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What are Hyenas Laughing At, Anyway? - David Feldman 1996

Provides well-researched answers to life's little mysteries, sent in by the author's fans, such as why there is no canned broccoli

Small Things Considered - Henry Petroski 2007-12-18

Why has the durable paper shopping bag been largely replaced by its flimsy plastic counterpart? What circuitous chain of improvements led to such innovations as the automobile cup holder and the swiveling vegetable peeler? With the same relentless curiosity and lucid, witty prose he brought to his earlier books, Henry Petroski looks at some of our most familiar objects and reveals that they are, in fact, works in progress. For there can never be an end to the quest for the perfect design. To illustrate his thesis, Petroski tells the story of the paper drinking cup, which owes its popularity to the discovery that water glasses could carry germs. He pays tribute to the little plastic tripod that keeps pizza from sticking to the box and analyzes the numerical layouts of telephones and handheld calculators. *Small Things Considered* is Petroski at his most trenchant and provocative, casting his eye not only on everyday artifacts but on their users as well.

The Publishers Weekly - 1991

An Other Tongue - Alfred Arteaga 1994

This collection of essays by a group of distinguished scholars explores the interconnections between language and identity. It is the contention of the essays that the articulations of languages and that of social discourses participate in the push and pull struggle to define some version of 'self' over and against some 'other'. All of the essays were either newly written, revised, or translated for this volume.

When Do Fish Sleep? - David Feldman 2009-10-13

When Do Fish Sleep? is the third book in David Feldman's best-selling *Imponderables™* series, packed with answers to perplexing questions and solutions to everyday mysteries, repackaged and featuring a new cumulative index to all ten *Imponderables™* books. In his bestselling *Imponderables™* series, David Feldman has shown conclusively that there are answers to just about every question that has been baffling the human race in our relentless search for knowledge and self-improvement. Not the "What is life?" sort of questions, but the really hard ones, like "Why does Mickey Mouse have only four fingers?" or "Why don't birds tip over when they sleep on a telephone wire?" Where lesser mortals fear to tread, David Feldman charges on undaunted and brings us *When Do Fish Sleep?*, the third installment of his witty, intelligent, enlightening *Imponderables™* series. Since 1986, the *Imponderables™* series has delighted and edified more than 2.1 million readers, as well as the countless visitors to the *Imponderables™* website, and dauntless players of *Malarky*, the hugely popular *Imponderables™* board game. With more than 150

irresistible entries—submitted by his loyal readers—charming illustrations by Kassie Schwan, and more than 300,000 copies sold, *When Do Fish Sleep?* is one of the author's biggest, funniest, and richest collections of answers to the seemingly unanswerable.

The Handy Answer Book for Kids (and Parents) - Gina Misiroglu 2009-10-01

Kids ask the darndest things . . . and here are the answers—all in one helpful book! Anyone who has ever been a kid, raised a kid, or spent any time with kids knows that asking questions is a critical part of growing up. Kids have curious minds and they come up with some very interesting questions. But the truth is adults don't always know the answers. *The Handy Answer Book for Kids (and Parents)* comes to the rescue. Written with a child's imagination in mind, this easy-to-understand book is a launching pad for curious young minds and a life raft for parents at wits end. It addresses nearly 800 queries with enough depth and detail to both satisfy the curiosity of persistent young inquisitors and provide parents with a secure sense of a job well done. It'll equip every parent for those difficult, absurd, or sometimes funny questions from their kids, such as Is there life on Mars? Do rivers ever dry up? Why are there wars? Is there such a thing as a funny bone? Why do dogs bark? Why is the sky blue? Why do people have to grow old? Why do people speak different languages?

Do Penguins Have Knees? - David Feldman 2009-10-13

The fifth book in David Feldman's bestselling *Imponderables®* series, packed with even more answers to perplexing questions and solutions to everyday mysteries Culled from the thousands of letters submitted by desperate fans, *Do Penguins Have Knees?* answers 100 new and even more perplexing questions about food, popular culture, the human body, science, and more, such as: Why are the oceans salty? Why is Rhode Island called an island when it obviously isn't an island? Why aren't there plums in plum pudding? Why do fish float upside-down when they die? And more! With over 190 irresistible entries and charming illustrations by longtime *Imponderables®* collaborator Kassie Schwan, *Do Penguins Have Knees?* is an *Imponderables®* classic.

