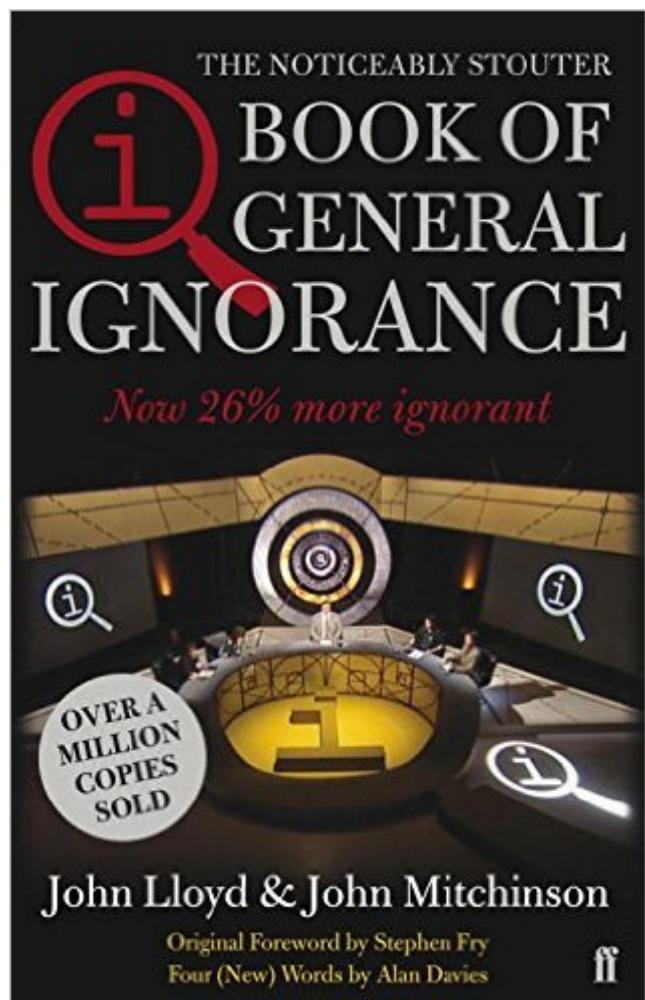


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## Customer Reviews

I am a huge fan of the show QI, and have always found it to be a fun and hilarious way to gain knowledge. So when I saw that there was a way to do so in print, I bought this book. It has a huge variety of interesting facts covering a massive variety of subjects, there truly is something to interest everyone. From common myths (such as swimming after eating, strongest muscle in the body, etc.) to just plain interesting facts that you never knew, you will be pleasantly surprised by how much you thought you knew and didn't! I haven't read the original book (this one contains more facts) but they do a great job of marking the new chapters to let readers of the previous easily tell if they've read it before (the chapter is clearly marked with "new entry!"). And if you're a fan of the show, possibly the best bit of the book- at the end of some (not all, I'm guessing it's the chapters of the facts that have been discussed on the program) of the chapters, there are quotes from various panelists that will have you laughing out loud! The chapters are fairly short which allows you to easily take a break without feeling like you're stopping in the middle of something, and it's great to sit down and read for long stretches of time or if you just have a few minutes to kill waiting at the doctors office. All in all a great read, nothing too heavy, but definitely very interesting. You will be impressed by the facts and will undoubtedly impress everyone around you!

I'm sure there must be folks out there who hate random snippets of knowledge and don't care who actually invented the telephone, why geese were once thought to be a kind of fish or even a

vegetable, whether one can die by eating too many potatoes, what Richard Gere's middle name is, or which nation consumes the most Spam. But in all honesty, I don't know why any of them would buy this book. If, like me, you enjoy finding out that Eskimos buy refrigerators to stop their food from getting too cold, or why a paperclip was an emotive symbol in Norway during WWII, or having your curiosity piqued to realise that scientists don't know how ants manage to have a photographic memory or that the best place to find a hitherto unknown to science species is in your own back garden, then this will be right up your street. As an extra added bonus for fans of the show, there are snippets of dialogue from various episodes, which are generally funny and sometimes howlingly so. So if you would like to find out what rhymes with orange, why banana plants walk, or which sea mammals served as part of the Task Force in Iraq, snap this up and enjoy.

The amount of interesting knowledge in this book is astounding. If you like the TV show, get the book. It basically covers everything from the first couple of seasons. Almost word for word in some cases.

I am a big fan of the TV show QI so when I saw this book I had to have it. I was not disappointed. The book is a series of little stories based on interesting questions. I think they have all been on TV and I recognised many of them. Nonetheless I found the book compelling and overall my level of general ignorance has reduced. Many of the facts were quirky but believable. I found the book a very handy second read. As the chapters are short it is ideal for those times when you only need to fill a minute or two; standing in a queue, waiting for a meeting etc.

some interesting facts here, especially ones debunking long acquired beliefs, maybe more information than you want on some facts and not enough on others. will lead to you doing more research yourself. worth buying for the information it does give you and for leading you to more research but much better as a book than as kindle material, have book of general ignorance 2 on paper and it is much easier to find anything there.

I love the TV series, and I love the book. For fans of the series, many of the examples in the book will be familiar to you, but it's effectively a collection of facts written in an amusing and illuminating way. It manages to be a fun read, rather than a list of 'things', however - something which several similar publications could learn by. You're not going to win any general knowledge awards by memorising this book - but the occasional gem might stick - and being able to trot it out in a social

setting will make people wonder just what the heck you've been doing with your time. If you like the series, you'll like the book. Probably enough said.

Covering a vast range of topics, this book explores myths and generalizations we've all taken for granted, explains the real truth and is very enlightening. The comments below each entry are amusing, but the information itself is detailed without being boring, and very complete. Makes me want to go to school all over again, this time armed with this book!

I have just finished reading QI: The Book of General Ignorance - The Kindle Edition. What a delight! If you enjoy general knowledge (and not so general knowledge) facts this book is a must read! The chapters are short and well written which results in the reader running through one chapter to the next. I think it is a must have for any Kindle library. Regarding the Kindle edition: There are a few places where full stops have been left out but in general it is a high quality, well edited book. It also sports an interactive table of contents which is always a practical in a Kindle edition of this size.

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