

Childrens Miscellany Useless Information Thats Essential To Know

Why is bureaucracy known as red, not yellow or blue tape? What is haywire and why do we go it? Why is a yawn infection? Who was Parker and why is he so Nosy? These are just some of the burning issues that have been exercising the minds of Daily Mail readers in recent years, and 1001 of the most entertaining have been reproduced in this bumper collection. Not all of the questions featured will have been nagging away at you for years - the scrap metal value of the Eiffel Tower, for example; and some of the answers throw up intriguing alternatives (does the expression "peg out" have its origins in the game of cribbage or in grave digging practices?); but for those who are inveterate devourers of trivia teasers and fascinating facts, The Daily Mail's Answers to Correspondents is a veritable feast.

Even more fascinating and bizarre facts to excite and entertain young readers! How to talk like a pirate . . . which snakes can eat a 6-foot crocodile . . . whose favorite food is caterpillar milk . . . who holds the world record for the loudest burp . . . and many, many more! Packed with useless facts that are essential to know, Even More Children's Miscellany collects the best of the smart, the silly, and the strange.

A must for all Pop Culture junkies. 'Myriad weird and weirder showbiz stories with which to amaze, astound and possibly bore rigid close personal friends down the pub or in sheltered accomodation. A must for intellectuals and anoraks alike.' Mark Radcliffe Quiz your family and friends with this ultimate Big Quiz Book from National Geographic Kids, bursting with jaw-dropping facts that will keep everyone guessing and give you hours of fun.

Weird-o-Pedia

More Useless Information That's Essential to Know

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Panati's Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things

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... But Do Now!

To the End of the World

Which came first, sliced bread or the toaster? When did most people begin wearing deodorant? Who invented the electric blanket? Catherine O'Reilly tackles questions such as these with a keen curiosity and well-honed writing skills. Her ability to turn any normal home into a jungle of history, invention, and technological wonder is a treat. For fans of Schott's Original Miscellany and The Book of Useless Information, O'Reilly's Did Thomas Crapper Really Invent the Toilet? is another smart and quirky look at miscellaneous items. Learn the real histories of the blender, the fire extinguisher, the cheese grater, the clock radio, deodorant, Post-its, fabric softener, and, of course, the toilet. These are the unknown stories of everyday items that we take for granted.

Usefully Useless is a gloriously diverse volume dedicated to the most engrossing trivia in the world. Guaranteed to excite the curiosity

and amuse, its pages are filled with the sort of remarkable information you would never learn, but will be overjoyed to discover. Each fact is irresistibly fun and fascinating - the essence of anecdote and dinner-party conversation that is essential in the adult world - and, above all, usefully useless. Guaranteed to improve your mind, Usefully Useless contains a wealth of miscellany on a vast range of topics, including Literature, Geography, Food, Science, the Natural World, Sport and Politics - from the export of frogs' legs to the longest Monopoly game completed in the bath. Usefully Useless provides answers to such eternal questions as: What was Margaret Thatcher's favourite sitcom? Which British league football team's name has no letters that one could colour in with a pen? How many calories do you consume when you lick a stamp? What was the original colour of Coca-Cola? Which key do toilets flush in? Find out these answers and many, many more in Usefully Useless, the essential guide to the facts you never thought you'd need to know.

Wacky but well-researched, unbiased and shameless, this informational book about drugs dares to take readers on a long, strange trivia trip. Following in the tradition of *The Ultimate Book of Useless Information*, *The Curious World of Drugs and Their Friends* is a wry potpourri of interesting information about every conceivable kind of drug. Readers can feed their heads with anecdotes, facts, lists, statistics, and illustrations, including:

- The test results of animals on LSD—cats lose their fear of dogs, and goats walk in geometric patterns
- Drugs found in nature, from magic mushrooms to St. John's wort to beaver secretions
- Celebrities who overdosed at age 27—Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain, Brian Jones, and Jean Michel-Basquiat
- Imaginary drugs in literature and film, from spice the mélange in *Dune* to Moloko plus in *A Clockwork Orange*
- Nicknames for a joint—from doobie to giggly stick to Mr. Boom Bizzle
- The global percentages of adults who have used cannabis—.004 percent in Singapore and 12.6 percent in the United States
- The uses of opium in ancient Rome—from treatments for insomnia and epilepsy to colic and deafness
- The most glamorous rehab clinics and their celebrity alumni
- Mini-biographies of the biggest drug kingpins around the world

Embarking on his most dangerous adventure yet when he journeys to Capitol City, Ulf the werewolf works to prevent the wicked Baron Marackai from restoring the beast trade and overturning beast cruelty laws.

