

Uncle John's Bathroom Reader 2015 Calendar

Do you have a compulsive desire to know something about everything? Then you have infomania, and Uncle John has the cure! Infomania is the compulsive desire to gobble up information, and kids growing up in the information age have it bad. Young infomaniacs are hungry, hungry, hungry for information. Who knows information better than Uncle John? No one! And now he's figured out how to deliver information fixes without computers or modems or the Internet. How? In a handy pocket-sized book packed with fascinating facts! Uncle John's InfoMania is bursting with information so compelling, so mesmerizing, so... weird...it could only come from the professional infomaniacs at the Bathroom Readers' Institute, and it's "For Kids Only!" Inside this nonfiction, easy-to-read pocket guide you'll find... * How to Get Rid of Freckles (live frogs are involved) * Action Figure Facts * What Makes 3-D Movies Work * Avalanche Survival Tips * World Records to Beat (extreme hula-hooping, anyone?) * And much, much more. Designed just for kids, this two-color, illustrated pocket book shares essential and off-

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the-wall information pulled from the info-maniacal vaults of the Bathroom Readers' Institute. It's science, history, math, social studies, sports, and entertainment; all packed into 272 pocket-sized pages and delivered in the bite-sized bits kids love to read!

An Extra Large Bathroom Reader at an extra low price that's sure to be a hit with new and existing fans of the series What makes it Extra Large? It's two great Bathroom Readers (Ahh-Inspiring and Unstoppable) stuffed into one low-priced, hard-cover edition. Overflowing with more than 700 pages of some of the best bathroom reading ever put on paper, Extra Large is a treasure trove of weird news, forgotten history, celebrity gossip, strange science, eye-opening origins, stupid criminals, urban legends, amazing luck, and so much more! Read about: - How the banana peel changed history - The ups and downs of Saturday Night Live - The man who (literally) ate the heart of King Louis XIV - The Gutbuster, Airplane Spin, and other pro wrestling moves - Origins of the bicycle, video games, superglue, and Murphy's Law - Infamous assassination attempts...that failed - Invasion of the Frankenfish - The world's worst aircraft -

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Bizarre baseball trivia - Funeral home lingo And much, much more!

From the world leader in fascinating facts and amusing true stories comes a book about how to feed, clothe, and protect yourself in the wilderness...and might even make you want to avoid anything resembling the wilderness forever. For more than 25 years, Uncle John's Bathroom Reader has helped you learn amazing things you didn't know. Now, Uncle John will show you how to do things you didn't know how to do...and probably should never, never, never actually do, unless you're in a survival situation and really, really, really need to do. It's How to Fight a Bear...and Win. A new approach to survival guides and how-to books, this book provides step-by-step instructions for how to make do in any rugged terrain. But if you're expecting "how to start a fire," think again. This isn't the kind of book that will tell you how to make a fire by rubbing two sticks together—it will tell you how to make a fire using a car battery. It will also tell you: How to swing from a vine like Tarzan How to land an airplane in an emergency How to fight a bear...and win How to perform emergency surgery in the woods How

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to identify what insects you can--and cannot--eat And lots, lots more.

Provides an array of stories, riddles, quizzes, and jokes on topics, such as mythology, sports, entertainment, and food.

Into the River

Uncle Johns Bathroom Reader Fall 2015 Catalog

Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Nature Calls

Uncle John's Fully Loaded 25th Anniversary Bathroom Reader

You Drive Like an Asshole

Uncle John's New & Improved Briefs

The most trusted name in trivia has done it again! What's so uncanny about the 29th annual edition of Uncle John's? This enduring book series has been delivering entertaining information to three generations of readers (so far)...and it's still going strong! How do they do it? Back in 1988, Uncle John successfully predicted the way that 21st-century readers would want their information: in hits, concisely and cleverly written, and with details so delightful that you're compelled to share them with someone else. (Kind of like the Internet, but without all those annoying ads.) This groundbreaking series has been imitated time and time again but never equaled. And Uncanny is the Bathroom Readers' Institute

