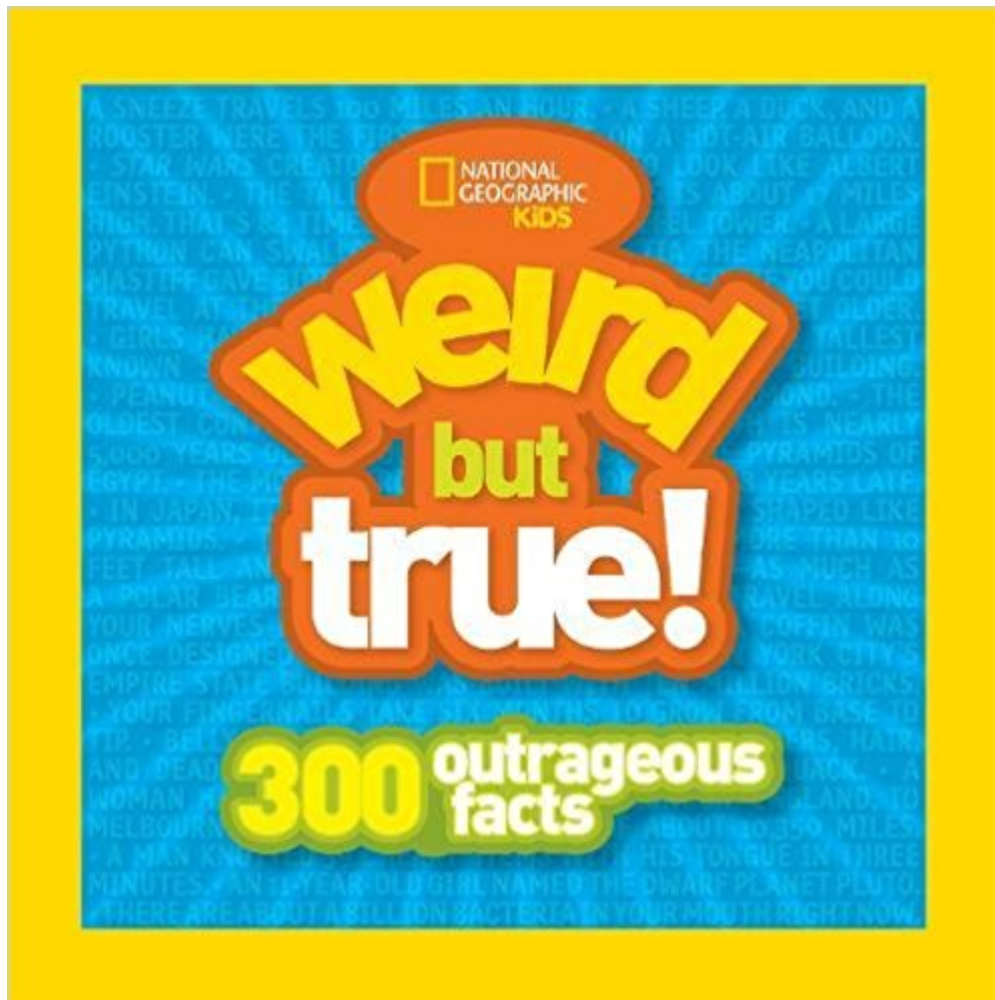




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Kids Weird But True: 300 Outrageous Facts



Synopsis

At last, all those weird but true facts that readers of National Geographic Kids love so much are collected into a fun-filled book that you'll come back to again and again! *Weird But True* is based on the hugely popular magazine page of quirky, fun facts that many readers of National Geographic Kids magazine turn to first. Why? Well did you know that... Peanut butter can be converted into a diamond? The world's oldest pet goldfish lived to be 43 years old? The world's longest soap bubble was as long as four school buses? On Neptune, the wind blows up to 1,243 miles an hour? An elephant's tooth can weigh as much as a bowling ball? All of the facts in this handy book will amaze friends and family: Animals Superpowers... Chills and Thrills... Eat or Be Eaten... Mini and Mega... Wild and Crazy, and much, much more. Adjacent pages for such facts present a one-paragraph explanation of how that fact is possible or why it is so. Wacky facts, fascinating information, and lively art combine in this easy-to-browse, casual reference book that is sure to give young readers hours of fun.

