

Synopsis

Did you know that a lion's roar can be heard up to five miles away? That an astronaut's heartbeat slows down in space? That about \$50 billion of Monopoly money is printed each year? Three hundred wacky facts pop from the colorful, compact pages of *Weird but True! 3*, an irresistible trove of facts and fun, based on the top-scoring feature in the country's premier children's magazine—National Geographic Kids. Brain-bending information entertains as it educates, covering topics such as science, animals, food, pop culture, weather, geography, and everything else under the sun. Plus, for the first time, this edition contains fun facts generated by readers! The original *Weird but True* book was an overnight success, selling tens of thousand of copies through bookstores in its first month on the market. The third edition is poised to follow, as it explodes with all-new facts, whimsical design, and even more eye-popping features that kids will love.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

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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