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WINNER OF THE SCOTIABANK GILLER PRIZE • From the widely acclaimed, best-selling author of *American War*, a new novel—beautifully written, unrelentingly dramatic, and profoundly moving—that looks at the global refugee crisis through the eyes of a child. “It is one thing to put a human face on a migrant crisis and another to do so in so compelling a way that a reader simply cannot put your book down.” —Gish Jen, author of *The Resisters* More bodies have washed up on the shores of a small island. Another overfilled, ill-equipped, dilapidated ship has sunk under the weight of its too many passengers: Syrians, Ethiopians, Egyptians, Lebanese, Palestinians, all of them desperate to escape untenable lives back in their homelands. But miraculously, someone has survived the passage: nine-year-old Amir, a Syrian boy who is soon rescued by Vänna. Vänna is a teenage girl, who, despite being native to the island, experiences her own sense of homelessness in a place and among people she has come to disdain. And though Vänna and Amir are complete strangers, though they don’t speak a common language, Vänna is determined to do whatever it takes to save the boy. In alternating chapters, we learn about Amir’s life and how he came to be on the boat, and we follow him and the girl as they make their way toward safety. *What Strange Paradise* is the story of two children finding their way through a hostile world. But it is also a story of empathy and indifference, of hope and despair—and about the way each of those things can blind us to reality.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER “I come from a family forged by tragedies and bound by a remarkable, unbreakable love,” Hunter Biden writes in this deeply moving memoir of addiction, loss, and survival. When he was two years old, Hunter Biden was badly injured in a car accident that killed his mother and baby sister. In 2015, he suffered the devastating loss of his beloved big brother, Beau, who died of brain cancer at the age of forty-six. These hardships were compounded by the collapse of his marriage and a years-long battle with drug and alcohol addiction. In *Beautiful Things*, Hunter recounts his descent into substance abuse and his tortuous path to sobriety. The story ends with where Hunter is today—a sober married man with a new baby, finally able to appreciate the beautiful things in life.

"First edition published 2017. Reissued and updated 2018"--Copyright page.

"300 more mind-bending facts that are almost too amazing to believe"--Page 4 of cover.

National Geographic has packed 1,000 more ALL-NEW wild and wacky facts and photos into *Ultimate Weird but True 3*, making this the perfect gift for fact-loving tweens everywhere. Get ready for even more zany weird-but-true fun with 1,000 all-new wacky facts, photos, and too-strange-to-believe stories in the newest book in the wildly popular series. It's the ultimate in weird-but-true awesomeness!

Everything has its weird side-- even sports! Add wacky stats, facts, and stories to your arsenal of spots trivia with this new addition to the very popular Weird but True series!

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Dive into these fishy facts: Did you know that the prehistoric shark, megalodon, had jaws so big that it could swallow a car? Or that goats, pigs, dogs, cats, and even an alpaca have all learned how to surf? And if that's not weird enough for ya, one man even rowed solo across the Pacific Ocean for 312 days! In this book filled with 300 wacky facts and pictures, you'll glimpse the ocean's weirdest wildlife, uncover shocking shipwrecks, and meet sensational seafarers, from pirates and sailors to ground-breaking marine scientists. Perfect for ocean enthusiasts and trivia-loving landlubbers alike!

Weird But True! is going prehistoric! This new addition to the wildly popular, mind-blowing, fact-packed series is taking on the jaws and claws that ruled the Mesozoic world. Calling all dino dynamos! Get ready to devour wacky wonders, facts, stats, and trivia about all things dinosaur. Did you know that the T. rex had vision 13 times better than the average human's? Or that people collect fossilized dino poop? And get this: There's a dinosaur named after Hogwarts--Harry Potter's wizarding school! Get ready to meet dinosaurs with horns and feathers, razor-sharp claws and gigantic teeth. You'll encounter the places they lived, the bizarre art they inspired, and the amazing paleontologists who discovered them.

