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The Earth is broadcasting a symphony of sound right now . . . Madagascar is home to enormous suicidal palm trees . . . Blacktip sharks can reproduce by virgin birth . . . In this fascinating book, weird, true facts like these reveal just how much freaky stuff really happens around the world. We've uncovered odd natural phenomena, super-strange historic occurrences, downright bizarre momentous discoveries, and totally peculiar coincidences that will blow your mind. From Biblical latrines to ultimate survivor microbes, if it's weird--and true--you'll find it here!

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### **Charlie says**

Lots of hilarious fun facts, you can open to a new page every time and be amazed

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### **Thomas says**

the book weird but true is 200 outrageous and astounding facts. The book gave some very gross facts. there were also some very cool facts. i gave this book 5 stars because it a great book.

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### **Salokya Sarira says**

Could have been better, and some facts really dont seem THAT weird. In contrast some facts were just awesome, like why is the wireless producing devices company is called Bluetooth.

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### **Cheryl says**

I can never resist these little collections of whatnots and trivia. This one was passed along by a friend. I can't say that "I laughed, I cried, it was all that I dreamed," more like "I chuckled, I nodded, I said WTF, and was briefly entertained." I did enjoy the little bit about the Guinea worm, the only parasite which must cause pain to humans to complete the life cycle -- and the fact that it has been nearly eradicated. Jimmy Carter FTW -- the Carter Center has been working on this and it has gone from 2M cases or so in 1980 to 126 or so today and if they can get it to 0, the critter will be extinct and good riddance!

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### **Malika says**

(3.5 stars)

This book was very fun to read. Its filled with facts that are very fascinating. This was a very quick read (maybe a couple of hours total). The funny/ironic titles and tiny black-and-white images were very well done also.

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### **Willc says**

This was a really good book. It has two hundred random wierd but true facts. One is that a species of palm

trees are suicidal. Or that a type of shark can have a baby by itself. It is a book full of those random facts. It was really fun to read. I recommend it to everyone.

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### **Miles Fowler says**

This book might be retitled with the more equivocal "Weird or not so Weird But True or Maybe Just Probably or Even Possibly True Speculations." Some of the books "facts" are even stated as only "possible." For example, "facts" having to do with psychology such as why we hate fingernails clawing a chalkboard might have to do with primate evolution, but the book cannot and does not say that this is a fact. There is a phenomenon called "New Science" that interprets everything in terms of unproven evolutionary origins. This book falls prey to that kind of thinking. Believe me, we should beware of "New Science" because the Old Science is still the best. New Science seems to be trendy pop science that validates trendy pop prejudices.

This book is entertaining reading for bedtime or commode-time. One "fact" leads to the next by association. If one item incidentally introduces the topic of water, the next item might focus on some factoid having to do with water, and so on. Read one after another, the great danger is that your head will be filled with this tripe and yet you will not consciously remember any of the items.

While entertaining at the time I read it, I can't help feeling as if I have been reading the literary equivalent of empty calories.

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### **Roxana Simonet says**

I already knew a lot of these but it was still a fun, easy read.

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### **Jen says**

Eh. A few interesting things. Not sure I believed everything. Fine for browsing while the tv was on.

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### **Bryant Li says**

I personally really enjoy this book as there are many interesting facts. It can make you think about how strange our lives can be. It is also a short book so it doesn't take forever to finish. It is also an entertaining book to simply enjoy. This book is also very relatable to everyone's lives.

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### **Catherine says**

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!  
<http://www.BookCrossing.com/journal/13094565>

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### **Chris Santana says**

This book was very fun to read, it was a quick read but filled with lots of random facts and trivia that I find fun to read. I recommend this book to anyone who just wants to pass time and enjoy a fun book it includes black and white images to go along with the fact you are reading and it really does a good job engaging the reader.

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### **Mark F says**

The first book that I have read was a book called Weird But True. This book was strictly about facts which were weird but also true hence the title. Every page had a new fact and they were often grouped by topic and there were several facts that just stuck out to me. I really loved this book because Im the type of person who enjoys learning all new facts and things that are odd or outrageous. If you are a person like me who enjoys reading about new cool things that happen in real life I would highly recommend this book.

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### **Jena Khreim says**

This nonfiction quick read was light, simple, and interesting. It answered questions I've never thought of before, and was organized well, with each group of facts relating to a certain topic. Its information varied from languages and writing to animals and bacteria. Very interesting, would recommend to anybody of any age looking for a light and easy read.

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### **Ben Spellman says**

It was filled with facts I had never heard before. Some of the facts were better than others, but most of them were good. Also, a few of the facts could be debatable, like the one about tigers not being able to purr. With those it just matters who you ask about them.

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