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Weird But True! 5: 300 Outrageous Facts



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Synopsis

Presenting all-new, brain-bending facts and eye-popping illustrations on science, animals, food, space, pop culture, geography and everything else imaginable. Did you know lemons can power light bulbs, or that some goats and climb trees? In this title are 300 more outrageous and unbelievable facts like these in fifth installment of the Weird But True series, Weird But True! 5.

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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.

Did you know you can use Gatorade to clean your toilet? Or that an octopus can detach an arm on purpose and then regrow it? Or that sticking raw bacon in your nostrils can stop serious nosebleeds? Or that the Mississippi River sometimes flows backward? These are just four of the 300 weird facts you'll find in this fun to read book.

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 children from pre-K through lower elementary!

I ordered this for our library. It comes in and goes out immediately. The students love these books. They not only get them into reading but they enjoy showing each other odd facts. Great communication books!

Yes, my kid is the one whose brain is a storehouse of random facts, to be extracted and shared at appropriate (and inappropriate--because he is 11) times. This series is hands-down his favorite.

My eldest son, age 8, loves this book, which is part of a long series of excellent "Weird but True" books. I love listening to him recite a staggering array of strange facts. I love hearing his older sister screech, "That can’t be true! Ew!!!" And I love seeing my youngest son steal this book and hide it under his mattress. Oops. Hope Jim isn’t reading this.

I bought the books for my 9 year old granddaughter. She and her friends LOVE the books and spend hours reading them. The girls took 3 of the books ()#1 to #4) to a Girl Scout camping trip and stayed up late at night reading to each other). It is amazing but the girls remember many of the facts and repeat them later. It makes a great gift for a 8-? year old.Thanks National Geographic.

My daughter bought this book for her brother. We ALL enjoy reading the fun facts in it. My son's in second grade, so I love that the book encourages him to read to us. He actually enjoys reading aloud, and we get some interesting new tid bits!

I am reviewing these, and just realized how many I got! Yes there are a lot of them in the series, but they are all great, and our kids both love them. The 6 1/2 year old reads them to his younger brother and both laugh! What can be better than that!

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