

The 365 Stupidest Things Ever Said Page A Day Calendar 2017

A new, impulse-friendly collection of quotes from Kathy and Ross Petras, that celebrates our individuality and embracing and praises the imperfections that make us who we are. A gift that says: You be YOU, and you're great!

If someone hangs a stop sign upside down or paints crooked lines on a highway, count on someone else to snap a photo and post it online. You Had One Job! is a collection of hilarious pictures features job-related disasters and general ineptitudes. All of these new, never-before-seen images will be accompanied by witty captions.

The creme de la crud of screen history "War! War! That's all you think of, Dick Plantagenet! You burner! You pillager!" --Virginia Mayo as Lady Edith to George Sanders in King Richard and the Crusaders (1954) "Visits? That would indicate visitors." --Army captain learning of alien visits in Plan 9 from Outer Space (1959) "When I'm sitting here with you, I don't even think about the slime people." --Hero to heroine in The Slime People (1962) "Suck the coffin mushroom now." --The Ultimate Vampire (1991) "This is bad." --Leonardo DiCaprio as the you-know-what hits the you-know-what in Titanic (1997)

Presents a collection of quotations from persons over the age of sixty about life and growing older.

Not just stupidity, but obsessive stupidity! Not just random stupidity, but organized stupidity! Here, from the celebrated collectors of the stupidest things ever said, it's the cre`me de la cre`me of stupidities, made even funnier and more compelling in an irresistible top 10 list format. Try one: The Top 10 Stupidest Actual Book Titles: 1. A Toddler's Guide to the Rubber Industry 2. Constipation and our Civilization 3. Greek Rural Postmen and Their Cancellation Numbers 4. The Secret of Sphincters 5. A Pictorial Book of Tongue Coating 6. Life and Laughter 'midst the Cannibals 7. Be Bold With Bananas 8. Hand-Grenade Throwing as a College Sport 9. Collect Fungi on Stamps 10. A Study of Hospital Waiting Lists in Cardiff, 1953–1954 Plus lost-in-translation moments. Doubles entendres. Political speeches, foreign menus, traffic signs. Celebrities on literature, on homelessness, on revealing too much about themselves. Mangled cliches and bizarre analogies, the wit of the witless and comedy of the clueless—never before have so many said something so dumb, now in one book.

The 365 stupidest things ever said Stupidest Things Ever Said Book of All-Time Stupidest Top 10 Lists Workman Publishing

Uncommon times call for uncommon wisdom. It's inspiring to hear from people who've graduated from the school of hard knocks, yet kept a sense of humor. People like Twain, Voltaire, Oscar Wilde. People who've said the thing so well that we all wish we'd said it. People who've been there, done that, and refuse to sugarcoat what they've learned.

People who know, as Sherry Hochman puts it, that "Every day is a gift—even if it sucks." From Kathryn and Ross Petras, curators of craziness (and surprising smarts), comes a timely collection of reassuring reality: "Why is there so much month left at the end of the money?"—John Barrymore "October. This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks in. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August, and February." —Mark Twain "I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much."—Mother Teresa "When one burns one's bridges, what a very nice fire it makes."—Dylan Thomas "If you think you have it tough, read history books."—Bill Maher And Voltaire: "Life is a shipwreck but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats."

Required reading from great poets of our time. Drew Barrymore: "Upon Pondering Breasts." Tom Cruise: "An Exegesis on Psychiatry." Ann Coulter: "My Kind of Fun." And Trump and Sheen and Snooki, John Boehner and Michelle Bachman, Miley and Ke\$ha. Hugo Chavez. Even a Zen haiku by Emmitt Smith: I think it's his self-confidence in himself that makes him confident. With their great gift for curating the inane public utterances of celebrities, politicians, and other self-important loudmouths, Kathryn and Ross Petras offer a timeless collection of "found" poetry—real quotes formatted as verse for hilarious and surprising effect. The quotes are inherently addictive and funny—but turning them into verse intensifies the effect, making the words even more ridiculous, parodies to revel in. And the Petrases take it one step further: organizing the poems by themes, introducing each work with a Norton Anthology mock seriousness, discussing "schools," and larding the text with footnotes, The Anthology of Really Important Modern Poetry is pure deadpan pleasure. A whiff of Emily Dickinson in Ann Coulter? It's literary treasure, right under our noses.