Why Dogs Eat Poop

The Ultimate Book of Surprising, Strange, and Incredibly Bizarre Facts about (Supposedly) Ordinary Things and Other Oddball or Gross Maladies, Afflictions, Remedies, and "Cures"

Usefully Useless

Did Thomas Crapper Really Invent the Toilet?

Star Trek: The Book of Lists

Who wore the first pants? Who painted the first masterpiece? Who first rode the horse? This madcap adventure across ancient history uses everything from modern genetics to archaeology to uncover the geniuses behind these and other world-changing innovations. In this book, writer

Cody Cassidy digs deep into the latest research to uncover the untold stories of some of these incredible innovators (or participants in lucky accidents). With a sharp sense of humor and boundless enthusiasm for the wonders of our ancient ancestors, *Who Ate the First Oyster?* profiles the perpetrators of the greatest firsts and catastrophes of prehistory, using the lives of individuals to provide a glimpse into ancient cultures to show how and why these critical developments occurred, and educate us on a period of time that until recently we've known almost nothing about.

Finally in English, *Island of Shattered Dreams* is the first ever novel by an indigenous Tahitian writer. In a lyrical and immensely moving style, this book combines a family saga and a doomed love story, set against the background of French Polynesia in the period leading up to the first nuclear tests. The text is highly critical of the French government, and as a result its publication in Tahiti was polarising.

The #1 New York Times bestselling series continues to delight and astound with an all-new collection of surprisingly unnecessary facts and figures. Would it surprise you to learn... •it takes a sloth about a month to digest a meal? •more tourists visit France than any other nation in the world? •the United States still has debt from the Revolutionary War? Do you think you ever need to know... •what type of trees are most frequently struck by lightning? •how much a clerk was paid for penning the U.S. Constitution? •which celebrity uses the pseudonym Slappy White?

Packed with over 500 fascinating facts, tricks and teasers, this book is the perfect companion for curious young minds.

The Secret History of Entertainment

The Giant Bathroom Reader

The Works and Correspondence of David Ricardo

Who Ate the First Oyster?

The Book of General Ignorance

... and 499 other questions

Shite's Unoriginal Miscellany

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 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!

The sequel to the bestselling Children's Miscellany: Volume One and Children's Miscellany: Volume Two.

Packed full of even more, even smarter, even stranger useless information. Discover the secrets of history, the animal kingdom, plants, planets, people and much, much more...

Did you know that during a visit to Germany, Peter the Great once used his host's curtains as toilet paper? That a French dwarf once sued his government for the right to participate in the sport of dwarf tossing? From Mother Goose to Gold Fever, Celebrity Scandals to Cults and Fanatics, and from Wis Thoughts to the World's Longest..., this is a wealth of incredible and occasionally improbable information. Be amazed, be appalled, but above all be enthralled by this cornucopia of craziness. Contents include: Weird Laws from around the world, Scientific Snippets, Astounding News Stories, Urban Legends, Crazy Animals, Brief Histories of everything from the Third Reich to Ancient Breakfasts, Peculiar Inventions, and much, much more.

Imagine life without the London Underground. The iconic Tube has been transporting Londoners around Britain's capital for 150 years, and today 150,000 passengers use the Underground every hour. This fascinating miscellany takes us on a round-trip through every aspect of the London Underground, from the history of its construction to its many appearances in books, films and popular music, giving a glimpse into the technical marvels beneath our feet and the many human stories that play out in its trains and tunnels every day. 1845: A pamphlet is published in which Charles Pearson, a London lawyer, pushes the idea of an underground railway to transport both passengers and goods to the city centre. 1863: On January 10 the Metropolitan Railway goes down in the history books when it opens the first subterranean railway in the world. 1998: A previously undiscovered breed of mosquito, adapted to life underground, is discovered living in the Tube network. 2012: Close to one million people use the Northern line alone, every day.

The Extraordinary Book of Useless Information

The Inventions That Changed Our Homes and Our Lives

facts & figures about Switzerland

Everything you'd Never Learn at School (But May Like to Know)

Why Would Anyone Want to Swing a Cat?

