated with vintage and up-to-the-minute photographs, the book is a fitting celebration of a team whose name is synonymous with football in America.

Indianapolis Colts

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Football Above the Arctic Circle

Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children

The Most Complete Bug Reference Ever

Super Stink-y Stuff from A to Zzzzz

Pel é : A Biography

An introduction to the hidden worlds of popular insects profiles their habits, habitats, and diets while providing thematic spreads that share additional historical and geographical fun facts.

What’s the weather? Wake up to this ultimate reference, teeming with fascinating facts, amazing features, the latest science, and tons of close-up images of the wildest weather on the planet. Did you know that a bolt of lightning can crack through the air at up to 136,000 miles per hour and reach temperatures hotter than the surface of the sun? Or that if all the ice in the Antarctic melted, the oceans would rise by about 220 feet? Welcome to the amazing world of weather. From how weather happens to the most extreme weather in the world, it’s all covered in this easy-to-use reference featuring all the major types of weather and what kinds of weather happen in particular places, from the desert to the tropics to the poles. The main content is highlighted with fun facts, Did You Know? details, and colorful photos and graphics. Thematic spreads cover topics such as climate change, weather survival stories, animal adaptations to weather, and much more. Fans of other National Geographic Kids Ultimate "pedias" in the same series--Dinopedia, Bugopedia, Reptileopedia, Oceanpedia, and Predatorpedia--will want to find a place for Ultimate Weatherpedia on their bookshelves.

There are more incredibly pointless and delightfully entertaining things to discover in this new entry in the #1 New York Times bestselling series. You probably never knew... • Ronald Reagan is the only president who has been divorced. • It is estimated that half of the world’s spider species have yet to be discovered. • November 15 is National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day. And did you really ever have to know... • The whiskers on a harbor seal are known as “vibrissae”? • Modern scholars believe Isaac Newton may have had Asperger’s syndrome? • In the 1920s, Hollywood made twice as many films as it does today?

“A sweet and savory treat.” —People “An impressive feat of narrative jujitsu . . . that keeps readers turning the pages too fast to realize just how ingenious they are.”—The New York Times

Book Review, Editor’s Pick From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*, *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* is a novel about a young woman with a once-in-a-generation palate who becomes the iconic chef behind the country’s most coveted dinner reservation. When Lars Thorvald’s wife, Cynthia, falls in love with wine—and a dashing sommelier—he’s left to raise their baby, Eva, on his own. He’s determined to pass on his love of food to his daughter—starting with puréed pork shoulder. As Eva grows, she finds her solace and salvation in the flavors of her native Minnesota. From Scandinavian lutefisk to hydroponic chocolate habaneros, each ingredient represents one part of Eva’s journey as she becomes the star chef behind a legendary and secretive pop-up supper club, culminating in an opulent and emotional feast that’s a testament to her spirit and resilience. Each chapter in *J. Ryan Stradal’s* startlingly original debut tells the story of a single dish and character, at once capturing the zeitgeist of the Midwest, the rise of foodie culture, and delving into the ways food creates community and a sense of identity. By turns quirky, hilarious, and vividly sensory, *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* is an unexpected mother-daughter story about the bittersweet nature of life—its missed opportunities and its joyful surprises. It marks the entry of a brilliant new talent.

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The original uncut edition of STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND by Hugo Award winner Robert A Heinlein - one of the most beloved, celebrated science-fiction novels of all time. Epic, ambitious and entertaining, STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND caused controversy and uproar when it was first published and is still topical and challenging today. Twenty-five years ago, the first manned mission to Mars was lost, and all hands presumed dead. But someone survived... Born on the doomed spaceship and raised by the Martians who saved his life, Valentine Michael Smith has never seen a human being until the day a second expedition to Mars discovers him. Upon his return to Earth, a young nurse named Jill Boardman sneaks into Smith’s hospital room and shares a glass of water with him, a simple act for her but a sacred ritual on Mars. Now, connected by an incredible bond, Smith, Jill and a writer named Jubal must fight to protect a right we all take for granted: the right to love.

A gripping exploration of the relationship between sex and our society, with a foreword by bestselling author A.J. Jacobs Why do political leaders become entangled in so many sex scandals? How did the U.S. military inadvertently help make San Francisco a mecca of gay culture? And what was the original purpose of vibrators? Find out the answers to all these questions and more as journalist Ross Benes delves into the complicated relationship between everyday human life—including religion, politics, and technology—and our sexuality. Drawing on history, psychology, sociology, and more, *The Sex Effect* combines innovative research and analysis with captivating anecdotes to reveal just how much sex shapes our society—and what it means for us as humans as we continue to struggle with the wide-ranging effects our sexuality has on the world around us.

""A complete illustrated history of the National Football League's Indianapolis Colts, including the team's early era in Baltimore"--Provided by publisher"--

Discover the fascinating (and sometimes downright odd!) ways that people and nations celebrate the holiday season and share this festive compendium's unique traditions together with family and friends. Do you know that in Guatemala there's a "Burn the Devil" tradition to kick off the Christmas season, where revelers gather to set fire to devil-piñatas? In Sweden, a popular figure in Christmas traditions is the Yule Goat, a rowdy, menacing character who demands gifts. And in Japan, a big bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken has become the classic Christmas Day feast. These and many other global Christmas traditions are featured here in this delightful book. From decorations and activities to feasts and special treats, there's a wide range of both lovely and unusual traditions from around the globe.