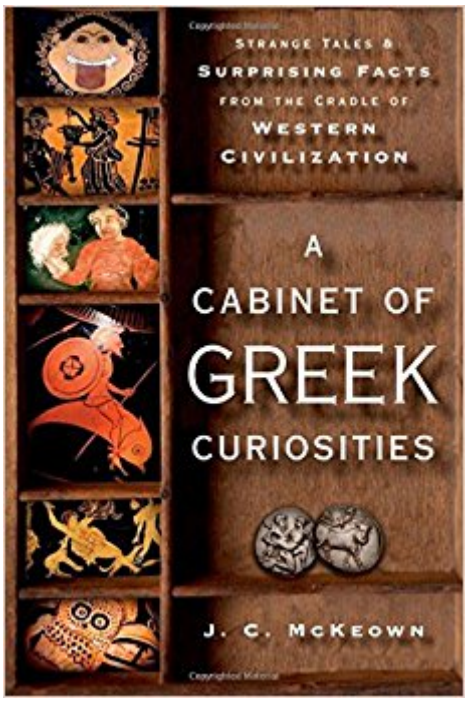
Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

A Cabinet Of Greek Curiosities: Strange Tales And Surprising Facts From The Cradle Of Western Civilization



PDF
Adobe
DOWNLOAD EBOOK

Synopsis

The ancient Greeks were a wonderful people. They gave us democracy, drama, and philosophy, and many forms of art and branches of science would be inconceivable without their influence. And yet, they were capable of the most outlandish behavior, preposterous beliefs, and ludicrous opinions. Like its companion volume, A Cabinet of Roman Curiosities, this is an uproarious miscellany of odd stories and facts, culled from a lifetime of teaching ancient Greek civilization. In some ways, the book demonstrates how much the Greeks were like us. Politicians were regarded as shallow and self-serving; overweight people resorted to implausible diets; Socrates and the king of Sparta used to entertain their children by riding around on a stick pretending it was a horse. Of course, their differences from us are abundantly documented too and the book may leave readers with a few incredulous questions. To ward off evil, were scapegoats thrown down from cliffs, though fitted out with feathers and live birds to give them a sporting chance of survival? Did a werewolf really win the boxing event at the Olympic Games? Were prisoners released on bail so that they could enjoy dramatic festivals? Did anyone really believe that Pythagoras flew about on a magic arrow? Other such mysteries abound in this quirky and richly illustrated journey into the "glory that was Greece.""The loveliest thing on the black earth." Sappho of Lesbos"Well worth getting a copy." Pisistratus of Athens"Meticulously written, a must for every library." Ptolemy of Alexandria"Unputdownable." Atlas the Titan"Fantastic! Incredible!" Cassandra, priestess of Apollo"The ideal gift." Laocoon of Troy"Not too long." Callimachus of Cyrene"I find something new every time I dip in."Archimedes of Syracuse

Book Information

Hardcover: 304 pages
Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (June 1, 2013)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0199982104
ISBN-13: 978-0199982103
Product Dimensions: 8.3 x 1.2 x 5.8 inches
Shipping Weight: 15.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)
Average Customer Review: 3.5 out of 5 stars 11 customer reviews
Best Sellers Rank: #1,025,117 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #97 inÃ Â Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Genres & Styles > Humor #103 inÃ Â Books > Humor & Entertainment > Humor > Theories of Humor #674 inÃ Â Books > Humor & Entertainment > Trivia

& Fun Facts

Customer Reviews

"The selections are, on the whole, intriguing and often delightful... A Classicist will find much to use, and as a gift to a friend who wonders how the ancients can hold our fascination so thoroughly, this cabinet will surely inform and charm the recipient." --Bryn Mawr Classical Review

J. C. McKeown is Professor of Classics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, coeditor of the Oxford Anthology of Roman Literature, and author of Classical Latin: An Introductory Course and A Cabinet of Roman Curiosities.