Remember when A was for apple? Well, now (sigh) A is for aging. The A, B, Cs of adulthood differ ever so slightly from the popular grade school primers of the past inside Ross and Kathryn Petras's B Is for Botox: An Alphabet Book for the Middle-Aged. This hilarious board book has a fun, retro look and makes a unique gift for grown-ups who don't necessarily want to grow up. Dripping with sarcasm, each letter will remind you that while you still have your sense of humor, jokes about aging seem to ring a little truer than they used to! For example: A is for Antique. Arnold sees his favorite childhood toy, the Atomic Astro-Rocket, on Antiques Roadshow. It is officially an antique! "Hmm," thinks Arnold. "Does this mean that now that I'm middle-aged, I'm officially an antique?" Hmm. . . What do you think?

Wretched writing is the lowest of the low; it is a felonious assault on the English language. Exuberantly excessive, it is a sin committed often by amateurs and all-too-frequently by gifted writers having an off day. In short, it's very bad writing. Truly bad. Appallingly bad. It's also very funny. A celebration of the worst writing imaginable, Wretched Writing includes inadvertently filthy book titles, ridiculously overwrought passages from novels, bombastic and confusing speeches, moronic oxymorons, hyperactive hyperbole, horribly inappropriate imagery in ostensibly hot sex scenes, mangled clichés, muddled metaphors, and unintended double entendres. Sit back and enjoy these deliciously dreadful samples, and try not to cringe too much.

A book that proves idiocy is as old as time Think civilization has deteriorated and that people these days are dumber than ever? Dumb History proves that we didn't invent stupidity in the 21st century. You'll find facts from throughout the ages about everyone from Cleopatra and Napoleon to Elvis Presley and even NASA scientists. Consider this: • In 820 C.E., Emperor Hsien Tsung's herbalist presented him with an anti-aging elixir—it killed him • In 1849, Brooklyn inventor Walter Hunt invented and patented the safety pin and then sold all the rights to his invention for \$400. By the time he died penniless, the United States was producing an estimated five billion safety pins annually • In 1967, voters in the town of Picoaza, Ecuador, elected a brand of foot powder as their new mayor It's a wonder we've survived

as long as we have.

Look up Religion, and discover this from Paris Hilton: [The Kaballah] helps you confront your fears. Like, if a girl borrowed my clothes and never gave them back and I saw her wearing them months later, I would confront her. Or Anatomy, and find sportscaster Jerry Coleman: Winfield goes back to the wall. He hits his head on the wall and it rolls off! It's rolling all the way back to second base! Or Truth in Government—where's Senator Alan Simpson: There are a lot of things that we do that are irrelevant, but that's what the Senate is for. Arranged alphabetically, from Accident, Traffic to Zoology, Game Show Contestants—Knowledge of (and you wouldn't believe how distorted that knowledge sometimes is), The Lexicon of Stupidity is an overstuffed dictionary of quotes, banalities, actual book titles, holdup notes, menu items, TV listings, and more, each meeting one exacting criterion: they're so jaw-droppingly dumb you can't help but laugh. It's the wit of the witless. The comedy of the clueless. The giggly fun of celebrities, athletes, politicians, newscasters, and other pompous types planting a foot (or two) firmly in mouth. And no authors could be more qualified to pull it together than Ross and Kathryn Petras, whose calendar celebrating stupidity—The 365 Stupidest Things Ever Said—is a perennial knock-out, with millions of copies sold since its debut in 1995. It even includes real courtroom testimony: Q. Are you sexually active? A. No, I just lie there.

Workman now publishes a separate full-color calendar catalog that includes detailed sales copy for all 1998 wall calendars, desk diaries. Page-A-Day "RM" calendars, and other calendar products. Calendar titles for 1998 are listed here also and, for your convenience, can be ordered through this catalog. Please see the order form for display information. In addition, calendars ship in August unless noted on the order form. If you have not already received a copy of the full-color calendar catalog, please call us at: 1-800-722-7202.