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at their very best. Covering a wide array of topics—incredible origins, forgotten history, weird news, amazing science, dumb crooks, and more—readers of all ages will enjoy these 512 pages of the best stuff in print. Here are but a few of the uncanny topics awaiting you... The World's Weirdest Protests The Wit and Wisdom of Bill Murray Forgotten Game Shows Darth Vader's Borderline Personality Disorder, and Other Real Psychiatric Diagnoses of Fictional Characters Manly Historical Leaders and Their Manly Tattoos NASA's "Pillownaut" Experiment The Secret Lives of Squatters And much more! IBPA Benjamin Franklin Silver Award winner 2017! The World's Weirdest Protests The Wit and Wisdom of Bill Murray Forgotten Game Shows Darth Vader's Borderline Personality Disorder, and Other Real Psychiatric Diagnoses of Fictional Characters Manly Historical Leaders and Their Manly Tattoos NASA's "Pillownaut" Experiment The Secret Lives of Squatters Toilets, Motorcycles, and Other Strange Things That Have Fallen From the Sky The Origins of Apples and Oranges (and a Bunch of Other Fruits) Where to Visit Real-Life Horror Movie Locations Cooking with Mr. Coffee Odd Alcoholic Drinks From Around the World The History of the Tooth Fairy Zoo Escapes! And much, much more!

John Podlaski's encore Vietnam War novel brings back John ('Polack') Kowalski, the central character in 'Cherries', and introduces us to Louis ('LG')

Gladwell, his irrepressible black friend. Polack and LG are a 'Salt and Pepper' team, best buddies and brothers in a way that only those who have fought side-by-side in a war can ever truly understand. The year is 1970, and the story follows the two soldiers - impressionable Detroit teenagers - during their long night in a Listening Post ('LP'), some 500 meters beyond the bunker line of the new firebase. Their assignment as a "human early warning system", is to listen for enemy activity and forewarn the base of any potential dangers. As they were new to the "Iron Triangle" and its reputation, little did they know that units before them lost dozens of soldiers in this nightly high-risk task and referred to those assigned as "bait for the enemy" and "sacrificial lambs". Sitting in the pitch black tropical jungle - with visibility at less than two feet - John's imagination takes throughout the agonizing night, and at times, transports him back to some of his most vivid childhood memories - innocent, but equally terrifying at the time. As kids, we instinctively run as fast as we can to escape imaginary or perceived danger, but as soldiers, men are trained to conquer their fears and develop the confidence to stand their ground and fight. Running is not an option. In 'When Can I Stop Running?' the author juxtaposes his nightmarish hours in the bush with some of his most heart-pounding childhood escapades. Readers will relate to the humorous childish antics with amusement; military veterans will find

themselves relating to both of the entertaining and compelling recollections. Don't let that brain get flabby! Flexing the frontal lobes keeps them in shape, and when better to do it than when the body is otherwise occupied? Flush with the success of Number One and Number Two, the Bathroom Readers' Institute tapped into the talents of puzzle maven Stephanie Spadaccini to compile entry Number Three in the popular Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Puzzle Book series. The book includes crosswords, cryptograms, crostics, word searches, anagrams, trivia quizzes, and other popular puzzles suitable for both quick trips and extended stays.

The title says it all: This is the funniest Uncle John book EVER, in the newest and most improved way. (It might even be the funniest book in the history of books, but Uncle John is much too modest to state that outright...even though it is.) New, it's improved, it's the funniest ever! Back by popular demand, this newly revised edition includes plenty of all-time favorites, along with more than twenty-five pages of new content. That's page after page after page of laugh-out-loud dumb jokes, dumb jocks, toasts, pranks, kings, kittens, caboodles, and, of course, poorly translated kung fu movie subtitles such as "It took my seven digestive pills to dissolve your hairy crab!" So whether you like your humor witty or witless, light or dark, silly or sublime, you'll laugh until your head explodes.

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Stuff You Should Know

An Uncommon History of Common Things

The Novice

The Revealing Stories Behind the World's Most Interesting Facts

Uncle John's Bathroom Reader

Uncle John's Extra Large Bathroom Reader

Uncle John's Creature Feature Bathroom Reader for Kids Only Bathroom Readers' Press

One of Uncle John's all-time biggest sellers, Great Big is overflowing with everything our fans have come to expect: urban legends, forgotten history, myth-conceptions, business blunders, strange lawsuits, weird politics, amazing origins, dumb crooks,

