

FREE THIS BOOK OF MORE PERFECTLY USELESS INFORMATION

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This Book of More Perfectly Useless Information Introduction

That Book

Did you know that . . . John Wayne once won the dog Lassie from its owner in a poker game? Hijinks is the only word in the English language with three dotted letters in a row? The shortest war in history, between England and Zanzibar in 1896, lasted only thirty-eight minutes? Want to learn which U.S. president was a descendant of King Edward III? Or which famous people lived to read their own obituaries? Then That Book is the book for you! From history to science to pop culture, here is an irresistible, enlightening, and absolutely addictive treasure trove of fascinating and fun little-known facts that no one needs to know—an indispensable boon to every true lover of trivia and marvelous minutia!

The Essential Book of Useless Information

More facts! Less substance! The newest entry in the #1 New York Times bestselling Useless Information series. The useless information never ends in the newest, most crucially meaningless entry in the Useless Information series. This latest cornucopia of amazingly pointless facts and figures will have trivia buffs marveling at all the things they never needed to know.

The Perfectly Useless Book of Useless Information

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.

This Book

Did you know this... Billy Crystal's childhood babysitter was the legendary Billie Holiday? It is physically impossible for pigs to look up at the sky? The dot above the letter "i" is called a "tittle"? Would you like to know which celebrities died virgins, or which novel was the first written on a typewriter? Or are you simply looking for some way to entertain yourself in the bathroom? Would you like to know the working titles of the Beatles' songs, or what things were invented by women? Answer "yes!" to any or all of these questions and This Book—like That Book—is the book you've been waiting for!

The Indispensable Book of Useless Information

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?

The Totally Awesome Book of Useless Information

Weird and amazing facts for curious minds of all kinds Looking for fascinating facts and trivia that readers of all ages can enjoy? The Totally Awesome Book of Useless Information is filled with the oddest and funniest tidbits about history, science, food, animals, and more. A great gift for kids of all ages, this book features: 200+ interesting facts and trivia Engaging illustrations and easy-to-read format Portable size, great for road trips and family vacations This compendium is perfect for trivia buffs, history lovers, and anyone who loves to learn new things. For example, did you know that the Pilgrims ate popcorn at the first Thanksgiving? Or that the peach was the first fruit eaten on the moon? Or that there are oysters that can climb trees? You'll find all this and more in this amazing collection of useless information.

The Mega Book of Useless Information

Continuing the sensational success of the Useless Information Series, the Official Useless Information Society bring you another essential compendium of everything you never needed but always wanted to know. If you are a lover of the wonderfully pointless, then this is the book for you.

The Book of Useless Information

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.

The Book of Totally Useless Information

Provides answers to such questions as \"Was there ever a real Aunt Jemima?\" \"What is the difference between bourbon and Scotch?\" \"Why do trains have a caboose?\" and \"Why do we give names to hurricanes?\"

The Super Book of Useless Information

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?

The Incredible Book of Useless Information

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?

Most Amazing Book of Useless Information

Were you aware that, relatively speaking, the skin of a pear is thicker than that of planet Earth? If you weren't - then this is the brain stretching book for you, whether you treasure trivia, or are dotty for data or just a stickler for statistics.

The Great Book of British Useless Information

Which king ordered everyone to bed at 8pm? - How many Pot Noodles are sold every second in Great Britain? - How much does the hammer of Big Ben's bell weigh? If you want to know the answers to these and a whole host of other questions about Blighty, then this is the book for you!

The Book of Royal Useless Information

Continuing the sensational success of the Useless Information Series, the Official Useless Information Society brings you another essential compendium of everything you never needed but always wanted to know. A celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee this amazing volume contains all things royal such as: The popular misconception that the royal family cannot vote in political elections. It is only the Queen, herself, who is not allowed to vote. Other members of the family merely choose not to; • The Queen learned to drive in 1945 when she joined the wartime army but has never held a driving license; On the occasion of the Duke of Edinburgh's birthday, a Royal gun salute is fired, and the Union Jack is flown on government buildings from 8am until sunset; Lord Mountbatten, Prince Charles's uncle, tried to arrange a betrothal between his own grand-daughter, Amanda Knatchbull and Charles. Amanda's father and Prince Philip did not approve and put a stop to it; Harry has two secretaries to handle his fan-mail, which invariably comes from teenage girls asking him for a date. Hopefuls should be made aware that no royal contender may be adopted, divorced, Catholic or born of unmarried parents. In Tudor times Catholics were forbidden from living within 10 miles of the throne.