A hilarious collection of lists, statistics, news items, quotations, and facts detailing stupid acts of Americans from all walks of life—by the authors of the bestselling The 776 Stupidest Things Ever Said Everyone knows that America is “the land of the free and the home of the brave,” but sometimes that means we're free to be as bravely stupid as we want! In Unusually Stupid Americans, Kathryn Petras and Ross Petras assemble choice bits of stupidity, U.S.A.-style, including •the top seriously flawed American advertising moments, including Pacific Airlines' brilliant “You're scared of flying? So's our pilot!” ad campaign, which led the airline to bankruptcy within two months of the campaign's inception •the Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration in Florida, where a plaque was un-veiled that was intended to honor the actor James Earl Jones but instead read, “Thank you James Earl Ray for keeping the dream alive” (an unfortunate slip-up, as James Earl Ray was King's assassin) •and much more!

Kathryn Petras and Ross Petras, bestselling authors of the scathingly funny Unusually Stupid Americans and Unusually Stupid Celebrities, now set their bipartisan sights on the hallowed halls of the United States government. Unusually Stupid Politicians exposes the mind-boggling but true political mishaps, missteps, and miscues that have even the savviest spin doctors shaking their heads and saying “No comment.” Sections include • Extreme Hairsplitting—such as when Florida governor Jeb Bush, after being accused of hiding in a closet from rampaging Democrats, denied the allegation completely, stating that “it was actually a boiler room” • Brilliant and Innovative Ideas from The Pentagon—like their groundbreaking "Gay Bomb," their "Bad Breath Inducing" halitosis weapon and their plans to enlist The Three Stooges in the fight against terror. • Creative Political Excuses—such as “I just discovered I'm Jewish and it's a Holy Day,”—used by Senator George Allen, who, after learning of his Jewish heritage, got out of a Senate hearing to “observe” Yom Kippur • The Most Egregiously Large Political Egos—measured in standard Chuck Schumer Ego Units (CSEUs) This hilarious and eye-opening exposé gives awards for “How I Blew My Campaign” and “Worst Campaign Ad,” and shares a list of candidates “endorsed by God,” as well as a list of those who lost because of Satan. So turn off C-SPAN and quit text-messaging congressional pages—you're about to learn what the definition of “is” is.

Collects quotations from senators, congressmen, presidents, and presidential candidates, ranging from Bill Clinton's argument on the meaning of "it" to Bob Dole's crusade to wipe out erectile dysfunction An entertaining anthology of some of the worst poetry ever written includes contributions from unknown writers, as well as terrible works from such acclaimed poets as Whittier and Wordsworth. Original. 40,000 first printing.

Presents a series of humorous lists on such topics as things to say to an alien, least complimentary compliments, and impossible-to-follow instructions.

If you think you've heard every dumb thing they've said or done...think again! Outrageous indulgent, and downright dumb. That's right, we're talking about the words and deeds committed by politicians, our favorite and least favorite people in the whole world. In this hilarious collections, it's the Democrats who step up to the mike, open their mouths, and insert their collective feet. Democrats do the dumbest things. Just ask any Republican who might wonder how Senator Ted Kennedy, whose legacy may have as much to do with his partying as with his party affiliation, kept his pants on long enough to serve the public. When Ted was photographed atop a twenty-two year old woman on a speed boat, a fellow senator quipped, "Well Teddy, I see you've changed your position on offshore drilling." You'll howl with laughter and wince in pain at the misguided actions, bizarre statements, and embarrassing moments of notable Democrats including Hillary Clinton, Jimmy Carter, Rev. Al B. Sharpton, Ed Koch, Gary Hart, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Jerry Brown, Lyndon Johnson, and of course, Bill Clinton. Find out the latest from presidential campaign 2000--namely what are Al Gore and local Democratic "loonies" doing to keep the "dumb hall of fame" from running out of members? Highlights include: After the Chicago Bulls won their sixth NBA championship in 1998 Vice President Al Gore gushed, "I tell you that Michael Jackson is unbelievable isn't he?" John F. Kennedy had this to say about aging: "There are two naked girls in the room, but I'm sitting here reading The Wall Street Journal. Does that mean I'm getting old?" Washington D.C. mayor Marion Barry once said, "Outside of the killing, we have one of the lowest crime rates in the country." These funny, edgy examinations of crazy political antics are sure to be as controversial as they are entertaining. Democrats will hate them. Republicans will love them. And everyone will want to read more.

