

Childrens Miscellany Useless Information Thats Essential To Know

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.

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?

It doesn't get any more useless than this! The most inconsequential entry yet in the #1 New York Times bestselling series proves that information is overrated. Your life won't be improved by knowing that... ? Frank Sinatra's mother was a convicted felon. ? Bugs Bunny was born in Brooklyn. ? The average American home contains \$90 in loose change. ? It is illegal to use the American flag in advertising. And there's no good reason to also discover... ? Which game show host previously worked as a garbageman. ? Which day of week is the most popular to rob a bank. ? Which millionaire loaned his kidnapped grandson ransom money at 4 percent interest. ? Which country once had a dog for a king.

The heartwarming true story of two penguins who create a nontraditional family. At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo got the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own.

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.

A collection of extreme, gross-out, cringe-worthy-and irresistible-trivia. How long does the human head remain conscious after decapitation? What fish communicates by farting? What birds use vomit and poop as weapons? What worm lives in your intestine and may crawl out your nose? What is 'liquid cat'? What historical figure drank the ashes of her dead husband? What men can tie their penises into knots? From trivia expert Don Voorhees, Disgusting Things: A Miscellany is the ultimate book of outrageous, revolting, and repugnant trivia, a collection of equally upsetting and intriguing facts that will leave the reader grossed out and wanting more.

A whimsical treasury of historical facts about everyday technologies shares the stories of such items as clock radios, deodorant, and fabric softener. Original. 12,500 first printing.

A collection of smart, silly, and strange information.

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.

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

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

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!

Test your knowledge of the last Time Lord and the worlds he's visited in Who-ology, an unforgettable journey through over 50 years of Doctor Who. Packed with facts, figures and stories from the show's galactic run, this unique tour of space and time takes you from Totters Lane to Heaven itself, taking in guides to UNIT call signs, details of the inner workings of sonic screwdrivers, and a reliability chart covering every element of the TARDIS. Now fully updated to cover everything through to the 12th Doctor's final episode, and with tables, charts and illustrations dotted throughout, as well as fascinating lists and exhaustive detail, you won't believe the wonders that await.

Crap. We all have it. Filling drawers. Overflowing bins and baskets. Proudly displayed or stuffed in boxes in basements and garages. Big and small. Metal, fabric, and a whole lot of plastic. So much crap. Abundant cheap stuff is about as American as it gets. And it turns out these

seemingly unimportant consumer goods offer unique insights into ourselves—our values and our desires. In *Crap: A History of Cheap Stuff in America*, Wendy A. Woloson takes seriously the history of objects that are often cynically-made and easy to dismiss: things not made to last; things we don't really need; things we often don't even really want. Woloson does not mock these ordinary, everyday possessions but seeks to understand them as a way to understand aspects of ourselves, socially, culturally, and economically: Why do we—as individuals and as a culture—possess these things? Where do they come from? Why do we want them? And what is the true cost of owning them? Woloson tells the history of crap from the late eighteenth century up through today, exploring its many categories: gadgets, knickknacks, novelty goods, mass-produced collectibles, giftware, variety store merchandise. As Woloson shows, not all crap is crappy in the same way—bric-a-brac is crappy in a different way from, say, advertising giveaways, which are differently crappy from commemorative plates. Taking on the full brilliant and depressing array of crappy material goods, the book explores the overlooked corners of the American market and mindset, revealing the complexity of our relationship with commodity culture over time. By studying crap rather than finely made material objects, Woloson shows us a new way to truly understand ourselves, our national character, and our collective psyche. For all its problems, and despite its disposability, our crap is us.

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. In this fixed-format ebook edition you can get the facts laid out as they intended, four to a page and curiously linked. 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.

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.

