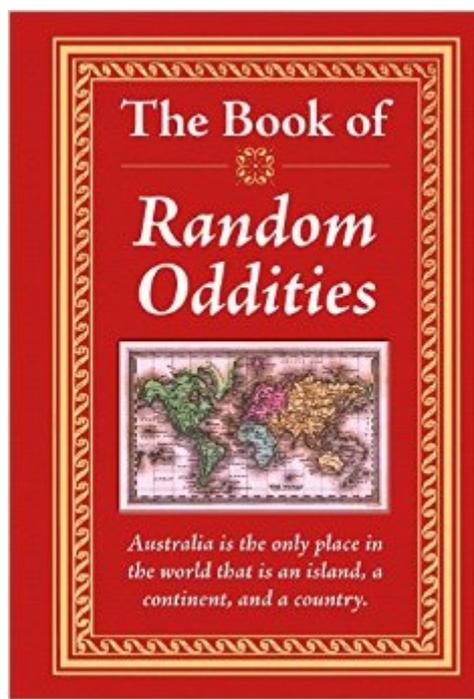


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This is a book on Random oddities

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## Customer Reviews

If you are one who likes to make use of your time sitting on the throne, immersed in one of those books like "Uncle John's Bathroom Readers" or similar ones like "Armchair Readers"; here's a different one for you. I agree with the other reviewer who was disappointed, in that the book did not cover a wide range of oddities, but was more concentrated on words, language, phrases, quotations, etc. The book has over 700 pages and it will take literally months to wade through it, even if you skim past many of the oddities, like I did, because some did not interest me. It is an attractive tome, with an imitation red leather hard cover; a fairly heavy volume that belongs resting in bathroom rather than in the bookshelf. There is no particular author or editor credited for assembling this humongous volume; but it must have involved a large number of people to dig up all this "stuff" for our enjoyment while "taking care of business." (By the way, I don't recall where that expression came from; but I can't remember seeing it in the book). There is a fairly good Index and Contents; but it may be a challenge finding something later on; that you read in the book; maybe making a few notes on your favorite "oddities" would be a good idea.

I was disappointed. This is a book about English language words, only. This book could not even be translated into another language. There are no natural oddities, no event oddities, no science, no animals, etc. It is interesting in providing some etymologies, some obscure names for how some words are used, some interesting quotations and the like. I was expecting a much wider range of

"oddities" for a 600 page book. Still, It is easy to find something of interest on each page.

I love this type of book, with lots & lots of information and education, somewhat trivial and somewhat profound.

The book was purchased as a gift for a very dear friend of many years. It was thoroughly enjoyed by him.

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