Timeless in their wisdom, thought-provoking in their message, surprising in their truth and memorable in their originality, the right words can give direction, inspiration, and sometimes a tangible boost onto the right path. For example, Steve Jobs once read Stay hungry Stay foolish on the back cover of The Whole Earth Catalog, and those four words came to guide his life. Created by Kathryn and Ross Petras, connoisseurs of quotes, whose books and calendars have over 56 million copies in print, "Dance First. Think Later." is a collection of the greatest life wisdom from an unexpected group of speakers, doers, and thinkers. There are 618 rules to live by funny, sly, declarative, thoughtful, offhanded, clever, and always profound: Watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you, because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Roald Dahl If everything is under control, you are going too slow. Mario Andretti Never make a credit decision on a beach. Victor J. Boschini Dance first. Think later. It's the natural order. Samuel Beckett The only time to eat diet food is while waiting for the steak to cook. Julia Child What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight; build it anyway. Mother Teresa And: Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken. Oscar Wilde

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A compendium of 100 words and phrases smart people use—even if they only kinda sorta (secretly don't) know what they mean—with pithy definitions and fascinating etymologies to solidify their meanings. Your boss makes a joke about Schrodinger's cat—which is something you've heard of but you're a little vague about what exactly happened (or didn't happen) with that cat. Or you're reading a New Yorker article that explains that "Solecism slipped into solipsism into full-blown narcissistic project." An excellent point . . . if you're sure what "solecism" means . . . or, for that matter, "solipsism." Language gurus

Ross Petras and Kathryn Petras to the rescue! In the breezy and entertaining yet informative style of their New York Times bestseller *You're Saying It Wrong*, they give you a brief rundown on words smart people should know--from the worlds of science and the arts to philosophy, and from broader topics like quantum physics and ontology to more specific ones like Plato's cave and *trompe l'oeil*. They cover the Latin phrases we hear and read (*prima facie*, *sui generis*, and the like) as well as those that have entered our vocabularies from other languages (*bildungsroman*, *sturm und drang*). These are the words that, if you were asked directly, "What does this mean?" you might hem and haw and try to change the subject. After reading this book, you won't have to.

*Too lazy to drive to his girlfriend's house, a man ties helium balloons to a lawn chair--and ends up at 15,000 feet, closing the L. A. airport. *A Chinese contraception program causes the birth rate to rise when men are discovered taking birth control pills and unrolling condoms over their fingers--exactly as shown in the training film. *A gang of Norwegian thieves carefully uses explosives to open a safe--only to find the safe is filled with dynamite. . . In the national bestseller *The 776 Stupidest Things Ever Said*--over 200,000 copies in print--Ross and Kathryn Petras immortalized idiotic utterances by public figures and average citizens alike. But what about the doers out there, the people who didn't stop at speaking, but went right out and did something stupid instead? It's time to give credit where credit is due. *The 176 Stupidest Things Ever Done* is a hilarious collection of inane incidents, senseless stunts, farcical feats, and utterly asinine activities from throughout history, and around the globe. From Sam Goldwyn to Walter Mondale, Albert Einstein to Fabio, the board of General Motors to British Parliament, this comic compendium chronicles the stupidest acts, ideas, decisions, inventions, songs, and ad campaigns that the mind of modern man has been able to devise. *The 176 Stupidest Things Ever Done* is a non-stop barrage of belly laughs, conclusive proof that actions speak louder--and funnier--than words.

A COMPENDIUM OF WISDOM "Just when I discovered the meaning of life, they changed it." -- GEORGE CARLIN When change comes we have two options: Resist it, and lose. Or go with the flow, and grow. Which means there's really just one option--embracing change is the only path to living your true life. So laugh at it, with George Carlin. Celebrate it, like Patti Smith and David Bowie. Above all, grow with it, like Maya Angelou, Stephen Hawking, Rebecca Solnit, Rumi, and so many others. Arranged alphabetically by subject--including Adapting, Control, Faith, Letting Go, New Beginnings, Surprises--CHANGE HAPPENS is the book that says: You can do this...as often as you need to hear it. "Change is not merely necessary to life--it is life." -- ALVIN TOFFLER Exciting. But often painful. Exhilarating, but unsettling. Clarifying. Bewildering. Unpredictable, and yet inevitable. And usually all of those things at the same time. Like it or not, change happens, and when it does, here is a little book that offers true support--a collection of very wise words by very changed people who know just how you feel.

