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1,227 QI Facts To Blow Your Socks Off - John Lloyd 2012-12-20

QI is the smartest comedy show on British television, but few people know that we're also a major legal hit in Australia, New Zealand, Israel and Africa and an illegal one on BitTorrent. We also write books and newspaper columns; run a thriving website, a Facebook page, a Twitter feed; and produce an iPhone App and a sister Radio 4 programme. At the core of what we do is the astonishing fact - painstakingly researched and distilled to a brilliant and shocking clarity. In Einstein's words: 'Everything should be as simple as possible, but not simpler.' Did you know that: cows moo in regional accents; the entire internet weighs less than a grain of sand; the dialling code from Britain to Russia is 007; potatoes have more chromosomes than human beings; the London Underground has made more money from its famous map than it has from running trains; Tintin is called Tantan in Japanese because TinTin is pronounced 'Chin chin' and means penis; the water in the mouth of a blue whale weighs more than its body; Scotland has twice as many pandas as Conservative MPs; Saddam's bunker was designed by the grandson of the woman who built Hitler's bunker; Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981, it is explicitly illegal in Britain to use a machinegun to kill a hedgehog. 1,227 QI Facts To Blow Your Socks Off will make you look at the universe (and your socks) in an alarming new way.

The Book of the Dead - John Mitchinson 2010-09

A whimsical treasury of biographical profiles of famous and lesser-known individuals now dead includes hundreds of entries that reveal embarrassing-but-true details typically omitted by official biographers. Co-authored by the award-winning producer of Blackadder and the writer of QI.

1001 Inventions - Salim T. S. Al-Hassani 2012 "Imagine it is the seventh century. As most of Europe continues its descent into a long period of intellectually dormancy, a quiet yet powerful academic revolution is erupting in another corner of the world. Over the next centuries, the geniuses of Muslim society will thrust the boundaries of knowledge forward to such a degree that their innovations still shape civilizations to this day. The staggering achievements of these men and women influenced the development of modern mathematics, science, engineering, and medicine. 1001 Inventions: The Enduring Legacy of Muslim Civilization sheds new light on this golden era that was once lost to so many, and celebrates the heritage that we all share"--P. [4] of cover.

Ferroelectric Ceramics - Setter 2012-12-06

One of the fascinating aspects of the field of ferroelectric ceramics is its interdisciplinary nature. This aspect is also a source of difficulty for the people working in the field. In a successful team of ferroelectricians the physics theoretician must understand the sintering technologist, the electrical engineer has to communicate with the crystallographer, the

organic chemist will interact with the microelectronics engineer, the electron microscopist should collaborate with the systems engineer. It was the purpose of the summer school on ferroelectric ceramics that took place at the Centro Stefano Franscini (ETHZ), Monte VeritA, Ascona, Switzerland, in September 1991 to help to build bridges between people from the different disciplines and to draw for them, in the form of tutorial lectures, some of the different facets of ferroelectrics. The book is a written version of this summer school. It contains the following subjects: ferroelectric materials, physics of ferroelectrics, thin films, processing of ferroelectrics and their applications. It represents a cross section of topics of current interest. Materials are presented (L. E. Cross) from the point of view of the user, i. e. the tailoring of materials for specific applications. Two reviews address the important topic of ferroelectric domains and domain walls (I. Fousek and H. Schmid). In the part devoted to theory, three subjects of current interest are presented: phase transition in thin films (D. R. Tilley), weak ferroelectrics (A. K. Tagantsev) and dielectric losses (A. K. Tagantsev).

Sideways - Rex Pickett 2010-04-01

Sideways is the story of two friends-Miles and Jack-going away together for the last time to steep themselves in everything that makes it good to be young and single: pinot, putting, and prowling bars. In the week before Jack plans to marry, the pair heads out from Los Angeles to the Santa Ynez wine country. For Jack, the tasting tour is Seven Days to D-Day, his final stretch of freedom. For Miles--who has divorced his wife, is facing an uncertain career and has lost his passion for living-the trip is a weeklong opportunity to evaluate his past, his future and himself. A raucous and surprising novel filled with wonderful details about wine, Sideways is also a thought-provoking and funny book about men, women, and human relationships.

