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Weird But True! 2: 300 Outrageous Facts



Synopsis

Did you know that a great white shark can weigh as much as 15 gorillas? That meteorites the size of basketballs land on Earth about once a month? Kids will devour more than 300 wacky facts in *Weird but True!* —the second installment in a lively new spin-off series from the award-winning National Geographic Kids magazine. National Geographic Kids is the nation's largest magazine for children, with more than 1.3 million subscribers and 5 million readers. The brand is rapidly gaining traction in the book market, with the huge success of National Geographic Readers and the National Geographic Kids Almanac. Straight from the pages of the magazine's top-scoring feature, this little book is chock-full of tremendous fun. It's packed with even more of the wild-n-wacky facts, whimsical designs, and all-out reading fun that made the first *Weird but True* volume an early success. This book's compact size makes it easy to handle and fun to browse. Eye-popping photos and bold, colorful graphics nab kids' attention and entice them to read. Brain-bending facts cover a broad range of topics, from science to foods to pop culture and just about everything else under the sun. Kids will have so much fun that they won't even realize they're learning.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

My son loves these books. We started reading National Geographic Kids books when he was about

six (he's nine now) and I can honestly say that these books have been instrumental in teaching him to read. His favorites are those from the "Weird, But True" series. We own the first five books in the series and have the ones not yet published on pre-order. One weekend last spring, our son actually read one entire 300 pg. book from this series to my husband and I over the course of two days - 50 pg.s three times a day until he'd finished. I mention this because last year my son was sent to a reading specialist because his teacher was concerned that he was reading below his age-level. Although I was happy for him to receive the extra attention from the specialist, I always doubted that he had any real problems reading because he read the Nat'l Geo books to us constantly. Thankfully, I was right. He no longer sees the reading specialist, reads above his grade-level, and even reads out-loud to his classmates at lunchtime. Why is this so important? Because kids are often labeled as poor readers when it's not that they can't read, but rather that they simply aren't interested in what they are being given to read. My teen-age step-daughter grew up thinking that she was a poor reader, too. That all changed when I gave her the Twilight Series. She read the last book, "Breaking Dawn," (756 pages) in less than 48 hours! There are several elements that make the Nat'l Geo Weird, But True series so appealing, particularly to elementary aged boys. The layouts are very simple, not cluttered. Each fact is only one or two sentences long. The font is much larger than what you would find in a typical chapter book designed for this age group.

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