Takes a hilarious look at the challenges confronting English-speaking travelers around the world, from less-than-coherent road signs, to odd sounding food and drink, to impossible-to-follow directions, to other lighthearted examples of fractured English. Original. 20,000 first printing.

For word nerds and grammar geeks, a witty guide to the most commonly mispronounced words, along with their correct pronunciations and pithy forays into their fascinating etymologies and histories of use and misuse. With wit and good humor, this handy little book not only saves us from sticky linguistic situations but also provides fascinating cocktail-party-ready anecdotes. Entries reveal how to pronounce boatswain like an old salt on the deck of a ship, *trompe l'oeil* like a bona fide art expert, and *haricot vert* like a foodie, while arming us with the knowledge of why certain words are correctly pronounced the "slangy" way (they came about before dictionaries), what stalks of grain have to do with pronunciation, and more. With bonus sidebars like "How to Sound like a Seasoned Traveler" and "How to Sound Cultured," readers will be able to speak about foreign foods and places, fashion, philosophy, and literature with authority.

FROM THE VIRAL YOGA STAR - 43 MILLION VIEWS IN JUST FIVE DAYS Yoga as it's never been seen before! 'Yoga can feel elitist but the book does not alienate. Partly because of its gentle humour, and partly because the language does not assume any knowledge of terms or sequences. It's straightforward and to the point. And the scenery beats a sterile yoga studio.' - Evening Standard 'Apparently there is something about the recipe of beards, kilts, butts and the Scottish highlands that just works.' - Finlay Wilson 'Yoga and kilts in a Perthshire forest has proved to be just what the world was waiting for.' - BBC Get ready to lose yourself in the wilds of Scotland and reconnect with the natural world in this gorgeous little book that will make you look at yoga in a whole new way - kilt optional! After recovering from an accident, Finlay Wilson found yoga was the best way to rebuild his strength. Now a qualified yoga instructor himself, he's decided to bring a modern take to this ancient practice. Feast your eyes on his yoga moves and discover why his *Kilted Yoga* video became an instant global sensation. This beautiful book is both dramatic and inspirational, but also tongue in cheek, quirky and funny. Finlay introduces you to the fundamentals of yoga through four progressive sequences to help you develop your practice. Combining stunning photography of the Scottish highlands with practical advice, *Kilted Yoga* is the inspiration you've been waiting for - join the movement here. Check out the video that went viral: www.facebook.com/BBCScotland/videos/1085403278236761

Find the right words to encourage yourself and others in this collection of inspirational quotations. Pursuing a dream is hard work, but the right words delivered at the right time--by people who've been there and done that--can give us just the motivation we need. The right words can rekindle our enthusiasm, re-energize our efforts, dispel doubt, let us know we're not alone, and show us that the fight is worth it--and winnable. Kathryn and Ross Petras are masters at choosing and delivering just the right words. Their books?such as "Age Doesn't Matter Unless You're a Cheese" and "Dance First. Think Later."--and bestselling calendar, *The 365 Stupidest Things Ever Said*, have over 5.2 million copies in print. Now comes a book for dreamers and doers, plus writers, entrepreneurs, graduates, artists, future movers and shakers. Collecting the hard-won, brilliantly expressed advice from pioneers who have paved the way, including everyone from Rumi to Steve Jobs, Michelangelo to Oprah to Tina Fey, "It Always Seems Impossible Until It's Done" is like a rousing locker-room speech, inspiring courage, commitment, and perseverance. Featuring . . . "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." --Michael Jordan "Go for it, baby! Life ain't no dress rehearsal." --Tallulah Bankhead "Perfection is like chasing the horizon. Keep moving." --Neil Gaiman "If you aren't in over your head, how do you know how tall you are?" --T. S. Eliot "It always seems impossible until it's done." --Nelson Mandela One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

A book of inspirational quotations, *Nothing Is Worth More Than This Day* presents hundreds of reminders from some of the smartest people who ever lived--from Dr. Seuss to Erma Bombeck, Thich Nhat Hanh to Lena Dunham--that happiness is everywhere and the glass is half-full. It's the perfect gift of optimism, for good times and not-so-good times.