1,411 QI Facts to Knock You Sideways - John Lloyd 2016-05-05

Question Time - Mark Mason 2017-10-05

Which major UK retailer has the same name as Odysseus's dog in Greek mythology? In the original version of the Band Aid hit 'Do They Know It's Christmas?', who sang the opening

line? Which is the only US state whose name can be typed on a single row of a QWERTY keyboard? Travel writer and quiz fan Mark Mason decided to combine two of his greatest loves by setting off on a tour of Britain's quizzes. From a pub quiz in Edinburgh to a charity quiz in Hampshire, from a corporate quiz in Birmingham to a journalists' quiz in Parliament, he finds answers aplenty while asking some questions of his own. Just what is it that attracts us to these tests of our knowledge? What are the ingredients of the perfect quiz question? And which is the only English city whose official name begins with H? The only travel book ever to discuss Winston Churchill's use of language and reveal Donald Duck's middle name, QUESTION TIME is an affectionate tribute to Britain and one of its most cherished institutions - the quiz.

Funny You Should Ask ... - John Lloyd
2020-10-15

The perfect gift for all those big and little kids in your life who ask 'why...?'. With an introduction from Zoe Ball. The QI Elves are the clever clogs behind the hit panel show QI. Every Wednesday the Elves appear on The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show's 'Why Workshop' where they answer the ponderings and wonderings of Radio 2's most inquisitive listeners. Funny You Should Ask... features the QI Elves' answers to questions on topics ranging from goosebumps to grapefruit, pizza to pirates and everything in-between. Generously sprinkled with extra facts from the Elves this is essential reading for the incurably curious. How much water would you need to put out the Sun? If spiders can walk on the ceiling why can't they get out of the bath? What's the point of snot? Why does my pizza taste so much better the next morning? Why do dads make such bad jokes? Why am I a capital letter and you're not? Why is there an Essex, a Wessex, a Sussex but no Nossex? Can I dig a tunnel to the other side of the Earth? Why aren't unicorns called unihorns? Do cats get goosebumps? When does a rock become an island? Why don't clouds freeze? Can I live forever?

Introduction to Elementary Particles - David Jeffery Griffiths 1987

This is the first quantitative treatment of elementary particle theory that is accessible to undergraduates. Using a lively, informal writing

style, the author strikes a balance between quantitative rigor and intuitive understanding. The first chapter provides a detailed historical introduction to the subject. Subsequent chapters offer a consistent and modern presentation, covering the quark model, Feynman diagrams, quantum electrodynamics, and gauge theories. A clear introduction to the Feynman rules, using a simple model, helps readers learn the calculational techniques without the complications of spin. And an accessible treatment of QED shows how to evaluate tree-level diagrams. Contains an abundance of worked examples and many end-of-chapter problems.

Richard Osman's House of Games - Richard Osman 2019-10-17

Do you know how many post boxes there are in the UK? Could you guess how many times the word 'goat' appear in the King James Version of the bible? Fancy playing a game of charades where all of the books, films and plays are entirely made up? Now, look around the room. Is anyone there the kind of person who'll say 'I just don't understand this', when faced with something that's not just perfectly easy to understand, but is ... well, fun? Ask them to leave. Have they gone? Good. Now welcome inside the House of Games ... Featuring questions based on some of the most loved rounds from the hit BBC2 show, including Roonerspisms, Venn Will I Be Famous?, Dim Sums and Answer Smash, Richard Osman's House of Games Quiz Book is the ultimate test of wit, wisdom and imagination. Curated by Richard Osman and Alan Connor and featuring over 50 new and exclusive games to try out, this is your chance to step inside the House of Games and pitch your trivia skills against your family and friends. Quirky, unique and exactly the right amount of silly, House of Games contains hours of guaranteed fun!