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celebrity gossip, brain teasers, short facts, and more! Divided by length into short, medium, and long articles, Great Big is sure to be a hit with readers of all ages. A few standouts from these 460 pages: * The first computer programmers * Weird medical conditions * Brits Vs. Americans: a word quiz * Strange tourist attractions * The origin of the White House * The world's second-dumbest outlaw * The Tonight Show story * The forgotten hero of flagpole sitting * Why popcorn pops And much, much more! Sit down and relax with Uncle John's Biggest Ever Bathroom Reader. This hardcover edition of the bathroom reading series will bowl you over. No more frantic searches at the last minute for that perfect magazine. No more agonizing choices between light reading and serious stuff. This biggest ever volume has combined two previous Bathroom Readers in their entirety, Uncle John's Great Big Bathroom Reader and Uncle John's Ultimate Bathroom Reader. It has more entertainment, humor, trivia, science, history, and pop culture than ever before. Among lots of other topics, you can read about: * Why the White House is White * Strange Medical Conditions * The History of the Bra * The Origin of the Miss America Pageant * Weird Tales of the Ouija Board * The Hair Museum * Why Thanksgiving is in November * Why Popcorn Pops * The Origin of Pop Tarts. Its all there in Uncle John's Biggest Ever Bathroom Reader! Collects fun, factual, strange, and interesting trivia about animals, including the most dangerous animal in Africa, the world's longest dog ears, and the fastest shark in the ocean.

Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Treasury

The Ship of the Line

Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Fake Facts

A History in Ship Models

Focus On: 100 Most Popular Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

Only the trivia gurus at the Bathroom Readers' Institute could take a dry subject like history and make it so much fun! Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Plunges into History will open your eyes to ages past and entertain you for ages to come. Whether you're a history buff, or you just like reading great stories, you'll see the past in a whole new light after reading Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Plunges into History. Uncle John uncovers the truth behind some of history's most persistent myths, flushes out information you were never taught in school, and gives history fans something they can really digest. 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 about the 10 most forgotten people in history, mistakes that led to great discoveries, and how a fish had a hand (er, fin) in beating Napoleon? Uncle John rules the world of information and humor, so get ready to be thoroughly entertained. Read all about... * The short history of underwear * Odd deaths of famous figures * Abe Lincoln, fashion icon * The real Lady Godiva * Royal inbreeds and promiscuous popes * The true story of Braveheart * And much more!

This collection of slap shots, high sticks, and toothless grins offers fans everything they love about hockey: its colorful history, legendary players, and enough hard-hitting trivia to occupy even the most avid stat head. The latest title in the new Uncle John's series dedicated to the wide (and weird!) world of sports, "Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Shoots and Scores" shares the origins of the "Coolest Game on

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Earth," the greatest teams in hockey history, the best (and worst) hockey movies of all time, the Incredible Exploding Zamboni (and those who lived to tell the tale), a rap sheet of hockey arrests, goalies' superstitions (Patrick Roy's conversations with goal posts; Glenn Hall's pre-game gastric cleansing), and much, much more.

Winner of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize In 2009 Malala Yousafzai began writing a blog on BBC Urdu about life in the Swat Valley as the Taliban gained control, at times banning girls from attending school. When her identity was discovered, Malala began to appear in both Pakistani and international media, advocating the freedom to pursue education for all. In October 2012, gunmen boarded Malala's school bus and shot her in the face, a bullet passing through her head and into her shoulder. Remarkably, Malala survived the shooting. At a very young age, Malala Yousafzai has become a worldwide symbol of courage and hope. Her shooting has sparked a wave of solidarity across Pakistan, not to mention globally, for the right to education, freedom from terror and female emancipation.

From the duo behind the massively successful and award-winning podcast *Stuff You Should Know* comes an unexpected look at things you thought you knew. Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant started the podcast *Stuff You Should Know* back in 2008 because they were curious—curious about the world around them, curious about what they might have missed in their formal educations, and curious to dig deeper on stuff they thought they understood. As it turns out, they aren't the only curious ones. They've since amassed a rabid fan base, making *Stuff You Should Know* one of the most popular podcasts in the world. Armed with their inquisitive natures and a passion for sharing, they uncover the weird, fascinating, delightful, or unexpected elements of a wide variety of topics. The pair have now taken their near-boundless "whys" and "hows" from your earbuds to the pages of a book for the first time—featuring a completely new array of subjects that they've long wondered about and wanted to explore. Each

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chapter is further embellished with snappy visual material to allow for rabbit-hole tangents and digressions—including charts, illustrations, sidebars, and footnotes. Follow along as the two dig into the underlying stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. Have you ever wondered about the world around you, and wished to see the magic in everyday things? Come get curious with *Stuff You Should Know*. With Josh and Chuck as your guide, there's something interesting about everything (...except maybe jackhammers).

I Am Malala

An Incomplete Compendium of Mostly Interesting Things

Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Tunes into TV

When Can I Stop Running?