I bought Cabinet of Roman Curiosities several years ago and enjoyed it so much that of course I placed an advance order for McKeown's second cabinet, Cabinet of Greek Curiosities. It is a delightful book filled with quirky stories and facts about the ancient Greeks. You can pick it up and set it down without worry since it is organized into small snippets of information by subject matter. I am not an ancient history buff and knew little about the Romans or Greeks so this book was perfect for me. But even if you are an ancient history person, you will enjoy this book since these types of stories are not the kind the thing you find in history books. McKeown acknowledges in his introduction that this is not meant to be a scholarly work, even though he is a Classicist, and that it is meant for entertainment. However, it is not all light. I'm glad that I am not a woman living in ancient Greece for his chapter on women shows just how awful that was and he doesn't sanitize the stories at all. I was a bit surprised to see that the chapter on Sex was not as racy as the Roman counterpart, which is titled Not for the Puritanical. Out of the 24 chapters, I especially enjoyed Animals, Food, Magic, and Tourist Attractions. Even the ones I did not expect to enjoy quite so much, such as Homer and Sparta, were interesting. The illustrations are wonderful. I would definitely recommend this book.

Not what I expected nor easy to access at least via Kindle, but glad I have it for those moments I only have moments to read--like doctors' waiting rooms. Or as a sort of reference.

The book is full of interesting facts and quotes. Very fun to read! An easy light read by the pool!

This is a delightful book for history buffs interested in the subject. Easy to pick up and put down for

casual reading. I plan to buy his book on Roman Curiosities.

Very entertaining! Nice division of subject matter makes it great to dip into any time. Weird, surprising, fulled with irony and humor.If it’s all Greek to you, check this out and enjoy!

Stories were interesting, but overall did not care much for the book.

Ancient Greece as we never knew it. Fascinating to read on a cold winter night, or a lazy summer afternoon.

the topic of this book seems fascinating, but it is hardlya book, it is a collection of notes and facts without any realcommentary, introduction, or structure.i’m sorry, this book is boring. even for the sake of learning trivia,it doesn’t work for me.i would have thought a book about ancient greece wouldhave a little more about "strange tales and surprising facts" aboutsexual life than the author lists, in fact... seems like he intentionallyleft about a large part of that...I confess, I donated this book to charity rather than keep it on my bookshelf.

Download to continue reading...

A Cabinet of Greek Curiosities: Strange Tales and Surprising Facts from the Cradle of Western Civilization Greek: Greek Recipes - The Very Best Greek Cookbook (Greek recipes, Greek cookbook, Greek cook book, Greek recipe, Greek recipe book) GREEK MYTHOLOGY: Greek Gods Of Ancient Greece And Other Greek Myths - Discovering Greek History & Mythology - 3rd Edition - With Pics (Greece, Greek, Egyptian ... Greek History, Mythology, Myths Book 1) The Art and Craft of Cabinet-Making: A Practical Handbook to the Construction of Cabinet Furniture, the Use of Tools, Formation of Joints, Hints on ... Out Work, Veneering, Etc (Classic Reprint) Guillermo del Toro Cabinet of Curiosities: My Notebooks, Collections, and Other Obsessions Cabinet of Curiosities: Collecting and Understanding the Wonders of the Natural World Guillermo del Toro’s Cabinet of Curiosities: My Notebooks, Collections, and Other Obsessions Professor Stewart’s Cabinet of Mathematical Curiosities Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things Cradle to Cradle North Carolina Curiosities, 3rd: Jerry Bledsoe’s Guide to Outlandish Things to See and Do in North Carolina (Curiosities Series) Indiana Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities, and Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) Indiana Curiosities, 2nd: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities, and Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) Maine Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities, and Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) Maine Curiosities, 2nd: Quirky Characters,

Roadside Oddities, and Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) Alabama Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) Alabama Curiosities, 2nd: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) Colorado Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) Connecticut Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series) Connecticut Curiosities, 2nd: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series)

Contact Us

DMCA

Privacy

FAQ & Help