The World's Greatest Book of Useless Information

From the creators of the #1 New York Times bestseller The Book of Useless Information-a collection of even greater insignificance. More useless than ever before! Impress know-it-all friends with this all-new hodgepodge of frivolous facts and silly statistics that no one really needs to know. But honestly, how cool is it to find out that... ? There is a place in Maryland called Monkey's Eyebrow ? Giving yellow flowers is a sign of bad luck in Russia ? One brow wrinkle is the result of 200,000 frowns ? Paper can be made from asparagus This is the book that will also tell you... ? The meaning of 'mageirocophobia' ? Where it is illegal to kill a butterfly ? Huckleberry Finn's remedy for warts ? What bodily fluid the Romans used as a hair treatment And much, much more!

Indispensable Book of Useless Information (Father's Day edition)

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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?

The Ultimate Book of Useless Information

Bigger, better, and more useless than ever! In their groundbreakingly useless book, *The Book of Useless Information*, the members of the Useless Information Society proved that knowledge doesn't have to be useful to be entertaining. Now they present a new collection of their most fascinating, hilarious, and wholly trivial findings. *The Ultimate Book of Useless Information* includes such "did you know" as: - Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite - The average person spends two weeks of their life kissing - And giraffes have no vocal cords

Utopia

Utopia is a work of fiction and socio-political satire by Thomas More published in 1516 in Latin. The book is a frame narrative primarily depicting a fictional island society and its religious, social and political customs. Many aspects of More's description of Utopia are reminiscent of life in monasteries.

The Other Book... of the Most Perfectly Useless Information

The latest entry in Mitchell Symons's trivia trifecta is chock-full of more obscure scientific facts, sporting stats, celebrity gossip, and pure trivia than ever! Did you know that: Polar bears cover their black noses with their paws for better camouflage? John Steinbeck had to rewrite *Of Mice and Men* because his dog ate the first draft? Wayne Newton is a descendant of Pocahontas? Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood because metal was in short supply? Brooke Shields and Glenn Close are cousins? Diet Coke was invented in 1982. However, in 1379, a Mr. and Mrs. Coke of Yorkshire, England, named their daughter "Diot" (a diminutive of Dionisia, the predecessor of the modern-day name Denise)? Male monkeys go bald in much the same way that men do? James Gandolfini was voted Best Looking by his high school class? If you are titillated by trivia or fascinated by facts, *The Other Book . . . of the Most Perfectly Useless Information* will keep you entertained for hours!

The Amazing Book of Useless Information

From the creators of the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Book of Useless Information* comes another fun, foolhardy and completely frivolous, fact-filled book. The Useless Information Society's latest collection, *The Amazing Book of Useless Information*, will answer questions readers never even knew they had. From space travel to the history of jelly beans, this wideranging, brain-teasing, and altogether useless book will give readers information to out-trivialize even their cleverest of companions. Features such fascinating facts as: - There is a town in West Virginia called Looneyville - Women can talk with less effort than men - Lemons have more sugar than oranges And answers to these life-changing questions: - What was the Ancient Roman cure for a stomachache? - What is a "buckle bunny"? - Where is the coldest place in the universe?

Useless Information

If you are a trivia enthusiast, a pub quiz regular or just want to amuse people with little-know facts, then this is the perfect pocket book for you!

The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge

A short, provocative book about why "useless" science often leads to humanity's greatest technological breakthroughs. A forty-year tightening of funding for scientific research has meant that resources are increasingly directed toward applied or practical outcomes, with the intent of creating products of immediate value. In such a scenario, it makes sense to focus on the most identifiable and urgent problems, right? Actually, it doesn't. In his classic essay "The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge," Abraham Flexner, the founding director of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and the man who helped bring Albert Einstein to the United States, describes a great paradox of scientific research. The search for answers to deep questions, motivated solely by curiosity and without concern for applications, often leads not only to the greatest scientific discoveries but also to the most revolutionary technological breakthroughs. In short, no quantum mechanics, no computer chips. This brief book includes Flexner's timeless 1939 essay alongside a new companion essay by Robbert Dijkgraaf, the Institute's current director, in which he shows that Flexner's defense of the value of "the unobstructed pursuit of useless knowledge" may be even more relevant today than it was in the early twentieth century. Dijkgraaf describes how basic research has led to major transformations in the past century and explains why it is an essential precondition of innovation and the first step in social and cultural change. He makes the case that society can achieve deeper understanding and practical progress today and tomorrow only by truly valuing and substantially funding the curiosity-driven "pursuit of useless knowledge" in both the sciences and the humanities.