[1,234 Quite Interesting Facts to Leave You Speechless](#) - John Lloyd 2016-10-11

The New York Times best-selling authors of the QI series return with a fourth collection of mind-bending trivia. The New York Times best-selling authors of the Quite Interesting series have made you see sideways, knocked your socks off, and left your jaw on the floor. Now John Lloyd, John Mitchinson, and James Harkin are back to

offer even more—1,234, to be exact—shocking, enlightening, downright-fun facts that will leave you speechless...and pantomiming for more. Did you know? The Big Bang was not as loud as a Motörhead concert. Abraham Lincoln was a licensed bartender. According to the company that created her, Hello Kitty isn't a cat. Albert Einstein's eyeballs are in a safety deposit box in New York. McDonald's once created bubble-gum-flavored broccoli. It is impossible to hum and whisper at the same time. Convinced it's all hogwash? Visit QI.com/US1234 for proof of the veracity of every fact. Want more? Check out 1,411 Quite Interesting Facts to Knock You Sideways, 1,339 Quite Interesting Facts to Make Your Jaw Drop, and 1,227 Quite Interesting Facts to Blow Your Socks Off.

Squishy McFluff: Supermarket Sweep! - Pip Jones 2014-08-05

From the funniest voice in young fiction today, the second in an irresistible series for young readers about imaginary friends in hilarious rhyming text and with adorable illustrations by Ella Okstad. Can you see him? My kitten? He has eyes big and round His miaow is so sweet (but it makes not a sound!) Imagine him quick! Have you imagined enough? Oh, good, you can see him! It's Squishy McFluff! When Mum drags Ava to the supermarket, her invisible cat Squishy McFluff can't resist coming along, with hilarious, chaotic and surprising results! Told in full colour throughout, this is the perfect stepping stone from picture books to older fiction. 'A surefire hit.' Guardian 'Charming.' The Times 'Bound to ensure satisfaction.' Independent 'Cleverly bridging the gap between picture books and longer fiction, the lovable Squishy is certain to be a success with under-sevens.' BookTrust 'In delightful rhyme reminiscent of Dr Seuss, this charmingly illustrated book is bound to become a bedtime fave.'Gurgle

[1,423 QI Facts to Bowl You Over](#) - John Lloyd 2017-10-03

The eye-popping, gob-smacking, rib-tickling phenomenon that is QI serves up a brand new selection of 1,423 facts to bowl you over. Iceland imports ice cubes A group of ladybirds is called a loveliness It is illegal in Saudi Arabia to name a child Sandi Eight billion particles of fog can fit into a teaspoon People who read books live longer than people who don't Prince Philip was

born on a kitchen table in Corfu No human beings have ever had sex in space Netflix's biggest competitor is sleep Mice sigh up to 40 times an hour

Ashanti Proverbs - Robert Sutherland Rattray 1916

Stimulating Story Writing! - Simon Brownhill 2015-10-16

Stimulating Story Writing! Inspiring Children aged 7-11 offers innovative and exciting ways to inspire children to want to create stories and develop their story writing skills. This practical guide offers comprehensive and informed support for professionals to effectively engage 'child authors' in stimulating story writing activity. Packed full of story ideas, resource suggestions and practical activities, the book explores various ways professionals can help children to develop the six key elements of story, these being character, setting, plot, conflict, resolution and ending. All of the ideas in the book are designed to complement and enrich existing writing provision in classrooms with strategies such as role play, the use of different technologies, and using simple open ended resources as story stimuli. Separated into two sections and with reference to the Key Stage 2 curricula, this timely new text provides professionals with tried and tested strategies and ideas that can be used with immediate effect. Chapters include: • Creating Characters • The Plot Thickens • Inspired Ideas • Resourcing the Story Stimulation This timely new text is the perfect guide for inspiring children aged 7-11 in the classroom and will be an essential resource for teachers and students on teacher training courses.