Right Hand, Left Hand - I. C. McManus 2002

Seeks to explore the nature of left- and right-handedness in nature and history, addressing such topics as the cognitive differences of left-handed people, the reason Arabic and Hebrew writing goes from right to left, and the reason tornadoes spin according to their hemispheres. (Science & Mathematics)

Who Put The Butter In Butterfly? - David Feldman 2009-03-17

The English language is filled with familiar words that, when one thinks about them, are downright peculiar: cooties, doozies, and heepee-jeebies; finks and funks; mugwumps and muumuus; deep six and cloud nine. There's only one pundit to solve these and other riddles of our spoken tongue: David Feildman, who in his bestselling *Imponderables™* book and *Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?* has established himself as

the unchallenged expert on answering and unanswerable. Word Imponderables™ have always been favorites with Feldman's legions of fans, and in *Who Put the Butter in Butterfly?* he gets to the source of all the mysteries surrounding our curious vocabulary. Why do we mid our Ps and Qs and not our Vs and Ws? Which Toms lent their names to Peeping Tom, Tom Collins, and Tommy Gun. How does a Weasel go "pop" -- and why for that matter? And who are the Joneses we're supposed to be keeping up with? *Who Put the Butter in Butterfly?* is a reference book you can't afford to be without. So don't beat around the bush, and don't wait until the eleventh hour to until the jig is up. This is compulsive reading for anyone incurable curious about the idiosyncrasies of the language.

When Did Wild Poodles Roam the Earth? - David Feldman 1993

The author of *Do Penguins Have Knees?* and *Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?* responds to the thousands of inquiries he receives, providing answers to such questions as, "Why is there no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones vitamins?" Reprint.

Nonfiction Reading Comprehension: Science, Grade 4 - Ruth Foster 2006-05

High-interest, nonfiction articles help students learn about science topics while developing skills in reading comprehension. Each story is followed by questions that cover main idea, detail, vocabulary, and critical reasoning. The format is similar to that of standardized tests, so as students progress through the book's units, they are preparing for success in testing. Each of the 44 units provides: Introductory key words, A high-interest story, 5 test questions. Book jacket.

[The Day It Finally Happens](#) - Mike Pearl 2020-09-22

From a VICE magazine columnist, "a deeply entertaining—if occasionally horrifying" (Joshua Piven, coauthor of *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook*) look at how humanity is likely to weather such happenings as nuclear war, a global internet collapse, antibiotics shortages, and even immortality. If you live on planet Earth you're probably scared of the future. How could you not be? Some of the world's most stable democracies are looking pretty shaky. Technology is invading personal relationships and taking over jobs. Relations among the three superpowers—the US, China, and Russia—are growing more complicated and dangerous. A person watching the news has to wonder: is it safe to go out there or not? Taking inspiration from his virally popular VICE column "How Scared Should I Be?," Mike Pearl games out many of the "could it really happen?" scenarios we've all speculated about, assigning a probability rating, and taking us through how it would unfold. He explores what would likely occur in dozens of possible scenarios—among them the final failure of antibiotics, the loss of the world's marine life, a complete ban on guns in the US, and even contact with extraterrestrial life—and reports back from the future, providing a clear picture of how the world would look, feel, and even smell in each of these instances. For fans of such bestsellers as *What If?* and *The Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook*, *The Day It Finally Happens* is about taking future events that we don't really understand and getting to know them in close detail. Pearl's "well-researched speculations induce daydreams and nightmares and mark [him] as one of his generation's most interesting writers" (Alec Ross, *New York Times* bestselling author).

[The Human Organization of Time](#) - Allen C. Bluedorn 2002

Particularly valuable to those involved in the management and organizational sciences, since much material from those fields informs the discussion, this book considers several answers to the question of the true nature of time. It demonstrates that humanity creates a variety of times and the times affect the experiences of life—as times vary, so does life.