The bizarre beasts, incredible places, and peculiar phenomenons featured in this mind-blowing compendium are not just really weird - they're really real! With more than 125,000 copies sold worldwide, this wacky encyclopedia explores our world's most exciting oddities. Did you know there's a plant that eats mice? Or that you can dip your toe in a rainbow-colored river? From fiery tornadoes flying across the sky to huge sinkholes eating up the earth, each example is illustrated with jaw-dropping images and handy fast facts that provide the explanations behind the stories. Whether it's geography, people, places, animals, plants, or weather, Strange But True! is the ideal book for curious young minds who are fascinated by our weird and wonderful world.

Grab a pencil and put on your Weird but True hat! It's time to explore our amazing and very weird world with the newest spin-off of the Weird but True series, where YOU get to illustrate just how strange and cool our world can be. Discover amazing weird facts and then doodle, draw, or color a strange scene right on the page. Did you know that giraffes only need to sleep 90 minutes a day? Well, that might make a totally fun sleepover. Did you know that there's a town in France that holds a pig festival every year? Doodle some funny outfits onto those pigs! Enhance your wacky masterpieces with 150 fun stickers, included in the book. It's a great new way to play and the perfect boredom-buster for

rainy days or car rides.

Full of 350 surprising and amazing facts. Topics include science, space, weather, geography, food, pop culture, and just about everything else under the sun, presented with fascinating photos and illustrations.

Think you know the Big Apple? Think again! Did you know that 25 species of shark swim off NYC's coastline? Or that astronauts can see the lights of Times Square from space? And get this: In New York, Sesame Street is a real place AND there's a library where you can visit the actual stuffed animals that inspired the characters in Winnie the Pooh! Explore 300 wacky facts and pictures from the five boroughs. You'll get a look at the city's storied past, learn about weird stuff in New York today, and even meet a couple of goats that held up traffic on the subway. The city that never sleeps truly has something for everyone--from giant pillow fights to epic Broadway musicals to pizza-loving rats. Whether you're an NYC native, an adventure-loving tourist, an armchair traveler, or a trivia buff, this fact-packed, fun-filled book is for you! Complete your collection with other Weird But True! fan-favorites: *Weird But True! Animals*; *Weird But True! USA*; *Weird But True! Dinosaurs*; *Ye Olde Weird But True*; *Weird But True! Gross*; and more!

What's so weird about U.S. presidents? Plenty! Did you know that Abraham Lincoln was a great wrestler? That Ulysses S. Grant got a speeding ticket riding his horse - twice! Or that Benjamin Harrison was afraid of electricity? And let's not forget that President McKinley had a pet parrot that whistled "Yankee Doodle Dandy" duets with him! In this new single-subject *Weird But True* book, you'll have a blast learning that there's a lot of substance - and weirdness - in every president's past. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Get ready to have your mind blown with some hair-raising, eye-popping facts! This latest addition to the crazy popular *Weird but True* series is all about YOU! It's an exciting internal journey through your own wacky, weird, sometimes gross, but always fascinating human body. Did you know that your stomach is shaped like the letter J? Or that if you lined up all your blood vessels they'd circle the Earth twice? Or that your body gives off a light you can't see? From your head to your toes, you'll be surprised and amazed by what you discover. From the Trade Paperback edition.

It's weird. It's true. And now, it's red, white, and blue! Explore the wonderfully wacky side of the United States of America *Weird But True!* style. Calling all patriots! Get ready to explore wacky wonders, facts, stats, tidbits, and trivia about America's 50 states and territories! Did you know that there is a floating post office in Michigan? Or that a library book checked out by George Washington was returned to a New York City library 221 years late? Maybe you'd be amazed to discover that the ink used to print U.S. paper money is magnetic? In this latest and greatest edition of *Weird But True!*, you'll encounter all kinds of bizarre people, places, events, and things that make our country great.

Looks at some of the stranger sports played around the world, including skyaking, slamball, shovel racing, street luging,

and underwater wrestling.

"Get ready to be grossed out--in a good way! This latest addition to the crazy popular Weird but True series is slimy and sticky and jam-packed with more icky, zany fun! Step up to the plate and try not to lose your lunch, with 300 all-new, amazing facts plus photos that kids just can't get enough of"--]cProvided by publisher.