Bring Me The Head Of The Taskmaster - Alex Horne 2021-09-16

Fastest wins. Your adventure starts now ... This is a race. It is not a race against the clock, because that would be a far easier race. Clocks can be fast, but clocks never win races. It's nearly always humans, sometimes horses, and occasionally dogs. This is a race against your fellow Taskmaster players. You are competing against everyone else who is reading this book. All you've got to do is find The Taskmaster's Head first. This is a race with many twists and turns, that requires very little running, much

sideways thinking and quite a lot of patience. Thankfully, there will be a shedload of tasks along the way to distract you. There are tasks to do on your own, tasks to do with your family and friends, and tasks for bigger groups too. Some of these distractions may slow you down, but some may help you get where you need to go. As always, enjoy them, do your best, make good choices. So get going. Take on the tasks. All the information you need is in the book... Alex Horne, Taskmaster's Assistant

Chinese Characters, Their Origin, Etymology, History, Classification and Signification - Léon Wieger 1927

The Book of Animal Ignorance - John Mitchinson 2008-09-02

Fast on the heels of the New York Times bestseller *The Book of General Ignorance* comes *The Book of Animal Ignorance*, a fun, fact-filled bestiary that is sure to delight animal lovers everywhere. Arranged alphabetically from aardvark to worm, here are one hundred of the most interesting members of the animal kingdom explained, dissected, and illustrated, with the trademark wit and wisdom of John Lloyd and John Mitchinson. Did you know, for instance, that • when a young albatross takes wing, it may stay aloft for ten years • vampire bat saliva—unsurprisingly, when you think about it—is the source of the world's most powerful blood thinning drug, appropriately called draculin • bombardier beetles fire a boiling chemical spray out of their rears at 300 pulses per second • a bald eagle's feathers weigh twice as much as its bones • a giant tortoise recently died at the documented age of 255 • octopuses are dexterous enough to unscrew tops from jars • spider silk is so light that a strand long enough to circle the world would weigh as much as a bar of soap? So meet the water bears that can live in suspension for hundreds of years, the parasite carried by your cat that makes men grumpy and women promiscuous, and the woodlouse that drinks through its bottom. Marvel at elephants that walk on tiptoe, pigs that shine in the dark, and woodpeckers that have ears on the ends of their tongues. If you still think a pangolin is a musical instrument, that hyenas are dogs, or that sheep are pointless and stupid, *The Book of Animal Ignorance* has arrived just in time.

Afterliff - John Lloyd 2013-08-13

A liff is a familiar object or experience that English has no word for. *Afterliff*, its long-awaited sequel, corrects this disgraceful oversight by recycling the names found on signposts. This brilliant successor to Douglas Adams' and John Lloyd's 1983 classic *The Meaning of Liff* features over 900 essential new definitions, including: Anglesey n. Hypothetical object at which a lazy eye is looking. Badlesmeare n. One who dishonestly ticks the 'I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions' box. Caterham n. An overwhelming desire to use the Pope's hat as an oven glove. Clavering ptcpl v. Pretending to text when alone and feeling vulnerable in public. Eworthy adj. Of a person: worth emailing but not worth phoning or meeting. Kanumbra n. The sense that someone is standing behind you. Ljubljana interj. What people say to the dentist on the way out. Loughborough n. The false gusto with which children eat vegetables in adverts. Sorrento n. The thing that goes round and round as a YouTube video loads. Uralla n. A towel used as a bathmat. In 1983, John Lloyd and Douglas Adams authored *The Meaning of Liff*, a bestselling humour classic which went on to sell hundreds of thousands of copies. John Lloyd's other books include *1,411 QI Facts To Knock You Sideways* and *The Book of General Ignorance*.

134.2 QI Facts to Leave You Flabbergasted - John Lloyd 2016-12-01

'This may look like a free ebook sampler, but it's actually a portal. While you may read this in just twenty minutes, each little nugget is only the visible tip of an information iceberg.' In this free ebook sampler to accompany the new book *1,342 QI Facts To Leave You Flabbergasted*, come face-to-face with some of the most mind-blowing facts in the QI universe, such as: The sun gets 4 million tons lighter every second; The first scientifically named dinosaur bone was called *Scrotum humanum* because it looked like a giant pair of human testicles; A 'batman' was a unit of weight in the Ottoman Empire. Ben Affleck weighs about nine batmans; Making all the chain mail for *The Lord of the Rings* wore the costume designers' fingerprints away. Enjoy the incredible world of QI facts.