[Imponderables](#) - David Feldman 2009-03-17

Why does an "X" stand for a kiss? Which fruits are in Juicy Fruit® gum? Why do people cry at happy endings? Why do you never see baby pigeons? Pop-culture guru David Feldman demystifies these topics and so much more in *Why Don't Cats Like to Swim?* -- the unchallenged source of answers to civilization's most perplexing questions. Part of the Imponderables® series, Feldman's book arms readers with information about everyday life -- from science, history, and politics to sports, television, and radio -- that encyclopedias, dictionaries, and almanacs just don't have. Where else will you learn what makes women open their mouths when applying mascara?

[Life's Imponderables](#) - David Feldman 2000

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Three entertaining volumes from the popular Imponderables series--*Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?*, *When Do Fish Sleep?*, and *Why Do Dogs Have Wet Noses?*--answer questions about some of the bizarre mysteries of the world around us.

Uncle John's Fourth Bathroom Reader - Bathroom Readers' Institute 1991-10-15

With nearly half a million of previous volumes sold, the evidence is overflowing: Americans know where to go for the best in bathroom reading. Uncle John is clearly the lavatory librarian of choice. Features TV quotes, fun facts, oddball tales, and insightful articles about the world around us.

How to Sell Your Idea to Hollywood - Robert Kosberg 2011-07-14

How to find, develop, pitch, and sell your ideas for films to the movie studios, from the man Sherry Lansing calls the best idea man in Hollywood. *How to Sell Your Idea to Hollywood* gets to the very heart of the script: the idea. A mere idea can land you fame, fortune and status. At the very least, it can be your way into the movie business. This book can show you just how powerful an idea can be in Hollywood. Ideas are not a dime a dozen; great ideas are one in a million. Even if you cannot write a script, you can definitely come up with an idea. Once you have an idea, you can use that idea as leverage to get yourself into the movie game. If your main goal is to be a screenwriter, you still need to start with a good idea, which can help you make a deal to write your script for a studio (or you might choose to just sell your idea or your story). Successful producer Robert Kosberg has never met anyone who didn't have an idea. And this book will help you to learn how to find ideas, create ideas and pitch them to the right people. You'll also learn what a high concept idea is and most importantly, how to get your ideas to the right people. Remember you control the rights to your own ideas and that's why ideas are so powerful. *How to Sell Your Idea to Hollywood* encourages people at all levels who are attempting to get their break in the business. It has everything you need to know to sell your ideas to the movies. If you never thought you had something to offer the movie business, you do!

[Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?](#) - David Feldman 2009-10-13

Ponder, if you will ... What is the difference between a kit and a caboodle? Why don't people get goose bumps on their faces? Where do houseflies go in the winter? What causes that ringing sound in your ears? Pop-culture guru David Feldman demystifies these topics and so much more in *Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?* -- the unchallenged source of answers to civilization's most nagging questions. Part of the Imponderables® series and charmingly illustrated by Kassie Schwan, *Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?* challenges readers with the knowledge about everyday life that encyclopedias, dictionaries, and almanacs just don't have. And think about it, where else are you going to get to the bottom of why hot dogs come ten to a package while hot dog buns come in eights?

Uncle John's Bathroom Reader Extraordinary Book of Facts and Bizarre Information - Bathroom Readers' Institute 2012-05-01

Nine books in one! Uncle John has pulled together the most revealing lists, facts, and findings from the past 10 years into one easy-to-read book. Our readers asked for it, and here it is: Uncle John's first collection of his greatest short facts and quick reading material. Open up to any page of *Extraordinary Book of Facts* and you might find a list of, say, obscure words ('exocannibals' eat enemies; 'indocannibals' eat friends). Flip to another page and there's a whole bunch of facts about how long things take (a yak's gestation period: 258 days). On another page: kid facts (the average four-year-old laughs 400 times per day; grownups, about 15). So be smarter and laugh a lot more with this amazing collection that features thousands of great facts, plus word origins, myth-conceptions, conspiracy theories, and much, much more! Arranged for simple and speedy reference, this book is the perfect companion for trivia buffs and knowledge junkies everywhere!

Focus on Scientists - Mary Ellen Sterling 1994-03

Related activities and lot of extras help students integrate human interest stories into their studies.

[Coat of Many Colors](#) - Eugene Chen Eoyang 1996-12-31

A patriotic argument for multiculturalism in America.