An entertaining and informative guide to the most common 150 words even smart people use incorrectly, along with pithy forays into their fascinating etymologies and tangled histories of use

and misuse. Even the most erudite among us use words like apocryphal, facetious, ironic, meteorite, moot, redundant, and unique incorrectly every day. Don't be one of them. Using examples of misuse from leading newspapers, prominent public figures and famous writers, among others, language gurus Ross Petras and Kathryn Petras explain how to avoid these perilous pitfalls in the English language. Each entry also includes short histories of how and why these mistakes have happened, some of the (often surprisingly nasty) debates about which uses are (and are not) mistakes, and finally, how to use these words correctly ... or why to not use them at all. By the end of this book, every literati will be able to confidently, casually, and correctly toss in an "a priori" or a "limns" without hesitation.

- Not for wimps- The perfect gift: Tell every woman on your list that you think she's someone to be reckoned with- From the bestselling authors of The 365 Stupidest Things Ever Said Calendar, The 776 Stupidest Things Ever Said, and 766 Even Stupid Things Ever Said

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Bobby Bowden is one of college football's greatest coaches, proving that you can win with a conscience while winning with consistency. He has excelled as a faith-based leader of family as well as football players. "The Book of Bowden" is a compilation of his best and brightest quotes, as well as quotes about him. (Motivation)

A connoisseur's compendium of Freudian slips, spoonerisms, double-talk, and utter bosh from famous and infamous figures past and present -- a complete course in anti-eloquence by the foot-in-mouth champions of all time.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. "The kind of book that can be life-changing." —The New York Times "Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank." —USA Today DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.

The Greeks honored Zeus, the Romans revered Juno, but modern civilization worships a different sort of god: Celebrity. Face it, we follow the stars' every move, fashion choice, and deliciously dishy affairs. Now Kathryn Petras and Ross Petras, authors of *Unusually Stupid Americans*, pull the demanding divas, screwball stars, and celeb-tweets off their pedestals—and prove it doesn't take a degree in rocket science to become famous. Cases in point: • Courtney Love misses an important court date relating to "possession of a controlled substance" because she can't find a professional bodyguard at the last minute. • Mariah Carey's entourage includes a skirt-from-touching-floor specialist, a towel hand-off person, and a professional drink holder/lifter. • Savvy traveler Paris Hilton concludes that all of Europe is, "like, French." • Mensa candidate and rocker Tommy Lee is pretty sure that Winston Churchill was president during the Civil War, that the numeric equivalent of pi is "the two-equals-MC-squared thing," and that an isosceles triangle is "somewhere in Bermuda." Feuds, faith, family, money, sex, tantrums, travel—no star-studded stone is left unturned. Filled with jaw-dropping anecdotes, quirky quotes, and special stupid-celebrity awards, *Unusually Stupid Celebrities* provides a red-faced glimpse of the red carpet.

Bill Crawford follows up his hit books *Rock Stars do the Dumbest Things* and *Movie Stars do the Dumbest Things* with a volume that reinforces what we've known all along - Republicans do the Dumbest Things. From George Bush barfing on the Japanese prime minister to Ronald Reagan's announcement of nuclear war, *Republicans do the Dumbest Things* is the first book to celebrate and catalogue the hilarious heritage of the GOP. This collection includes all the misguided actions, bizarre statements, and embarrassing moments of notable GOP members, including Bob Dole, Helen Chenoweth, Pat Buchanan, George W. Bush, David Duke, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, Rudolph Giuliani, Jesse Helms, Strom Thurmond, Richard Nixon, and Dan Quayle. *Republicans do the Dumbest Things* is the perfect book for Election 2000, a funny, edgy examination of Republican antics this is sure to be as controversial as it is entertaining. Democrats will love it. Republicans will hate it. And everyone will want it.

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!

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