1,339 QI Facts to Make Your Jaw Drop - John

Lloyd 2016-05-05

1,077 WTF Fun Facts - Charles Klotz 2020-10-18
Did you know that the state of Mississippi only ratified the 13th amendment, which abolished slavery, in 2013? The amendment was written back in 1865 and they thought they had ratified it in 1995, which is shocking in itself! However, they never notified the US Archivist and so it was corrected and finally ratified in 2013. Or have you heard about the asthmatic otter named Mishka? The sea otter, who lives in the Seattle Aquarium, has learned how to use a AeroKat inhaler for daily treatment and when she has an asthma attack. These facts and over a thousand more unbelievable facts in our fact book: *1,077 WTF Fun Facts*! Our facts are all 100% true and we provide our source if you want to learn all the details. Everyone can use some fun facts in their life these days. Maybe you're just trying to learn some random facts to share with your friends or colleagues. Whether you're a regular trivia fanatic or someone just looking for a fun and entertaining read, the book goes above and beyond the scope of general knowledge into some of the most interesting facts and intriguing trivia nuggets around. Grab your copy today and have a quick browse, read it cover to cover, or flip it open to a random page and enjoy all the wildly entertaining facts that you wouldn't believe are actually true!

[Funny You Should Ask . . .](#) - The QI Elves 2020-10-13

PRE-ORDER FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK . . . AGAIN: MORE OF YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY THE QI ELVES NOW The perfect gift for all those big and little kids in your life who ask 'why...?'. WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY ZOE BALL 'QI have outdone themselves!' ALAN DAVIES 'Fabulous . . . A cracker of a book!' SUE PERKINS 'The QI Elves are barnstormingly brilliant.' ZOE BALL 'Genuinely useful and endlessly fascinating.' THE SPECTATOR 'Hilarious.' DAILY MAIL The QI Elves are the brains behind the enduringly popular BBC TV panel show QI. Every Wednesday the Elves appear on The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show where they answer the ponderings and wonderings of BBC Radio 2's most inquisitive listeners. Dive into this splendid collection of listeners' unusual questions and

some unexpected answers that are sure to make your head spin on topics ranging from goosebumps to grapefruit, pizza to pirates and everything in-between. Generously sprinkled with extra facts and questions from the Elves, *Funny You Should Ask* . . . is essential reading for the incurably curious. How much water would you need to put out the Sun? If spiders can walk on the ceiling, why can't they get out of the bath? Why do dads make such bad jokes? Why does red mean 'stop' and green mean 'go'? Can I dig a tunnel to the other side of the Earth? How do plant seeds know which way is up? Can you fill up a black hole? Who popularised the recorder, and where can I get hold of them? For more from the team behind QI, visit qi.com. You can also follow QI's fact-filled Twitter account @qikipedia and listen to their weekly podcast at nosuchthingasafish.com For more mind-boggling nuggets of wisdom check out the QI FACTS SERIES

[1,342 QI Facts to Leave You Flabbergasted](#) - John Lloyd 2018-01-23

This is an astonishing trove of the strangest, funniest, and most improbable tidbits of knowledge from the clever lot at the hugely popular BBC quiz show QI.

[2,024 QI Facts To Stop You In Your Tracks](#) - John Lloyd 2018-10-16

The Sunday Times Top 10 Bestseller QI is the smartest comedy show on British television. Here creator John Lloyd and QI elves James Harkin and Anne Miller bring together 2,024 brain-tickling brand new facts to stop you in your tracks... Humans glow in the dark. The Pope drives a blue Ford Focus. One of the moons of Uranus is called Margaret. Scottish football referees are sponsored by Specsavers. Dogs visiting US National Parks can be certified as Bark Rangers. The world's smallest computer is smaller than a grain of sand. Candyfloss was invented by a dentist. Nobody knows who named the Earth.