[Uncle John's Legendary Lost Bathroom Reader](#) - Bathroom Readers' Institute 1999-09-01

Long ago, Bathroom Reader fans everywhere cried out in terror when Uncle John's legendary 5th, 6th, and 7th editions were taken out of print. But then they rejoiced at the release of this ginormous book: Uncle

John's Legendary Lost Bathroom Reader! Weighing in at a whopping 673 pages, the entire texts of those long-lost editions have been reanimated into one of the BRI's all-time best sellers. You'll be rewarded with thousands of amazing facts, hundreds of incredible quotations, and dozens of short, medium, and long articles (and a few extra-long ones, too), covering history, sports, politics, origins, language, blunders, and more. Find out what half a million readers already know: Legendary Lost is quintessential Uncle John. A few examples: * Pizza history * The Godzilla quiz * How Wall Street got rich * The strange fate of the Dodo bird * The best of the worst country song titles * People who were famous for 15 minutes * Miss Piggy's timeless wisdom * Accidental discoveries * The king of farts And much, much, much, much more!

Wind Strategy - David Houghton 2016-09-13

The wind powers everything a sailor does and this book will help you to understand it. As a result you will be more prepared for your race, able to anticipate changes in the wind better and know what to do when they come. The first edition of this book was published in 1986, and it has been the go-to wind book for dinghy champions ever since. This new-look fourth edition is fully updated for modern forecasting and analyses a revised set of popular racing venues around the world: unveiling what to expect from the weather at over 25 regatta locations, it will get you ahead of the competition and powering up the leaderboard.

How Does Aspirin Find a Headache? - David Feldman 2009-10-13

The seventh book in David Feldman's bestselling Imponderables® series, packed with even more answers to perplexing questions and solutions to everyday mysteries Instead of the aspirin bottle, reach for the most soothingly informative of David Feldman's Imponderables® books, and find answers to the riddles that, whether you realize it or not, have been obsessing you since childhood, such as: What happens to the holes that are punched out of looseleaf paper? Why doesn't beer come in plastic bottles? Do snakes sneeze? And, of course, How does aspirin find a headache? With more than 100 irresistible entries—submitted by his loyal Imponderables® readers—charming illustrations, and more than 100,000 copies sold in combined editions, How Does Aspirin Find a Headache? is an Imponderables® classic.

How to Get Your Child to Love Reading - Esmé Raji Codell 2003-01-01

Offers advice and guidelines on how to expand a child's world through books and reading, introducing three thousand teacher-recommended book titles, craft ideas, projects, recipes, and reading club tips.

Imponderables - David Feldman 2009

Turn Signals are the Facial Expressions of Automobiles - Don Norman 2014-12-02

By the author of THE DESIGN OF EVERYDAY THINGS. For decades, Don Norman has spoken the language of gadgets, explaining how the things we see every day are made and made better. In this smart, sharp, fun exploration of design, Norman pulls back the curtain on the things we make to make our lives easier. From water faucets and airplane cockpits to the concept of "real time" and the future of memory, this wide-ranging tour through technology provides a new understanding of how the gadgets that surround us affect our lives. Donald A. Norman explores the plight of humans living in a world ruled by a technology that seems to exist for its own sake, oblivious to the needs of the people who create it. TURN SIGNALS is an intelligent, whimsical, curmudgeonly look at our love/hate relationship with machines, as well as a persuasive call for the humanization of modern design.

Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise? and Other Imponderables - David Feldman 1987

Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise? - David Feldman 2005

Contains answers to questions such as why do ants congregate on sidewalks, why do dentist offices smell the same, and what happens to the tread that wears off tires?

Just Between You and Me - Evelyn McCollum 2008-10-22

I'll let my readers summarize this book for me. "Your columns keep us connected with home." "Evelyn can write a column about nothing." "How does she keep doing it week after week? "Every time I read your column, I learn something." "I find many good hints in your columns." "I love the columns about Easley as it used to be." "Your columns make me laugh. Even if it isn't funny, it's the way you say things." "Your column reflects your unique way of looking at life." Click Here to visit Just Between You and Me Volume II

Why Don't Cats Like to Swim? - David Feldman 2004-11-02

Why does an "X" stand for a kiss? Which fruits are in Juicy Fruit® gum? Why do people cry at happy endings? Why do you never see baby pigeons? Pop-culture guru David Feldman demystifies these topics and so much more in Why Don't Cats Like to Swim? -- the unchallenged source of answers to civilization's most perplexing questions. Part of the Imponderables® series, Feldman's book arms readers with information about everyday life -- from science, history, and politics to sports, television, and radio -- that encyclopedias, dictionaries, and almanacs just don't have. Where else will you learn what makes women open their mouths when applying mascara?