The Windsors are England's most famous family, but what are they really like when they're out of the public gaze? Behind closed doors in every Royal residence, from Buckingham Palace to Clarence House, there are two families - one upstairs and one down - and nobody knows a Royal quite like a Royal servant, intimately acquainted as they are with every quirk, foible and eccentricity. And there are a fair few! This is the inside story of the Royal Family through the eyes of those who know them best, a sneak peek behind the ermine-trimmed curtains to reveal what they really get up to in their spare time. Are they just like us? Or are they are a world apart? Here are the answers to everything we've ever wondered about the Royals: which programmes does the Queen watch on TV? What music did the Queen Mother listen to? Who can drive and who can't? What is it like to attend a dinner party thrown by Charles and Camilla? Who are the most popular (and most unpopular!) Royals to work for and why? *Not in Front of the Corgis* is the real Upstairs Downstairs - a unique and fascinating collection of all the secrets you ever wanted to know about the Royal Family. 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

What you may so cavalierly call useless information could prove invaluable to someone else. Then again, maybe not. But to The Useless Information Society, any fact that passes its gasp-inducing, not-a-lot-of-people-know-that test merits inclusion in this fascinating but ultimately useless book... Did you know (or do you care)... • That fish scales are used to make lipstick? • Why organized crime accounts for ten percent of the United States's annual income? • The name of the first CD pressed in the United States? • The last year that can be written upside-down or right side-up and appear the same? • The shortest performance ever nominated for an Oscar®? • How much Elvis weighed at the time of his death? • What the suits in a deck of cards represent? • How many Quarter Pounders can be made from one cow? • How interesting useless information can be? The Book of Useless Information answers these teasers and is packed with facts and figures that will captivate you—and anyone who shares your joy in the pursuit of pointless knowledge.

Packed full of fascinating facts that will astound and amaze, this irreverent but intelligent guide to the weird, wild and wonderful explores the bizarre truth about history, the animal kingdom, plants, planets and people.

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?

The Bentley Motor Car Company has a fabulous history of racing and of prestigious road cars - the name is synonymous with what is often [Illegible] to as the golden age of motorsport and even today evokes an image of high living and fast driving. Packed with hundreds of facts and figures, the Bentley Miscellany has everything a Bentley enthusiast could want to know about these superb driving machines: What the Bentley logos mean The most (and [Illegible]) successful Bentloys Bentley speeds at le Mans then and now Bentleys in film and James Bond's Bentley Famous Bentleys and their owners These and many other questions are answered in this fascinating compendium, making it a must-have for Bentley's many fans around the world and for all who are fascinated by the [Illegible] of a luxury brand.

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.

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.

How does teachers' pay compare to that of other professions? What do teachers do when they leave teaching? Which Oxford College did Margaret Thatcher go to? How can you spot plagiarism by pupils? And how can you monitor your workload? The best miscellany is one that manages to combine, without rhyme or reason, information that seems trivial and yet is somehow either useful, fascinating or both. From statistics about educational practice and policy across the world, through details (both ordinary and extraordinary) about the life of schools and colleges in both fact and fiction, to handy checklists for teachers, the author of the bestselling 100 Essential Lists for Teachers here provides the world of education with its first essential miscellany.

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

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.

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.

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.

From the bestselling author of the acclaimed Chaos and Genius comes a thoughtful and provocative exploration of the big ideas of the modern era: Information, communication, and information theory. Acclaimed science writer James Gleick presents an eye-opening vision of how our relationship to information has transformed the very nature of human consciousness. A fascinating intellectual journey through the history of communication and information, from the language of Africa's talking drums to the invention of written alphabets; from the electronic transmission of code to the origins of information theory, into the new information age and the current deluge of news, tweets, images, and blogs. Along the way, Gleick profiles key innovators, including Charles Babbage, Ada Lovelace, Samuel Morse, and Claude Shannon, and reveals how our understanding of information is transforming not only how we look at the world, but how we live. A New York Times Notable Book A Los Angeles Times and Cleveland Plain Dealer Best Book of the Year Winner of the PEN/E. O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award

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?

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.

Impossible to read at one sitting, but utterly unputdownable, *Schott's Original Miscellany* is a unique collection of fabulous trivia. What other book boasts an index that includes shoelace lengths, sign language, and the seven deadly sins; dueling and dwarves; the hair color of Miss America and the Hampton Court maze? Where else can you find, packed onto one page, the names of golf strokes, a history of the Hat Tax, cricketing dismissals, nouns of assemblage, an unofficial motto of the US Postal Service, and the flag of Guadeloupe? Where else but *Schott's Original Miscellany* will you stumble across John Lennon's cat, the supplier of bagpipes to the Queen, the labors of Hercules, and the brutal methods of murder encountered by Miss Marple? A book like no other, *Schott's Original Miscellany* is entertaining, informative, unpredictable, and utterly addictive.

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