And 72 Other Real Survival Tips We Hope You'll Never Need

Uncle John's Funniest Ever Bathroom Reader

The thrill of victory, the agony of a tight jockstrap. It's the reason we love sports—you never know what's going to happen. Sometimes everything clicks, with the best athlete in the world competing at their peak, and the result is a thing of breathtaking beauty. But sometimes the opposite happens, resulting in moments of breathtaking hilarity, or astonishing inanity, or just plain head-scratching puzzlement. Welcome to *The Stupidest Sports Book of All Time*. Featuring: The most boring games in sports history Wise(ish) words on winning Stupid mascot antics The strangest things coaches have done to motivate teams And much, much more!

Nine books in one! Uncle John has pulled together the most revealing lists, facts, and findings from the past 10 years into one easy-to-read book. Our readers asked for it, and

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here it is: Uncle John's first collection of his greatest short facts and quick reading material. Open up to any page of Extraordinary Book of Facts and you might find a list of, say, obscure words ('exocannibals' eat enemies; 'indocannibals' eat friends). Flip to another page and there's a whole bunch of facts about how long things take (a yak's gestation period: 258 days). On another page: kid facts (the average four-year-old laughs 400 times per day; grownups, about 15). So be smarter and laugh a lot more with this amazing collection that features thousands of great facts, plus word origins, myth-conceptions, conspiracy theories, and much, much more! Arranged for simple and speedy reference, this book is the perfect companion for trivia buffs and knowledge junkies everywhere!

Uncle John channel-surfs through America's favorite pastime: television. What does Homer Simpson call "friend...mother...secret lover?" Television, you meathead! Here comes your wacky neighbor Uncle John to present TV the way only he can. From test patterns to Top Chef, from My Three Sons to Mad Men, as well as TV news, advertising, scandals, sitcoms, dramas, reality shows, and yadda yadda yadda, Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Tunes into TV is "dy-no-mite!" Read about... * Gilligan's seven deadly sins * The inside story of TV's first commercial * What goes on behind the scenes of Jeopardy! * The most incredibly bizarre shows from around the world * Why Gene Roddenberry tried to beam the original Star Trek cast into space * What reality show producers don't want you to know * How the King of Late Night crushed his competition * What really went down on the island of LOST * Unexpected sitcom fatalities * TV's greatest chimps And much, much more!

Chronicles a series of mishaps, antics, movie plots, and crimes which demonstrate recklessness and a lack of common sense on the part of the participants, from setting off

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fireworks indoors to a robber who hands his own wallet back to a victim.

Rufus Goes to School

Uncle John's Endlessly Engrossing Bathroom Reader

Uncle John's Actual and Factual Bathroom Reader (31)

Uncle John's All-Purpose Extra Strength Bathroom Reader

How to Fight a Bear...and Win

Now I Know

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*“VIP,” be on the lookout for a “Very Intoxicated Patient.” * Comedian quips: “I wonder if deaf people have a sign for ‘Talk to the hand.’” --Zach Galifianakis * Sputtering sportscasters: “If only faces could talk.” --Pat Summerall And much, much more!*

Kick a home run through the goal posts of life in this jock-ular collection of old stories and new from the Bathroom Reader sports pages! Uncle John's Sports Shorts lets you relive the sporting world's most incredible moments! From ancient stick-and-ball games to modern-day sports deals and the physics of football, it's all in here: great finishes, embarrassing losses, inside secrets, bizarre pastimes, and disastrous “Dumb Jocks” quotes—including this bewildering gem from the NFL's Erik Ainge about Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez: “He's stupid while being stupid. You have to be smart while being stupid, and he's dumb while being dumb.” Don't even try to comprehend that, just read about what else you'll find in Sports Shorts: • Bowling for humans • Reasons you should never mix hipsters, kickball, and alcohol • The hidden power of Olympic swimming champion Mark Spitz's mustache • The origins of surfing, instant replay, ESPN, March Madness, cricket, stock car racing, and more • How the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders changed the way America watches sports • The biggest conspiracy theories in pro sports, the most shocking uses and abuses of the Stanley Cup, and the most hellish holes in golf • Baseball records that will never be broken • When soccer moms go ballistic And much, much more!