Even More Children's Miscellany

Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Extraordinary Book of Facts and Bizarre Information

Children's Miscellany Useless Information That's Essential to Know Chronicle Books

Following the sensational success of 1,227 QI Facts to Blow Your Socks Off, the QI team returns with a fresh stack of facts to astonish and enlighten. Pigs suffer from anorexia. Wagner always wore pink silk underwear. Rugby School's first official rugby kit in 1871 included a bow tie. Lord Kitchener had four spaniels called Shot, Bang, Miss and Damn. It is impossible to whistle in a spacesuit. J. K Rowling has no middle name. The first computer mouse was made of wood. If there are any facts you don't believe, or if you want to know more about them, all the sources can be found on QI's website.

For lovers of facts, students of popular culture, history buffs, and science enthusiasts, the foremost specialist on everything tells how and why hundreds of the everyday items, expressions, and customs we take for granted came into existence. Learn the fascinating discovery stories behind over 500 phenomena, including: How chewing gum and Silly Putty began as substitutes for rubber. How the potato chip emerged from an act of pique on the part of an Indian named Crum. How a socialite invented the dishwasher because servants too frequently broke her expensive china. Why April Fool's Day started out as New Year's Eve, a joke in itself. How the song 'Happy Birthday to You' began as a kindergarten jingle titled 'Good Morning to All.' How the zipper was one man's attempt to make obsolete not buttons... but shoelaces. How the newlywed husband came to the aid of his accident-prone bride with the invention of the Band-Aid. How the hot dog began as an outlawed Roman sausage and received its name at a New York baseball game. How a pot-and-pan salesman who baited customers with soapy steel wool pads launched the S.O.S empire. How Drs. Fallopius and Condom made strides in inventing and popularizing a male means of birth control. How the original Goldilocks was a disgruntled, gray-haired crone, tortured by the three bears. How Ketchup became from the Romans, Tabasco sauce from an exiled New Orleans banker, Mayonnaise from a French duke, and A.I. Steak Sauce from a royal chef named Brand.

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.

The Greatest Lists in the History of Listory

Smart, Silly, and Strange Information That's Essential to Know

The Extraordinary People Behind the Greatest Firsts in History

Children's Miscellany

Why You Should Store Your Farts in a Jar

1,339 QI Facts To Make Your Jaw Drop

Island of Shattered Dreams

Embodying the principle of 'everything you need but still easy to read', this fully updated edition of Core Radiology is an indispensable aid for learning the fundamentals of radiology and preparing for the American Board of Radiology Core exam. Containing over 2,100 clinical radiological images with full explanatory captions and color-coded annotations, streamlined formatting ensures readers can follow discussion points effortlessly. Bullet pointed text concentrates on essential concepts, with text boxes, tables and over 400 color illustrations supporting readers' understanding of complex anatomic topics. Real-world examples are presented for the readers, encompassing the vast majority of entitles likely encountered in board exams and clinical practice. Divided into two volumes, this edition is more manageable whilst remaining comprehensive in its coverage of topics, including expanded pediatric cardiac surgery descriptions, updated brain tumor classifications, and non-invasive vascular imaging. Highly accessible and informative, this is the go-to introductory textbook for radiology residents worldwide.

*The next book in the strange and fascinating series that began with the national bestseller Why You Shouldn't Eat Your Boogers & Other Useless or Gross Information About Your Body. The national bestseller Why You Shouldn't Eat Your Boogers & Other Useless or Gross Information About Your Body uncovered everything one might want to know (and a few things one might not) about the human body. The follow-up bestseller Why Fish Fart & Other Useless or Gross Information About the World contained an artful selection of odd and/or unsavory facts about the world. Why Dogs Eat Poop scoured the animal kingdom for gross and or off-color facts about animals. In this delightfully disgusting new book in the series, David Haviland plumbs the world of medicine to uncover the answers to such vitally important questions as: *What exactly is urine therapy? *Is it safe to fly with breast implants? *How did a nine-and-a-half-inch spatula find its way into a surgery patient's body? *Why do some boxers drink their own pee? *What is cyclic vomiting syndrome and how can one avoid it? Any fan of the absurd and/or obscure is sure to delight in this strange (and slightly stomach-turning) book.*

For the bestselling miscellany market, an NPR librarian's compendium of fascinating facts on history, science, and the arts How much water do the Great Lakes contain? Who were the first and last men killed in the Civil War? How long is a New York minute? What are the lost plays of Shakespeare? What building did Elvis leave last? Get the answers to these and countless other vexing questions in a All Facts Considered. Guaranteed to enlighten even the most seasoned trivia buff, this treasure trove of "who knew?" factoids spans a wide range of intriguing subjects. Written by noted NPR librarian Kee Malesky, whom Scott Simon has called the "source of all human knowledge" Answers questions on history, natural history, science, religion, language, and the arts Packed with valuable nuggets of information, from the useful to the downright bizarre The perfect gift for every inquiring mind that wants to know, All Facts Considered will put you at the center of the conversation as you show off your essential store of inessential yet irresistible knowledge.

