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Weird But True! 2: 300 Outrageous Facts



Synopsis

Did you know that a great white shark can weigh as much as 15 gorillas? That meteorites the size of basketballs land on Earth about once a month? Kids will devour more than 300 wacky facts in *Weird but True!* 2 – the second installment in a lively new spin-off series from the award-winning National Geographic Kids magazine. National Geographic Kids is the nation's largest magazine for children, with more than 1.3 million subscribers and 5 million readers. The brand is rapidly gaining traction in the book market, with the huge success of *National Geographic Readers* and the *National Geographic Kids Almanac*. Straight from the pages of the magazine – its top-scoring feature, this little book is chock-full of tremendous fun. It's packed with even more of the wild-n-wacky facts, whimsical designs, and all-out reading fun that made the first *Weird but True* volume an early success. This book's compact size makes it easy to handle and fun to browse. Eye-popping photos and bold, colorful graphics nab kids' attention and entice them to read. Brain-bending facts cover a broad range of topics, from science to foods to pop culture and just about everything else under the sun. Kids will have so much fun that they won't even realize they're learning.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS inspires young adventurers to explore the world through award-winning magazines, books, website, apps, games, toys, television series and events and is the only kids brand with a world-class scientific organization at its core. Jonathan Halling is an award-winning creative director at National Geographic, where he has worked for more than 20 years. A graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology, he has also designed many book covers, including Buzz Aldrin's *No Dream Is Too High: Life Lessons from a Man Who Walked on the Moon*. To learn more, visit jonathanhallingcreative.com.

I am a middle school teacher and my students LOVE this book. It doesn't matter the age/grade, students in 5th grade through 8th grade keep coming back to it. It is a great go to to help calm a student down, or simply let them read if they finish their work early. I have read it myself and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The large pictures and text are great!

This book is packed full of fun facts. I bought it to keep my children busy during a family trip. They get motion sickness if they read too long, but do fine for a few pages here and there. This book worked perfectly as a distractor when they started getting on each others' nerves ("Hey, can you read another page of that cool book?" "Sure!") Time and again they'd read a factoid or joke aloud and the entire car would be shaking from the laughter. It not only kept the kids happy, it kept the parents awake and laughing, as well, and led to other conversations. After the trip, they took it to school and had a fun time sharing with classmates (quote: "I got to amaze the class a whole lot!"). Oh, and the book is smaller than a half-sheet of paper in size (but thick), so doesn't take up too much room in a backpack. We bought this book first, then got the first *Weird but True*. Greatly enjoyed both. I'm here now to get the *Ultimate Weird but True* next.

as described and arrived promptly

My 7 yr old daughter LOVES this book. She reads it to me during breakfast and I am always amazed by these little facts that I didn't know! It also gives me a chance to explain some things further, and so I get a bit of a teaching lesson in there as well. For example, "A giant squid's eyeball can be as big as a human head." Well, I had been to Mote Aquarium in Sarasota, FL where there is a giant squid in a tank (dead, of course). So I went to the computer to show her my pictures so she could visualize it. Also, there are many facts about the solar system which prompted me to take out other books to show her pictures of the planets, their orbits, features, etc. This book is awesome for

curious minds. I am now purchasing the first book and have pre-ordered the third one coming out in June/12. The book is written with crazy font types, colors and sizes and my daughter thinks it's fun to read. I recommend it!

My son, a fact and trivia lover, was and is still crazy about this book! Each page has multiple facts and he loves to read and re-read them over and over again. He has impressed me, his friends, and teachers at his school JUST with what he's learned from this book!!! I can't wait to purchase more from this series for him. Caution to Parents: If you purchase this book, or a similar one, be prepared for countless "Did you know..." questions!!!! ;o) Then again, you may learn a thing or two, like I did!

Encourages non readers to enjoy reading. Quick but amazing fun facts keeps their interests. Kids love knowing something that you might not know.

My 9 year old son reads these books over and over again and had been into them since about age . They're a great book to keep in the car and a really good alternative to bringing ipads or video games into restaurants etc.

What a fun little book. I love that you can sit at the dinner table, in the car, or just about anywhere and read for pure enjoyment. I have 7 and 4 year old daughters, and they followed me around all day reading me interesting facts (getting ready for work, driving to school, making dinner). I gave the book as a gift to my 9 year old nephew, and he did the same thing. Whether you have 5 minutes, or an hour, it is great entertainment...AND your kids will be learning and reading.

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