The EFG Bumper Book of QI Annuals - John Lloyd 2010

The QI Annuals are the nearest things to having the hit BBC1 TV show live in your living room. Top comedians and brainiacs, from Stephen Fry and Alan Davies to guests such as Phill Jupitus, Jo Brand, Clive Anderson, Jeremy Clarkson and Rowan Atkinson, have joined top cartoonists and

illustrators, and the estimable QI elves themselves in the first three QI Annuals, covering the letters E, F and G (starting at A is so overrated). Collected by the writers of the BBC show, QI, and authors of the worldwide bestsellers *The Book of General Ignorance* and *1,227 QI Facts To Blow Your Socks Off*, here is a hilarious and informative selection of the QI team's fun facts. Featuring the likes of Stephen Fry, Alan Davies and many other QI guests, this bumper paperback edition is the perfect Christmas gift for pub quiz experts, fans of Guinness World Records and lovers of all things QI.

Natural Selection and Social Theory - Robert Trivers 2002-09-05

Robert Trivers is a pioneering figure in the field of sociobiology. For *Natural Selection and Social Theory*, he has selected eleven of his most influential papers, including several classic papers from the early 1970s on the evolution of reciprocal altruism, parent-offspring conflicts, and asymmetry in sexual selection, which helped to establish the centrality of sociobiology, as well as some of his later work on deceit in signalling, sex antagonistic genes, and imprinting. Trivers introduces each paper, setting them in their contemporary context, and critically evaluating them in the light of subsequent work and further developments. The result is a unique portrait of the intellectual development of sociobiology, with valuable insights for evolutionary biology, anthropology, and psychology.

1,234 QI Facts to Leave You Speechless - John Lloyd 2015-11-10

The QI team have blown your socks off, made your jaw drop and knocked you sideways. Now they return with 1,234 brand-new mind-blowing facts that will leave you speechless. - Flowers get suntans. - Denmark imports prisoners. - Bees can fly higher than Mount Everest. - The Republic of Ireland first got postcodes in 2015. - Martin Luther King Jr got a C+ in Public Speaking. - The Aztecs wore jewellery made of popcorn. - No one in the UK dies of 'natural causes'. - Penguins can't taste fish.

222 QI Answers to Your Quite Ingenious Questions - The QI Elves 2022-11-01

The perfect gift for the incurably curious This edition includes all new, even more ingenious questions and answers! It was previously

published in hardback as *Funny You Should Ask . . . Again*. 'The best trivia book of the season.' THE SPECTATOR 'Mind-blowing.' DAILY MAIL 'Genuinely interesting.' POPULAR SCIENCE Which lottery numbers should I pick? Is it true that we are made entirely of stardust? Can dogs tell the time? Why do songs get stuck in my head? If Rome wasn't built in a day, how long did it take? Do plants make noises? Where is last Wednesday? These are just a few of the questions put to the QI Elves by the listeners of BBC Radio 2's The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. This book is a collection of their cracking, unexpected and frequently hilarious answers. Chock full with extra facts and illustrations from the Elves, 222 QI Answers to Your Quite Ingenious Questions will spark wonder and joy. Includes a foreword from Zoe Ball. *** For more from the team behind QI's hit TV show check out the QI FACTS series of books, @qikipedia and listen to their weekly podcast at nosuchthingasafish.com or visit qi.com

1,411 Quite Interesting Facts to Knock You Sideways - John Lloyd 2015-10-26

You can't NOT read books like this. They're addictive. Maggie Galehouse, Houston Chronicle"