The Bathroom Reader turns 25! Uncle John is celebrating this historic milestone with his biggest all-new edition ever--more than 600 pages of absorbing material! 2012 ForeWord

*Reviews Book of the Year Awards, Honorable Mention in Humor Category 2013 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award Gold Winner in Humor "Fully Loaded" is putting it mildly. This behemoth of a book is overflowing with incredible stories, surprising facts, weird news, little-known origins, forgotten history, fun wordplay, and everything else that millions of loyal fans have come to expect from the world's best-selling bathroom reading series. As always, it's divided by length: quickies for the reader on the go, medium-sized articles for those with a few minutes to spare, and extra-long pieces for those truly leg-numbing experiences. Here are just a few of the hundreds of topics loaded into this edition of America's favorite "on the go" source of fascinating information: * Forgotten Firsts * Dumb Crooks: Stoner Edition * Bizarre Japanese Video Games * The Kamikaze Instruction Manual * Our Lady of the Little Green Men * The Worst Fire in American History * The World's Worst Business Decision * The New Years Eve Opossum Drop * Do Blondes Really Have More Fun? * Failed Doomsday Predictions * When Toilets Explode * And much, much more!*

ONE BOY'S POWER TO SUMMON DEMONS WILL CHANGE THE FATE OF AN EMPIRE ...

Demons, magic and epic adventure - introducing the first book in the New York Times bestselling Summoner Trilogy... Fletcher was nothing more than a humble blacksmith's apprentice, when a chance encounter leads to the discovery that he has the ability to summon demons from another world. Chased from his village for a crime he did not commit, he must travel with his demon to the Vocans Academy, where the gifted are trained in the art of summoning. The academy will put Fletcher through a gauntlet of gruelling lessons, training him

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as a battlemage to fight in the Hominum Empire's war against the savage orcs. Rubbing shoulders with the children of the most powerful nobles in the land, Fletcher must tread carefully. The power hungry Forsyth twins lurk in the shadows, plotting to further their family's interests. Then there is Sylva, an elf who will do anything she can to forge an alliance between her people and Hominum, even if it means betraying her friends. Othello is the first ever dwarf at the academy, and his people have long been oppressed by Hominum's rulers, which provokes tension amongst those he studies alongside. Fletcher will find himself caught in the middle of powerful forces, with nothing but his demon Ignatius to help him. As the pieces on the board manoeuvre for supremacy, Fletcher must decide where his loyalties lie. The fate of an empire is in his hands ... BONUS MATERIAL: Find out more about Demons in an illustrated DEMONOLOGY - exclusive to this paperback edition. 'Friendship, loyalty, magic and political intrigue beckon ...' The Bookseller

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Uncle John's New & Improved Funniest Ever

Uncle John's Great Big Bathroom Reader

Book 1

Uncle John's Hindsight Is 20/20 Bathroom Reader

Uncle John's Facts to Go Sports Shorts

A gripping, gritty and award-winning coming-of-age novel for young adult readers. When Te Arepa Santos is dragged into the river by a giant eel, something happens that will

change the course of his whole life. The boy who struggles to the bank is not the same one who plunged in, moments earlier. He has brushed against the spirit world, and there is a price to be paid; an utu (revenge) to be exacted. Years later, far from the protection of whanau (family) and ancestral land, he finds new enemies. This time, with no one to save him, there is a decision to be made: he can wait on the bank, or leap forward into the river. At the 2013 NZ Post Childrens Book Awards Into the River was judged the Margaret Mahy Book of the Year. It also won the Young Adult Fiction category of the awards. An engaging coming-of-age novel, it follows its main protagonist from his childhood in small-town rural New Zealand to an elite Auckland boarding school, where he must forge his own way - including battling with his cultural identity. This prequel to Ted Dawe's award-winning novel Thunder Road is gritty, provocative, at times shocking, but always real and true. The awards' chief judge Bernard Beckett described a character "caught between two worlds ... the explicit content was presented as the danger of people being left adrift by society. And within that context, hard-hitting material is crucial; it is what makes the book authentic, real and important." The Deputy Chief Censor of Film and Literature ruled that the book is not offensive: 'The book deals with some stronger content. There are sexual relationships between teenagers, encounters with possible child sexual exploitation, the use of illegal drugs and other criminal activities, violent assault, and a moderate level of highly offensive language. These are well contextualised within

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an exciting fast moving narrative that has as its protagonist, a young teenage Maori boy from a rural community who is finding his way through the strange uncomfortable environment of a boys' boarding school and unfamiliar social mores. The story captures the raw and real extremes of adolescence in teenage boys along with their yearnings and obsessions. The book is notable for being one of the first in the New Zealand which specifically targets teenage boys and younger men - a genre that does not have great representation. The genre character is therefore significant. The content immerses the reader in action, wit, and intrigue, as well as a level of social realism, all likely to engage teen and young adult readers and with particular appeal for older boys and young men.'