Amazing Facts About Mammals, Grades 5 - 8 - Don Blattner 2008-09-02

Connect students in grades 4 and up with science using Amazing Facts about Animals. This 128-page book features creatures from North and South America, Asia, Australia, Africa, the ocean, and the farm. The book includes puzzles, logic problems, myth busters, and scientific mysteries to pique student interest. It also includes reproducibles and answer keys.

Science Matters - Maria Burguete 2008

All earnest and honest human quests for knowledge are efforts to understand Nature, which includes both human and nonhuman systems, the objects of study in science. Thus, broadly speaking, all these quests are in the science domain. The methods and tools used may be different; for example, the literary people use mainly their bodily sensors and their brain as the information processor, while natural scientists may use, in addition, measuring instruments and computers. Yet, all these activities could be viewed in a unified perspective OCo they are scientific developments at varying stages of maturity and have a lot to learn from each other. That OC everything in Nature is part of scienceOCO was well recognized by Aristotle, da Vinci and many others. Yet, it is only recently, with the advent of modern science and experiences gathered in the study of statistical physics, complex systems and other disciplines, that we know how the human-related disciplines can be studied scientifically. Science Matters is about all human-dependent knowledge, wherein humans (the material system of Homo sapiens) are studied scientifically from the perspective of complex systems. It includes all the topics covered in the humanities and social sciences. Containing contributions from knowledgeable humanists, social scientists and physicists, the book is intended for those OCo from artists to scientists OCo who are curious about the world and are interested in understanding it with a unified perspective.

The Size of Thoughts - Nicholson Baker 2011-08-24

The Size of Thoughts, a collection of essays that have appeared in the New Yorker and other publications, includes one never-before-published piece on the world of electronics. The essays celebrate the joy--and exquisite details--of everything from library card catalogs and reading aloud to the significance of wine stains on a tablecloth. Baker turns any subject, from feeding a child to phone sex, into literature with a style that is sparkingly original, frequently beautiful, and always thought-provoking. The Size of Thoughts, through its varied forays into the realms of the overlooked, the underfunded, and the wrongfully scrapped, is a funny book by one of the most distinctive stylists and thinkers of our time.

Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise? and Other Imponderables - David Feldman 1988

This compilation of arcane facts about everyday objects, practices, and traditions reveals how Teflon sticks to cookware, why the sides of aluminum foil are different, and other mysteries

Boys' Life - 1998-11

Boys' Life is the official youth magazine for the Boy Scouts of America. Published since 1911, it contains a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting.

The Science Files - Richard Zurawski 2013-08-02T00:00:00Z

Conventional wisdom has it that science is boring. "The Science Files," an hourly radio call-in talk show about science, is anything but boring, and certainly none of the listeners, emailers or tweeters who participate in the call-in radio talk show think science is boring either. Richard Zurawski has been hosting "The Science Files" for eight years and has fielded literally thousands of questions. This book, The Science Files, is about the questions that listeners have been asking about science and the way the world, nature and the universe works. Compiled by Zurawski, the questions and answers in this book are lively, engaging and interesting discussions about a wide range of topics. Present throughout is Zurawski's passion for

learning and his genuine fascination with the natural world. Furthermore, The Science Files is a dialogue that encourages readers and participants alike to continue to learn and to ask questions.

Words, Words, Words - Janet Allen 1999

A teacher presents strategies for helping students in grades 4-12 retain vocabulary knowledge, discussing

such topics as concept knowledge, word and structural analysis, context as a text support, lasting and meaningful word learning, and using reading as the key vocabulary teaching tool.

The One Year Book of Did You Know Devotions for Kids - Nancy S. Hill 2002

A collection of interesting and sometimes silly facts that relates to a Bible verse.