Funny You Should Ask . . . Again - The QI Elves 2021-10-12

QI's brand new book for 2021. The perfect Christmas gift for the incurably curious 'Funny and fascinating . . . it's really rather brilliant.' ZOE BALL 'Made me chortle.' DERMOT O'LEARY 'Fantastic . . . I loved it.' STEVE WRIGHT 'The best trivia book of the season.' THE SPECTATOR 'Mind-blowing.' DAILY MAIL 'Genuinely interesting.' POPULAR SCIENCE Which lottery numbers should I pick? Is it true that we are made entirely of stardust? Can dogs tell the time? Why do songs get stuck in my head? If Rome wasn't built in a day, how long did it take? How do you wash a raspberry? What is the most expensive thing on Earth? Where is last Wednesday? These are just a few of the questions put to the QI Elves by the listeners of BBC Radio 2's The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. In their brand new book, you'll learn their fascinating and frequently hilarious answers. From spiders to stinging nettles, bees to boy bands and twins to thermal undies, you'll wonder why these questions hadn't occurred to

you before - but you'll never forget the answers and will want to share them with all your friends. Includes an introduction by Zoe Ball. PRAISE FOR THE QI ELVES' PREVIOUS BOOK FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK . . . 'QI have outdone themselves!.' ALAN DAVIES 'A cracker of a book.' SUE PERKINS 'Genuinely useful and endlessly fascinating.' THE SPECTATOR 'Hilarious.' DAILY MAIL For more from the team behind QI's hit TV show check out the QI FACTS series of books, @qikipedia and listen to their weekly podcast at nosuchthingasafish.com or visit qi.com

The Second Book of General Ignorance - John Lloyd 2011-10-11

From the brains behind the New York Times' bestseller, *The Book of General Ignorance* comes another wonderful collection of the most outrageous, fascinating, and mind-bending facts, taking on the hugely popular form of the first book in the internationally bestselling series. Just when you thought that it was safe to start showing off again, John Lloyd and John Mitchinson are back with another busload of mistakes and misunderstandings. Here is a new collection of simple, perfectly obvious questions you'll be quite certain you know the answers to. Whether it's history, science, sports, geography, literature, language, medicine, the classics, or common wisdom, you'll be astonished to discover that everything you thought you knew is still hopelessly wrong. For example, do you know who made the first airplane flight? How many legs does an octopus have? How much water should you drink every day? What is the chance of tossing a coin and it landing on heads? What happens if you leave a tooth in a glass of Coke overnight? What is house dust mostly made from? What was the first dishwasher built to do? What color are oranges? Who in the world is most likely to kill you? Whatever your answers to the questions above, you can be sure that everything you think you know is wrong. *The Second Book of General Ignorance* is the essential text for everyone who knows they don't know everything, and an ideal stick with which to beat people who think they do.

1,411 Quite Interesting Facts to Knock You Sideways - John Lloyd 2015-10-26

A dazzling third installment of astounding new facts from the New York Times best-selling

authors of 1,227 Quite Interesting Facts to Blow Your Socks Off and 1,339 Quite Interesting Facts to Make Your Jaw Drop. 1,411 Quite Interesting Facts to Knock You Sideways is a gold mine of wide-ranging, eye-opening, brain-bursting nuggets of trivia that's impossible to put down, another "treasure trove of factoids" (National Public Radio, Weekend Edition). Did you know? Orchids can get jet lag Lizards can't walk and breathe at the same time Frank Sinatra took a shower 12 times a day Ladybug orgasms last for 30 minutes There are 177,147 ways to tie a tie Traffic lights existed before cars The soil in your garden is 2 million years old

Qi Book of General Ignorance - John Lloyd 2008
QI: The Pocket Book of General Ignorance is an illuminating collection of fun facts, perfect for general knowledge, trivia and pub quiz enthusiasts. This number-one bestseller is a comprehensive catalogue of all the interesting misconceptions, mistakes and misunderstandings in 'common knowledge' that will make you wonder why anyone bothers going to school. Now available in this handy pocket-sized edition, carry it everywhere to impress your friends, frustrate your enemies and win every argument. Henry VIII had six wives. WRONG! Everest is the highest mountain in the world. WRONG! Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. WRONG! QI: The Pocket Book of General Ignorance is the essential set text for everyone who's proud to admit that they don't know everything, and an ideal sack of interesting facts with which to beat people who think they do. Perfect for trivia, pub quiz and general knowledge enthusiasts, this is a number-one bestseller from the authors of The Book of General Ignorance and 1,277 Facts To Blow Your Socks Off, packed with weird, wonderful and really quite interesting facts.