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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.

My son loves these books. We started reading National Geographic Kids books when he was about six (he's nine now) and I can honestly say that these books have been instrumental in teaching him to read. His favorites are those from the "Weird, But True" series. We own the first five books in the series and have the ones not yet published on pre-order. One weekend last spring, our son actually read one entire 300 pg. book from this series to my husband and I over the course of two days - 50 pg.s three times a day until he'd finished. I mention this because last year my son was sent to a reading specialist because his teacher was concerned that he was reading below his age-level. Although I was happy for him to receive the extra attention from the specialist, I always doubted that he had any real problems reading because he read the Nat'l Geo books to us constantly. Thankfully, I was right. He no longer sees the reading specialist, reads above his grade-level, and even reads out-loud to his classmates at lunchtime. Why is this so important? Because kids are often labeled as poor readers when it's not that they can't read, but rather that they simply aren't interested in what they are being given to read. My teen-age step-daughter grew up thinking that she was a poor reader, too. That all changed when I gave her the Twilight Series. She read the last book, "Breaking Dawn," (756 pages) in less than 48 hours! There are several elements that make the Nat'l Geo Weird, But True series so appealing, particularly to elementary aged boys. The layouts are very simple, not cluttered. Each fact is only one or two sentences long. The font is much larger than what you would find in a typical chapter book designed for this age group. And the visual images are excellent - exciting, funny, interesting - they immediately draw the reader in, curious to find out more. As a parent, teacher, library volunteer, and chairperson of my son's Scholastic Book Fairs, all of the books in this series are ones that I have and will continue to recommend for lower elementary-aged children!

This is a rare case of "you CAN judge a book by its cover". Every fact presented in this entertaining and fascinating book IS weird and true. Many pages will leave the reader shaking their heads saying things like, "No way..." or just "Whoa," often wanting to learn more about the amazing statement. One often wishes there was accompanying explanations for the astounding facts, but

that'll just have to be research for another day. There are a few facts per full-color page and the graphics and design are engaging but not distracting. There are a couple of facts more gentle readers might find "gross", but they'll be largely palatable for the average elementary schooler's curious mind. If you've got a budding explorer, scientist, adventurer, or trivia buff, this would be an excellent and entertaining way to perk their curiosity.

The students love these National Geographic books. They not only get them into reading but they enjoy showing each other odd facts. Great communication books!

item as and shipping as described, kids loved it

I purchased this as a gift for an unknown child in a christmas book exchange and I flipped through it before mailing it off to the child in question. The facts in the book seemed fun and interesting for mid elementary school age kids as recommended by the publisher. And it would encourage kids to both read and learn new things which is always a positive thing so I'm sold on it.

I bought this book to stimulate my granddaughters' interest rather than buy them some "Junk du Jour" for Christmas. The unorthodoxy of the contents with the unexpected illustrations is sure to do just that. I remember devouring the dreadful comic books of my day much to the consternation of my parents, but, looking back, they imbued in me a lifelong habit of reading for pleasure; history and biography nowadays as the comic books couldn't keep up with my hunger for information. If I can plant this hunger or curiosity in those two (granddaughters), it's money well spent, anything to get them off that damned iPad and such electronic gadgetry. This one went to the youngest.

The seven year old nephew loves to read aloud from this book to whomever will listen. He tells us all "You'd better pay attention, this is going to be on the test and you are going to get a big fat juicy red zero!" I guess where he got that line from? :-) He loves school and playing teacher and being able to tell his friends weird but true facts. This book was a real Christmas win!

All children love weird fun stuff. It is a fun, easy way to capture their imagination and laughter, even as you introduce them to the pleasure of reading, or even being read to. It also encourages that one on one time, so special, between parent and child, often so difficult with ADHD, or

Autism/Aspberger's spectrum. I bought every one of these Weird but True books and grandson loves them all, now that his ability to focus is improving. He age 8. I recommend them to a parent of any age child, but especially those who have children with learning differences.

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