The Extraordinary Book of Useless Information

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?

Book of Useless Information

In 1995, a secret society was formed comprising Britain's foremost thinkers, writers and artists, to explore the world's most bizarre nooks and crannies, to trade and share in useless information. In this book, they reveal their findings to the public. Playwright, author and "Daily Mail" columnist, Keith Waterhouse, together with author and "Sun" columnist Richard Littlejohn, present a collection of information that details all you never needed to know and didn't need to ask.

Bullshit Jobs

From bestselling writer David Graeber—"a master of opening up thought and stimulating debate" (Slate)—a powerful argument against the rise of meaningless, unfulfilling jobs...and their consequences. Does your job make a meaningful contribution to the world? In the spring of 2013, David Graeber asked this question in a playful, provocative essay titled "On the Phenomenon of Bullshit Jobs." It went viral. After one million online views in seventeen different languages, people all over the world are still debating the answer. There are hordes of people—HR consultants, communication coordinators, telemarketing researchers, corporate lawyers—whose jobs are useless, and, tragically, they know it. These people are caught in bullshit jobs. Graeber explores one of society's most vexing and deeply felt concerns, indicting among other villains a particular strain of finance capitalism that betrays ideals shared by thinkers ranging from Keynes to Lincoln. "Clever and charismatic" (The New Yorker), *Bullshit Jobs* gives individuals, corporations, and societies permission to undergo a shift in values, placing creative and caring work at the center of our culture. This book is for everyone who wants to turn their vocation back into an avocation and "a thought-provoking examination of our working lives" (Financial Times).

The 48 Laws of Power

Amoral, cunning, ruthless, and instructive, this multi-million-copy New York Times bestseller is the definitive manual for anyone interested in gaining, observing, or defending against ultimate control – from the author of *The Laws of Human Nature*. In the book that *People* magazine proclaimed “beguiling” and “fascinating,” Robert Greene and Joost Elffers have distilled three thousand years of the history of power into 48 essential laws by drawing from the philosophies of Machiavelli, Sun Tzu, and Carl Von Clausewitz and also from the lives of figures ranging from Henry Kissinger to P.T. Barnum. Some laws teach the need for prudence (“Law 1: Never Outshine the Master”), others teach the value of confidence (“Law 28: Enter Action with Boldness”), and many recommend absolute self-preservation (“Law 15: Crush Your Enemy Totally”). Every law, though, has one thing in common: an interest in total domination. In a bold and arresting two-color package, *The 48 Laws of Power* is ideal whether your aim is conquest, self-defense, or simply to understand the rules of the game.

True Facts That Sound Like Bull\$#!t

Prove you are the smartest schmuck in the room with 500 true trivia facts that sound absurd. These facts are so absurd some might even say that they sound like bull\$#!t! Knowledge is power! Crush the competition at trivia night, or start the most interesting conversation ever with real facts that are hard to believe. This book is loaded with mind-blowing facts that are sure to keep you wondering, “How are these even true?” while equipping you to outsmart everyone around and blow their minds. Topics include: Science American Sports History Pop Culture Nature Put your game face on, and prove once and for all that you are the real know-it-all! Gather your friends and family 'round and get ready to learn some wild and crazy trivia and facts such as: True or False? A chicken once survived almost two years after having its head cut off. True or False? The dog that played Toto in *The Wizard of Oz* was paid a salary. How many baseballs does the MLB use every season? What state has jousting as its official sport? True or False? Most Canadians live south of Seattle. Stump everyone with True Facts That Sound Like Bull\$#!t!

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The Book of Lies

The *Book of Lies* was written by English occultist and teacher Aleister Crowley under the pen name of Frater Perdurabo. As Crowley describes it: “This book deals with many matters on all planes of the very highest importance. It is an official publication for Babes of the Abyss, but is recommended even to beginners as highly suggestive.” The book consists of 91 chapters, each of which consists of one page of text. The chapters include a question mark, poems, rituals, instructions, and obscure allusions and cryptograms. The subject of each chapter is generally determined by its number and its corresponding Qabalistic meaning.