Spanning the epic science fiction franchise's fifty-one-year history, a breathtaking collection of the most compelling Star Trek facts and trivia, including events from both on and off-screen, available in 100 concise lists. Since Gene Roddenberry's original series first aired in 1966, Star Trek has become a pop culture phenomenon, and one of the largest global properties of all time. Entertaining and fun, Star Trek: The Book of Lists catalogs the most compelling facts about the original series and its spin-offs, as well as its thirteen films, gathered together and broken down into one hundred lists, including: Historical Figure Cameos Crew Crossovers Memorable Deaths Intergalactic Threats, Enemies, and Villains Compiling a galaxy's worth of information in one handy digest, Star Trek: The Book of Lists is a fascinating

historical record of the Star Trek universe for both hardcore fans and casual viewers.

The Super Book of Useless Information

The Children's Miscellany

All Facts Considered: The Essential Library of Inessential Knowledge

The Most Fascinating Facts That Don't Really Matter

Even More Pointlessly Unnecessary Knowledge

Big Quiz Book: 1001 brain busting trivia questions

Volume 3

A third installment in the delightfully disgusting miscellany series that began with the national bestseller, *Why You Shouldn't Eat Your Boogers and Other Useless or Gross Information About Your Body*. In the New York Times (extended list) bestseller *Why You Shouldn't Eat Your Boogers and Other Useless or Gross Information About Your Body*, Francesca Gould uncovered everything you'd want to know—and a few things you'd rather you didn't—about the human body. In *Why Fish Fart and Other Useless or Gross Information About the World*, she scoured planet Earth for a rich assortment of odd and/or unsavory facts. In *Why Dogs Eat Poop and Other Useless or Gross Information About the Animal Kingdom*, Francesca Gould and David Haviland explore a subject positively rife with gross miscellany: the animal kingdom. Indeed, animals do the darnedest things and, in this vastly entertaining book, Gould and Haviland uncover a universe of strange, hilarious, and quite often disgusting animal habits, ailments, and practices, including: -Monkey-Faced Lamb disease; -farting snakes; -dino-chickens; -and a creature you've never heard of that eats with its eyes. *Why Dogs Eat Poop* is sure to delight any fan of the obscure and/ or grotesque.

Do you know how to milk a cow? . . . the symptoms of a venomous spider's bite? . . . where to find the fastest rollercoasters? You won't find such an eclectic collection of fascinating facts anywhere else. Whether you want to know how to beat an alligator in a fight, ways to speak in secret code, which insects are edible, or what the heck scolionophobia means, this is the book for readers both young and old.

Presents a whimsical compendium of popular misconceptions, misunderstandings, and common mistakes based on "common knowledge," culled from the fields of history, science,

literature, and biography, presenting such "helpful" facts as French toast comes from Rome, camels originated in North America, coffee is not made from beans, and more. 80,000 first printing.

Impress your friends with knowledge of all things American—geography, history, entertainment, people, culture, and quirky miscellany. More than 3,000 questions will fill countless hours of fun as you learn fascinating facts about our country. Now with facts and trivia related to the American flag and “The Star-Spangled Banner,” The Big Book of American Trivia has hours of fun packed within its pages. Perfect for party games, family gatherings, and vacations.

Just When You Thought It Couldn't Get Any More Useless--It Does

mental_floss: The Book

Gross But True Things You Never Knew about Animals

Core Radiology

The Big Book of American Trivia

Children's Miscellany Too

The Big Beast Sale

This is a stylish and durable slipcase containing three hardback volumes of the bestselling Children's Miscellany. It contains every piece of useless information that's essential to know, making it the perfect gift for both boys and girls who want to learn more.

