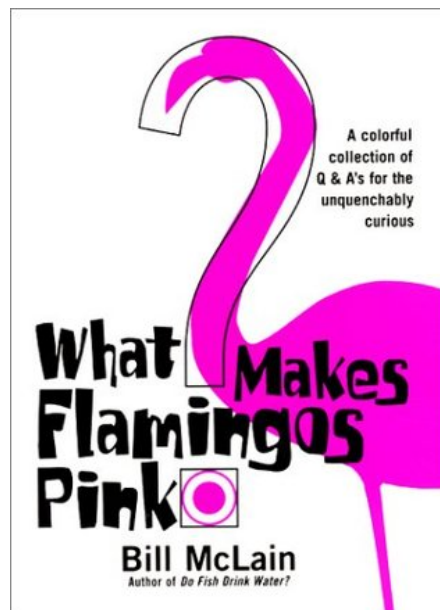




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Do spiders sleep? Why are barns red? Why is there a crescent moon on outhouse doors? Are zebras white with black stripes or black with white stripes?

As the Xerox Corporation's official webmaster, Bill McLain often fielded as many as 1,000 questions a day on just about everything under the sun -- and beyond. The wildest, funniest, and even most astute are collected here (along with their answers) in McLain's second volume that's as fascinating and enlightening as his first, *Do Fish Drink Water?* A "veritable Internet legend known for having all the answers" (San Francisco Chronicle), McLain explains what keeps squirrels from toppling off telephone wires; why the skin on your fingers and toes shrivels up in the water; how seedless watermelons are created; and more. Whether it's animal, vegetable, mineral, or something completely different, the answer is bound to be as interesting as the question itself, and certain to satisfy the trivia hound in everyone.

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Morgan Summerfield says

This book is filled with interesting tidbits of knowledge. I keep it handy for when the kids are having to wait for something. I give them three topic headings, they pick one and I read it to them. It never fails to capture their attention.

Emily Stroba says

It was a good book but it took me a long time to get through it.

Jenny says

This book was AMAZING. I don't know why I loved it so much! It was just so interesting to learn all of these wacky questions! I really want to know how Bill McLain learned everything he did and put it into this book! I can't wait to read the second book!

Melissa says

I love trivia books, but this one has been sitting on the shelf too long, and some of the facts, such as the longest tennis match, is no longer correct. Not as engaging as the Uncle John Bathroom Reader series.

Ivy-Sue says

I liked this book a lot. It actually answered questions that I've wanted to know since I was a child. One being, how do they make seedless watermelons? I really enjoyed this book. It was fun. It used a lot of puns so it made it nicer to take in all the information. I actually liked it and I'm not too big on nonfiction books.

Alison says

Always been a sucker for a good and interesting fact. Gives added info which is also interesting. A little too American but then who said the Yankies weren't weird?

Jenn says

Lots of things David Feldman has already answered in his impoderables, but still very interesting--partly because it was written before the age of google...not once is that search engine mentioned, while he recommends readers try askjeeves for more information. Kind of an information age time capsule in that respect.

Allison says

I honestly loved this book, because now I know a bunch of facts that I don't really need but wanted to know.

Mckayla brown says

Every day i would honestly pick this book up and not want to read it because of how lengthy it is and its full of JUST facts. But i really loved this book and how interesting it is..... I learned so many new things. Like flamingos are pink because of what they eat such as algae. I loved knowing little facts like 50% of the time bank robberies are taken on a Friday. Who would of knew your eyebrows are there to keep sweat and rain drops from falling into your eyes?? I really wanna read another one of his books called Do Fish Drink Water??

Kate says

My kids are always asking questions like this. The book is full of fun "FACTOIDS" I've been reading it to them at night and it's very interesting. And, no flamingos aren't born pink. They become that way because of what they eat. Usually they will eat a diet high in cartenoid. FYI Oh and why do we have eyebrows Mommy? So cute

Steph says

I'll be honest. I didn't actually finish the book. I got as far as I could. The information is anecdotal in most cases, and in some cases grossly erroneous. What killed it for me what when the author presented a segment about geese and was referring to the most common variety as Canadian Geese, when, in fact, the correct name if the species is Canada Geese. This might seem like nitpicking on my part, but if the goal is to be informative, then you can at least start with getting the names right.

Erin says

Fun, easy read. Great for before bed or bathroom. Short segments/facts about random things in life.

Elisa says

The most interesting facts I had already read in the Book of General Ignorance. The rest, I wasn't so impressed by. It's still entertaining and I learned some things.

Chris Ellis says

I read a lot of these types of books, interesting facts, trivia, bathroom readers, you get the idea. This one has a lot of good and interesting information in it. My only beef is with the format. Each question has a "gag" tagline added to the end of it (ex. "What is the Heat Index? (This is a hot topic)) that I personally find very annoying. After the question has been answered there is a "Factoid" follow up, that presumably has to do with the main question, but often goes off topic, and then a "Did you know" follow up which is much the same.

All that said, some of the info is way cool - read aloud to others in the room cool.

Ronnie Cramer says

An okay collection of random 'facts.' These books always contain plenty of errors, but it's fun to read a few entries at a time during odd moments that present themselves over the course of the day.
