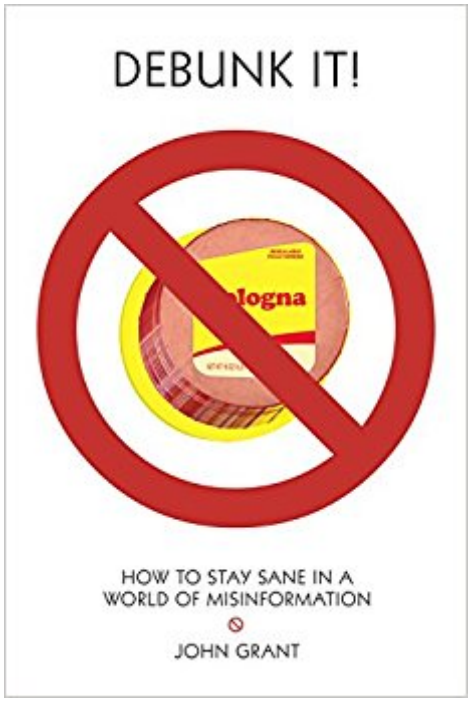
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Debunk It!: How To Stay Sane In A World Of Misinformation



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Synopsis

We live in an era of misinformation, much of it spread by authority figures, including politicians, religious leaders, broadcasters, and, of course, apps and websites. With so much bogus information coming from so many sources, how can anyone be expected to discover the truth?In Debunk It, author John Grant uses modern, ripped-from-the-headlines examples to clearly explain how to identify bad evidence and poor arguments. He provides a roundup of the rhetorical tricks people use when attempting to pull the wool over our eyes, and even offers advice about how to take these unscrupulous pundits down.So if you're tired of hearing blowhards spouting off about climate change, history, evolution, medicine, and more, this is the book for you. Debunk It is the ultimate guide for young readers seeking a firmer footing in a world that's full of holes.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 9 UpÃ¢â ¬â •This enlightening new title not only successfully debunks myths and commonly held beliefsÃ¢â ¬â •it’s an essential primer for encouraging critical thinking skills. Grant explains that individuals are constantly under siege from misinformation spread by bloggers, politicians, talking heads, pundits, and those who believe the lies and repeat them without questioning. He describes some of the dangers of disseminating misinformation; defines logical fallacies, such as ad hominem or straw man attacks; and gives a basic explanation of the scientific method. Once teens are armed with a healthy sense of skepticism, Grant moves on to tear apart some of what he considers to be the worst examples of misinformation: creationism, alternative medicine, the claim

that vaccines lead to autism, and climate change denial, among others. Teen readers will appreciate Grant’s brutal honesty and snarky tone, as well as his liberal use of the term bullshit (to describe distorted or fabricated info). However, he never stoops to merely mocking those he believes to be spreading erroneous information, instead using logic and evidence to dismantle poor arguments piece by piece. Grant’s enthusiasm for his subject is infectious, and students and educators alike will appreciate both his style and substance. Pair this one with Paul Fleischman’s Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines (Candlewick, 2014) for a lesson on questioning authority, recognizing bias, and vetting sources. VERDICT This can’t-miss title is great recreational reading for budding skeptics as well as an outstanding addition to units on science, current events, or debate. A must-have.Ã¢â ¬â •Mahnaz Dar, School Library Journal

John Grant has received two Hugo Awards, the World Fantasy Award, the Locus Award, and a number of other international literary awards. Under his real name, Paul Barnett,Ã Â he earned a Chesley Award and anÃ Â additionalÃ Â World Fantasy Award nomination.

While the author predictably tells us to check out the sources for a speaker’s and writer’s claims, he points out that some will use impressive sounding sources and references that do not exist or use real ones but which do not support the speaker’s claims (on the assumption that no one will bother to look them up). Checking sources is not something that we are always able to do; especially when none are given, even if we had the time and resources to mount an investigation if sources were cited. Investigating sources gets a "Yes, but..." score.On the other hand, his accounts of specific strategies used to bamboozle in current public disputes are quite informative and use many examples that we have heard or seen used in the evolution vs intelligent design, science vs. God, or climate change controversies. Many arguments whose proponents deliberately couch them in what appears to be simple "common sense" get exploded here. I highly recommend copying pages 82-84 which contain "Your Very Own Bullshitometer: A Quick Checklist". John Grant’s checklist goes beyond the old preacher’s adage, "When your argument is weak, pound the pulpit!".

A fun book with good info aimed at the younger reader, Debunk It! is even worth the time of an older reader for the various stories it shares of quacks and bulls***ters throughout history.

This book is a no holds back debunk of just about everything but the kitchen sink. The author touches on everything from evolution, to AIDS, to climate change, etc. I actually learned quite a few

things about how screwed up some high level doctors and leaders are and how their actions or inaction’s have created catastrophic outcomes. There were a couple omissions that I found interesting, ie no reference to Michael Moore.Packaging of the book itself isn’t up to par. The cover combined with the font makes it look like a cheap knock off instead of a professionally published book. This is turn makes for one to think of conspiracy theorists instead of a man who really has his act together and quite a bit of knowledge to share. I beg the publisher to do the author justice and produce a package worthy of the product being offered. If I was perusing the shelves and came across this, honestly, I would just keep on going.The publisher states that this book is for ages 14+ and parts of me agree with that while other parts of me don’t. It just feels like a good debatable read that the younger crowd would not get the gist of. While reading it, I felt like I was sitting there with the author and having a full out discussion with him. He calls out the bull and trumps it with facts. This book brings up things in the past. but not in an old fashioned way while also bringing to the forefront the current events and activities of our world like one’s well read uncle would. The author tackles some theories that right now have people on opposite sides of one another.This book would make for a great supplementary read in any class that deals with history. This history is not just world history, economic history, religious history but also ecological history. This is where the younger crowd comes in and would have fun with the authors contributions, while in a learning atmosphere.I recommend this book to just about everyone, even those who can’t see the grey but only the black and white. I feel that every reader will finish reading this with a minimum of one thing that they didn’t know before and a better understanding of why and how things get so blown out of proportion.

DEBUNK IT!: HOW TO STAY SANE IN A WORLD OF MISINFORMATION is pitched to teens, but contains useful information for anyone in the modern world. Hoaxes can travel faster than ever, and having a tool kit for separating fact from fiction is essential.I wish that chapter four ("Building Your Own BSmeter") came first, because it contains some of the most useful information. It does build some on the first three chapters, but not so much that it couldn’t be arranged to be first. John Grant tackles common logical fallacies, weasel words, and how to track down sources to check for context, veracity, and authority. He also tackles some of the subjects that are subject to a great deal of misinformation; for instance, medical fads, climate change, and woo.DEBUNK IT! is very accessible. Grant’s firm stances on various subjects might turn some readers off, but that’s part of the point of the book. It’s important to know why you shouldn’t be worried about mercury and formaldehyde in vaccines. Namely, vaccines contained a small dose of a mercury compound that is

no longer used, and now contian a smaller dose of formaldehyde than can be found in an apple.It's tempting when you read a click-bait article to copy and paste the link to your Tumblr without thinking, to spout back what you half remember reading to family and friends. But it is important to remember to stop and think, to question where the information came from and why. There's lots of good, hard facts out there, but sorting fact from fiction is a skill. Unfortunately, not every lie is obviously crazy.DEBUNK IT! is a fun and informative read that should entertain far beyond the expected teenage audience. It may be nonfiction, but it is far from dry.

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