Nothing you'll ever need to know is in this book The #1 New York Times bestselling series continues to prove that there are plenty of things in this world no one needs to know about. Why bother learning that... *Poland sells a drink called Fart Juice? *ATMs in Vatican City are in Latin? *a two-year-old learns about ten new words a day? *President George Washington checked out two library books that are now 220 years overdue? Do you really need to know... *how many clocks are in the Pentagon? *which state has towns called Intercourse and Virginville? *what WD-40 stands for? *the state with the fastest drivers?

Max is a child who worries. A lot. He worries about being bitten by spiders, abducted by aliens, or sometimes just that people don't like him enough. Soon it feels like his worries might take over the world! Thank goodness for Bob the dog, who shows Max that the best way to deal with worries is to share them with a friend. Told with sensitivity and a sense of fun, this relatable story encourages empathy and illustrates the importance of talking about worries. Stress and anxiety amongst children is a growing problem and this warm-hearted picture book provides a much-needed aid to help parents

calm their children's worries. Much like Benji Davies' Grandad's Island, this story tackles a sensitive issue with a lightness of touch, allowing parents to approach a difficult topic through the comfort of a fun story. Gabriel Alborozo's illustrations brilliantly capture family life and his appealing artwork injects some gentle humour into situations that will be familiar to many families. A modern take on Virginia Ironside and Frank Rodgers' The Huge Bag of Worries, Carol McLeod and Katherine Martin's Fill a Bucket and Amanda McCardie's A Book of Feelings, this is the perfect calming bedtime read for children ages 3 years and up. Praise for Gabriel Alborozo's The Colour Thief - 'With minimal text, simple drawings and an explosion of colours, this is an absolutely delightful book to share' - Irish Examiner

Faster than a speeding bullet, more useless than ever before. The #1 New York Times bestselling series reaches new heights of irrelevance with this powerfully pointless, all-new collection of the things you never need to know. Do you actually care that... there are three feet of DNA in every cell? Saturn has 47 moons? March is National Frozen Foods Month? in 2010 a traffic jam in China lasted ten days? Would it improve your life to know... which movie star wanted to be a funeral director? which state has the most horses per square mile? which dictator was obsessed with Cheetos? what day of the year the most cars are stolen in the United States?

A Visual Approach to Diagnostic Imaging

Why Dogs Eat Poop, and Other Useless or Gross Information About the Animal Kingdom

Useless Information That's Essential to Know

The Incredible Book of Useless Information

Thank Goodness for Bob

The Most Powerfully Unnecessary Things You Never Need to Know

The Indispensable Book of Useless Information

Provides facts about animals that are bizarre and disgusting, including birds that drink blood, spiders that look just like bird poop, and snakes that fart to scare away predators.

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 a year as it does today?

Do you know... ..how to hypnotize a chicken? ...why the sky is blue? ...which animals are most commonly named "Jaws"? ...how to make invisible ink? ...where to find the town of Ding Dong?

...how to turn your watch into a compass? ...what you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman? Find out, in this essential collection of the smart, the silly, and the strange. You won't find such a collection of bizarre knowledge and fascinating facts anywhere else. Whether you want to know how to talk to foreign animals, what to do if zombies attack, when to eat jellyfish, what a cryptid is, or how to be a phrenologist, this book is for you.

Fact lovers will enjoy this treasure-trove of serious and not-so-serious facts and figures about Switzerland - a collection of lists that will amuse and enlighten you with things you never dreamed you'd enjoy knowing. You can learn how to play Hornussen, be able to sing along to the Swiss National Anthem and understand what the Geneva Conventions stand for. You'll discover the special significance of number eleven in Solothurn, why a clock in Lucerne always chimes one minute before the others or where to find all the UNESCO Heritage sites in Switzerland. This lovely book is charmingly illustrated by Mischa Kammermann.

500 Things You Didn't Know

Mind the Gap

The Curious World of Drugs and Their Friends

A London Underground Miscellany

A Very Trippy Miscellany

The geniuses at mental_floss are back with mental_floss: The Book, a funny, surprising, fact-packed compendium of more than 200 of the Greatest Lists in the History of Listory. Commemorating the 10th anniversary of the award-winning mental_floss magazine, authors Will Pearson, Mangesh Hattikudur, and Ethan Trex offer a cornucopia of additive, edifying, oddball, and irreverent information guaranteed to make dedicated trivia fans "feel smart again." In the spirit of their top-selling book, Condensed Knowledge, mental_floss: The Book is perfect for everyone who likes to laugh while they learn.