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1000 Random Things You Always Believed That Are Not True



Synopsis

As the title suggests, 1000 Random Things You Always Believed That Are Not True, contains a huge list of interesting and unbelievable misconceptions about the world around us. This book helps break through all the myths that surround us and give you the straight facts on topics that range from animals to food and even to space. 1000 Random Things You Always Believed That Are Not True is packed with interesting, entertaining, educational and fun things to read. You'll get everything from the weird to the wonderful and from the horrible to the hilarious. We bust some common misconceptions such as: The tongue doesn't have different regions dedicated to different tastes. Every single taste can be sensed on every part of your tongue. Vikings did not wear helmets with horns on them.

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Customer Reviews

Surprising number of typos, contradicting "explanations", and flat-out inaccuracies. Several disputed "facts" were nothing more than social media opinion that no sane person would believe in the first place.

While this book is entertaining, it's not always correct. For example, myth 259. Contrary to popular belief Mexico is part of North America. There are two myths about smoking and cancer that cancel each other out. But overall an enjoyable factoid book.

I found this book very interesting and I like the format because sometimes I want to read without chapters if I only have a little time. Also I liked the facts themselves, I am an avid collector of trivia and this book had a lot I have never heard before as opposed to some books rehashing the same information. The only reason I am not giving five stars is it could have been proof read a little more closely, I found numerous spelling errors.

I would give it less than 1 star if possible. Many of the "facts" do not check out upon further research. It seems the author is just pulling and compiling snippets from different places without doing any research himself. Many of them are not only false, but misleading. Examples are myth 146 where the Amish are concerned, he groups all Amish sects into one, and falsely says that they use different types of electricity. Some do, some don't. Painting a broad picture of a diverse group just to dispel a so called "myth" is ignorant. Then myth 153 about vapor cigarettes, he states that 200 children per month (who lets children vape???) complain of "feeling sick" after vaping. Again, a totally misleading and misinformative statement that is contrary to scientific research. And I would love to have his sources for those numbers. Myth #142 talks definitively about the Easter Island statues and how they were made. There is still no definitive scientific theory that is widely accepted as true concerning these statues. The author chose one theory and decided that was true. I could go on, but it is tiring. The author is a hack and the book sucks.

Overall, I like to say, this book is NOT a scientific manual, and it should not be misconstrued as such. It intended to debunk myths that are commonly believed, and most of them are quite interesting. There are however some "truth" that is not true. For example, "The hair of a polar bear is transparent, and is not white...it just reflects the color of snow", that is just wrong. This book is entertaining, worth reading, but don't take it too seriously.

This book blew my mind. About every 10th random thing, I started doing fact checks. A few of the random things were wordsmithed to be true, but most of them were just downright amazing revelations for me.

Considering the fact that there are a 1000 facts to go up against from the author's side is huge but does not mean you put in fake truths misleading you from the real truth. I do advice you research on these so-called facts if you want a successful book. The book was amazingly interesting but there are certain times when readers have to question their own knowledge when coming up againsts counters. If I have to say you probably must have filed the facts from the internet without second thought. I mean, don't you doubt these facts yourself. I' m still uderway on the book so this may not seem complete. If you do plan on writing more factoid books (I look forward to it) then please keep this in mind. I know its too late to review the book now but please do go through it. Overall I would ike to say the book was fantastic. But honesly, I would have considered giving it a 3 star. Keep up the good material.

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