Celebrate the big 3-0 with this thrilling 30th edition of Uncle John's Bathroom Reader—and cheers to 30 more! What's even more trusty and awe-inspiring than Old Faithful, the Yellowstone geyser that erupts 17 times a day? Uncle John and the Bathroom Readers' Institute! Every year for the past three decades, Uncle John and his team of tireless researchers have delivered an epic tome packed with thousands of fascinating factoids. And now this extra-special 30th anniversary edition has everything you've come to expect from the BRI, and more! It's stuffed with 512 pages of all-new articles sure to please everyone, from our longtime readers to newbies alike. You'll get the scoop on the latest "scientific" studies, weird world news, surprising history, and obscure facts. Here's just a sampling of what's in store: From foe to friend: presidential rivals who

are buddies now What you never thought to do with those old CDs you have lying around Saddam Hussein revealed...and it's not pretty James Bond author Ian Fleming and his most titillating book titles The creepiest murderabilia that no one would want...except these people The origins of Project Gutenberg and its free e-books All-new editions of our most popular series, including Terrible Typos, Phrase Origins, and You Call This Art? Myths and facts about our friends—nos amis—the French The most horrifying things ever lost or found And much, much more!

A sixteenth installment of the popular trivia series is organized under short, medium, and longer-length reading segments and covers a wide array of subjects, from the origins of superglue and news stories about underwear to famous animals and Wild West heroes. Original. 250,000 first printing.

Sometime about 30,000 years ago, somebody stuck a sharp rock into a split stick, and presto! The axe was born. Our inquisitive species just loves tinkering, testing, and pushing the limits, and this delightfully different book is a freewheeling reference to hundreds of customs, notions, and inventions that reflect human ingenuity throughout history. From hand tools to holidays to weapons to washing machines, An Uncommon History of Common Things features hundreds of colourful illustrations, timelines, sidebars, and more as it explores just about every subject under the sun. Who knew that indoor plumbing has been around for 4,600 years, but punctuation, capital letters, and the handy

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spaces between written words only date back to the Dark Ages? Or that ancient soldiers baked a kind of pizza on their shields - when they weren't busy flying kites to frighten their foes? A lively, incomparably browsable read for history buffs, pop culture lovers, and anyone who relishes the odd and extraordinary details hidden in the everyday, it will inform, amuse, astonish, and alter the way you think about the clever creatures we call humans.

Fast Facts, Terse Trivia & Astute Articles

Uncle John's Unstoppable Bathroom Reader

Uncle John's Top Secret Bathroom Reader for Kids Only

101 Tear-Out Letters to the Morons Behind the Wheel

Hilarious Blunders, Bloopers, Oddities, Quotes, and More from the World of Sports

The Stupidest Sports Book of All Time

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

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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!

This 34th annual edition of Uncle John's Bathroom Reader offers an all-new collection of fascinating trivia, strange-but-true oddities, and the ever-popular stories of dumb crooks! Uncle John's Hindsight Is 2020 Bathroom Reader is packed with tons of new articles from the worlds of pop culture, history, and science to help you get everything out of your system the next time you visit the throne room! Articles range in length from a single page to extended page-turners, each as entertaining as the last. From iconic television roles that almost weren't to the origins of comic books, this 34th edition of fascinating trivia, hilarious lists, and notable quotes compiled by Uncle John and his team at the Bathroom Readers' Institute will set your mind free to roam the world—and you won't even need to leave the house!

Get your trivia on the go with this Uncle John's anthology of fun fast facts, includes over twenty-five pages of new content! Uncle John's

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New & Improved Briefs is chock-full of thousands of great facts and hundreds of quick hits covering history, origins, blunders, sports, pop science, and entertainment plus a sprinkling of riddles, puns, anagrams, and other classic wordplay. Read about . . . The secrets of top-secret spy lingo The monkey that got a head transplant . . . and lived Bizarre recipes: jellied moose nose, steamed muskrat legs, and haggis The worst movie bloopers from Best Picture Oscar winners The little-known story of the best deal in sports history The man behind Death Valley's "Castle in the Desert" How to decipher the hidden codes on a dollar bill Sinister left-handed facts Earth's greatest hits And much, much more!

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