Prepare to be amazed each day with weird-but-true facts that will impress your friends and stump your parents. Turn the page and record your school work, keep track of activities, and plan your social life, all while learning wild and wacky things about the world around you! Fun prompts invite you to celebrate weirdness. Plus there are homework help sections and tons of space to write or doodle your daily schedule any way you wish. With beautiful full-color artwork and engaging information and activities, this is the must-have planner. It's a great way to stand out from the crowd!

Presents unusual facts, brief stories, and photographs on such topics as animals, contests, the Middle Ages, strange jobs, colors, and countries.

A collection of fun and surprising facts about our world.

A newest addition to the series that includes *Weird but True: Stupid Criminals* shares hundreds of wacky facts for young history buffs. Simultaneous.

*Modelland* - the FIERCE NEW NOVEL BY TYRA BANKS—IS OUT! No one gets in without being asked. And with her untamable hair, large forehead, and gawky body, Tookie De La Crème isn't expecting an invitation. Modelland—the exclusive, mysterious place on top of the mountain—never dares to make an appearance in her dreams. But someone has plans for Tookie. Before she can blink her mismatched eyes, Tookie finds herself in the very place every girl in the world obsesses about. And three unlikely girls have joined her. Only seven extraordinary young women become Intoxibellas each year. Famous. Worshipped. Magical. What happens to those who don't make it? Well, no one really speaks of that. Some things are better left unsaid. Thrown into a world where she doesn't seem to belong, Tookie glimpses a future that could be hers—if she survives the beastly Catwalk Corridor and terrifying Thigh-High Boot Camp. Along the way, she learns all about friendship, courage, laughter and what it feels like to start to believe in yourself. When you enter the fantastical world of Modelland, you'll see that Tookie was inspired by Tyra's life as a supermodel. All those crazy and wild adventures Tookie has with her friends? Some of them were ripped straight from the headlines of Tyra's life! Tyra knows all about beauty and fashion and fierceness, and she shares everything here in *MODELLAND*. It's fun, zany, and 100 bazillion-percent Tyra. You don't want to miss Tyra's amazing new novel! From the Hardcover edition.

Classic stories from Greek mythology come to life in this latest single-subject themed book in the *Weird But True* spin-off series, *Know-It-All*. Zeus, Hades, Aphrodite, Hera, Poseidon, Hercules, Achilles, Ares, Apollo, Athena, Artemis, Dionysus,

Prometheus! Dive a little deeper into the incredible stories from Greek mythology. Weird-but-true facts accompanied by lush original full-color art cover everything kids need to know about all their favorite Greek gods, heroes, monsters, quests, muses, and famous philosophers. From who gave mankind fire to famous fatal flaws to who stood guard at the Underworld, this book includes all the iconic Greek myths and key characters - and then goes one wonderfully weird step beyond.

A reference guide includes records and achievements made by humans, animals, and nature.

"Interesting facts about animals, for kids"--

Presents unusual facts about the holiday, including how upside-down Christmas trees can be purchased, how Sweden erects a giant straw goat for the occasion, and how mystery elves have been spotted in Michigan handing out money to strangers.

Presents more than one hundred fifty stories of stupid criminals and the crimes they committed, detailing how they eventually got caught, and provides information on strange food crimes, wacky laws, and animal crimes.

"Spurious Correlations ... is the most fun you'll ever have with graphs."--Bustle Military intelligence analyst and Harvard Law student Tyler Vigen illustrates the golden rule that "correlation does not equal causation" through hilarious graphs inspired by his viral website. Is there a correlation between Nic Cage films and swimming pool accidents? What about beef consumption and people getting struck by lightning? Absolutely not. But that hasn't stopped millions of people from going to tylervigen.com and asking, "Wait, what?" Vigen has designed software that scours enormous data sets to find unlikely statistical correlations. He began pulling the funniest ones for his website and has since gained millions of views, hundreds of thousands of likes, and tons of media coverage. Subversive and clever, Spurious Correlations is geek humor at its finest, nailing our obsession with data and conspiracy theory.

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