Ayoade on Ayoade - Richard Ayoade
2014-09-30

In this book Richard Ayoade - actor, writer, director, and amateur dentist - reflects on his cinematic legacy as only he can: in conversation with himself. Over ten brilliantly insightful and often erotic interviews, Ayoade examines himself fully and without mercy, leading a breathless investigation into this once-in-a-generation visionary. Only Ayoade can appreciate Ayoade's unique methodology. Only Ayoade can recognise

Ayoade's talent. Only Ayoade can withstand Ayoade's peculiar scent. Only Ayoade can truly get inside Ayoade. They have called their book Ayoade on Ayoade: A Cinematic Odyssey. Take the journey, and your life will never be the same again. Ayoade on Ayoade captures the director in his own words: pompous, vain, angry and very, very funny.

1,342 QI Facts To Leave You Flabbergasted - John Lloyd 2016-11-01

The sock-blasting, jaw-dropping, side-swiping phenomenon that is QI serves up a sparkling new selection of 1,342 facts that will leave you flabbergasted. 1,342 QI Facts coincides with more good news from QI, as Sandi Toksvig takes over the duties as presenter on the double-BAFTA nominated TV show, and the QI Elves' podcast No Such Thing As A Fish wins its second Chortle award. The first pencils were used to draw on sheep. More people work for Walmart than live in Slovenia. The beaded lacewing stuns its prey by farting on it. The allies considered dropping glue to stick Nazi troops to the ground. The only life on Earth for a billion years was a thick layer of slime. Scientists call it 'the boring billion'. On the anniversary of landing, the Mars Curiosity rover hummed 'Happy Birthday' to itself. 'Flabbergasted' was first recorded in a 1772 list of new words alongside 'bored'.

The Book of General Ignorance - John Mitchinson 2007-08-07

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Misconceptions, misunderstandings, and flawed facts finally get the heave-ho in this humorous, downright humiliating book of reeducation based on the phenomenal British bestseller. Challenging what most of us assume to be verifiable truths in areas like history, literature, science, nature, and more, The Book of General Ignorance is a witty "gotcha" compendium of how little we actually know about anything. It'll have you scratching your head wondering why we even bother to go to school. Think Magellan was the first man to circumnavigate the globe, baseball was invented in America, Henry VIII had six wives, Mount Everest is the tallest mountain? Wrong, wrong, wrong, and wrong again. You'll be surprised at how much you don't know! Check out The Book of General Ignorance for more fun entries and complete answers to the following: How long can a chicken live

without its head? About two years. What do chameleons do? They don't change color to match the background. Never have; never will. Complete myth. Utter fabrication. Total Lie. They change color as a result of different emotional states. How many legs does a centipede have? Not a hundred. How many toes has a two-toed sloth? It's either six or eight. Who was the first American president? Peyton Randolph. What were George Washington's false teeth made from? Mostly hippopotamus. What was James Bond's favorite drink? Not the vodka martini.

QI: Advanced Banter - John Lloyd 2008-11-20

The ultimate compendium of crisp one-liners, knockout jokes, droll asides and universal truths collected over the years by the creators of QI. 'You know 'that look' women get when they want sex? Me neither.' Steve Martin; 'You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from nesting in your hair.' Chinese proverb; 'The Beatles are dying in the wrong order.' Victor Lewis-Smith; 'Cauliflower is nothing but a cabbage with a college education.' Mark Twain; 'Depend on the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember: it didn't work for the rabbit.' R.E. Shay; 'If it were not for quotations, conversation between gentlemen would be an endless series of 'what-ho's!'" P. G.Wodehouse

If Ignorance Is Bliss, Why Aren't There More Happy People? - John Lloyd 2009-08-04

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