The Book of Stupid Questions

A special 25th anniversary edition of the extraordinary international bestseller, including a new Foreword by Paulo Coelho. Combining magic, mysticism, wisdom and wonder into an inspiring tale of self-discovery, *The Alchemist* has become a modern classic, selling millions of copies around the world and transforming the

lives of countless readers across generations. Paulo Coelho's masterpiece tells the mystical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. His quest will lead him to riches far different—and far more satisfying—than he ever imagined. Santiago's journey teaches us about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, of recognizing opportunity and learning to read the omens strewn along life's path, and, most importantly, to follow our dreams.

The Alchemist

From \"one of the most significant figures of the last generation of fantasy\"

The Book of Hidden Things

The Book of Unusual Knowledge is a mammoth 704-page hardcover book crammed with a cornucopia of information--some useful, others not so much--but all of it completely captivating. It's perfect for anyone with a curious mind and a passion for learning. With quirky illustrations and a vast array of articles, anecdotes, lists, and games, this book will provide hours of fascinating reading. It will also expand your knowledge on a range of topics, including the animal kingdom, art, sports, technology, history, politics, the universe, and much, much more. Sample topics include: * Are plastic bags killing sacred cows in India? * Does NASCAR have roots in bootlegging moonshine? * Did Ronald Reagan see not one--but two--UFOs during his lifetime? Gorgeous leatherette binding with gilded accents makes The Book of Unusual Knowledge a handsome addition to your library.

The Book of Unusual Knowledge

The Book of Useless Information addresses virtually every imaginable topic, from the most unusual tourist attractions in the United States to the legend of Dracula. This 704-page padded hardcover book contains 250 articles, statistics, facts, trivia, and lists that range from absurd to useless to hilarious. Readers learn about the deadliest diseases of the 20th century, the craziest entertainment acts of all time, the world's most unusual museums, the most outlandish laws on the books, the biggest Hollywood blunders, the most dangerous jobs, and much more. Quirky illustrations enhance the stories. Sample chapters include: The Unexplained, Science and Technology, The Arts, History, Around the World, and Death and the Macabre The Book of Useless Information provides hours upon hours of fascinating reading for anyone with a curious mind. Makes a wonderful gift for trivia buffs.

The Book of Useless Information

This book is blank inside. That's correct, no printed pages! A perfect gift for someone who has everything. Kris Kringle, Birthday, Joke present, Leaving gift, for your boss, a family member, a school friend. It's just a book that is useless or is it?

The Useless Book of Absolutely Nothing!

Ancient tradition suggests that this world-weary lament is the work of Solomon in old age. Casting its eye over the transient nature of life, the book questions the striving for wisdom and the truth, choosing instead to espouse the value of living for the moment. The text is introduced by Doris Lessing.

Ecclesiastes or, The Preacher

Expect the unexpected in this ridiculously named, reassuringly chunky book, jam-packed full of eye-opening absurd facts, lies, half-truths, thoughts, suggestions and musings with more footnotes than an orchestra of millipedes. Lists include: \"Possessors of Notable Moustaches (Real or Otherwise)\"

Philip Ardagh's Book of Absolutely Useless Lists for Absolutely Every Day of the Year

Collects trivia from a wide range of subjects, including the wearing of earrings by pirates to improve their eyesight, the tongue's role as the strongest muscle in the human body, and the historical origins of the word "Bigwig."

That Book

A compendium of 1,001 facts about food, human behavior, health, drug use, the weather, animals, and more.

1,001 Facts that Will Scare the S#*t Out of You

In *god is Not Great* Hitchens turned his formidable eloquence and rhetorical energy to the most controversial issue in the world: God and religion. The result is a devastating critique of religious faith. *god is Not Great* is the ultimate case against religion. In a series of acute readings of the major religious texts, Christopher Hitchens demonstrates the ways in which religion is man-made, dangerously sexually repressive and distorts the very origins of the cosmos. Above all, Hitchens argues that the concept of an omniscient God has profoundly damaged humanity, and proposes that the world might be a great deal better off without 'him'.

God Is Not Great

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