

Weird But True Stupid Criminals 150 Brainless Baddies Busted Plus Wacky Facts

Presents facts, brief stories, and photos on topics including extreme hotels, freaky foods, and crazy art, showing that fact can be as weird as fiction.

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!

To understand human character, one must first explore the depraved reaches of human consciousness

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.

Now you can own all Synova's best-selling Seriously Stupid Criminals books all in one collection. This includes: Seriously Stupid Criminals - Seriously Dumb Disguises - Seriously Strange things to steal - Seriously Stupid Social Media Edition. From a man trying to rob a bank with a toilet plunger to the "Maxi Pad Bandit," this book will have you in stitches. Not all true crime is dark, violent, and filled with psychopaths. If you want a grammatical work of literary art this is not it. This is nothing more than pure, unadulterated sarcasm of a Southern girl watching the stupidity on the news. Synova Cantrell was recently named S.W. MO's #1 True Crime Writer/Blogger. Check out her other work on www.synovaink.com

"Grips you by the throat from beginning to end."—Cleveland Plain Dealer ALONE WITH HER NEW HUSBAND on a tiny Pacific atoll, a young woman, combing the beach, finds an odd aluminum container washed up out of the lagoon, and beside it on the sand something glitters: a gold tooth in a scorched human skull. The investigation that follows uncovers an extraordinarily complex and puzzling true-crime story. Only Vincent Bugliosi, who recounted his successful prosecution of mass murderer Charles Manson in the bestseller Helter Skelter, was able to draw together the hundreds of conflicting details of the mystery and reconstruct what really happened when four people found hell in a tropical paradise. And the Sea Will Tell reconstructs the events and subsequent trial of a riveting true murder mystery, and probes into the dark heart of a serpentine scenario of death.

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

For news junkies and fans of the bizarre-but-true, here is an outrageous collection of all-real, all-weird news stories culled from the nation's mainstream newspapers. Line art throughout.

Blue Ice, Meteors, and Beaver Ass, Oh My! FACT: The use of maggots to clean wounds has proven to be effective for patients who don't respond to traditional treatments. FACT: The Icelandic dish hákarl is beheaded basking shark that is buried in the ground for six to 12 weeks to putrefy before it is eaten. FACT: Used during the Dutch Revolt, rat torture involved trapping rodents under a bowl on a prisoner's stomach then heating the bowl's exterior so the animals would eat through the victim's flesh to try to escape. FACT: The average person picks his nose five times every hour, occasionally eating what he picks. The world is a scary place, and it gets scarier every day. From the creator of the bestselling 1,001 Facts That Will Scare The S#*t Out Of You comes this new collection of 1,004 (count 'em!) truly horrifying and horrifyingly true facts about the world around us. From ancient medical practices to doomsday scenarios, to disgusting food from around the world and the entire terrifying state of Florida, the facts in Are You Sh*tting Me? are sure to entertain and disturb you at once. Unless of course you are already disturbed, in which case this is the book for you!

Me, with two gorgeous criminals? It seems impossible because the two men literally broke into my room in the middle of the night. The huge thugs were planning on taking my valuables, but instead, I got a look at their crown jewels. Burke and Bruce Magellan are hardened, tough-as-nails criminals with sculpted bodies, perfect lips, and rough yet sensitive hands that make my mouth water. When they broke into my room one night, at first I wasn't sure what to do. Should I lie motionless in bed or cry out for help? I shivered in fear, not knowing what to expect. But soon, the brothers had me crying out in an entirely different way. Yeah, whoops! The two men were supposed to rob my family blind but now, all I want is to see their crown jewels every night. Playing with the Criminals is a sinful tale involving two OTT alpha males set on claiming their sweet but not-so-innocent heroine. There are no swords that cross because this story is all about HER. Reader beware: Not responsible for Kindles that ignite. As with all my books, this one is safe, with no cheating, and a HEA guaranteed.

Now you can own all of Synova's Seriously Stupid Criminals books all in one collection. This book includes Seriously Stupid Criminals, Seriously Dumb Disguises, Seriously Strange things to steal, and Seriously Stupid Criminals on Social Media. Not all true crime stories are full of murder, violence, and gore. Some stories are just plain hilarious. This book will have you in stitches. If you're looking for a grammatical literary work of art, this is not it. This is nothing more than pure, unadulterated sarcasm of a southern girl watching the news.

Introduces young readers to bizarre objects, oddities, and strange sites throughout the United States.

Series title extrapolated from hardcover edition.

Addison Schacht and his best friend Digger become obsessed with investigating the murder of a classmate as they travel through Washington DC's underworld in this "thoughtful coming-of-age story and engaging teenage noir" (The New York Times). High school senior Addison Schacht is taking the prompt for his college entry essay to the University of Chicago to heart: What are your best and worst qualities? He begins to look back on his life so far and considers what getting into college, selling some pot to his classmates, his relationship with his best friend—not girlfriend—Digger, Virgil's Aeneid, and his growing obsession with the murder of a classmate, Kevin Broadus, all mean. The more he digs into his own past, the farther he stumbles into the middle of the murder investigation. Filled with classic adolescent reflection and an intriguing mystery, The November Criminals is "one of the funniest, most heartfelt novels in recent memory—a book every bit as worthy of Mark Twain and J.D. Salinger" (The Chicago Tribune).

An Edgar Award finalist for Best Fact Crime, this “impressive...open-eyed investigative inquiry wrapped within a cultural history of rural America” (The Wall Street Journal) shows legendary statistician and baseball writer Bill James applying his analytical acumen to crack an unsolved century-old mystery surrounding one of the deadliest serial killers in American history. Between 1898 and 1912, families across the country were bludgeoned in their sleep with the blunt side of an axe. Some of these cases—like the infamous Villisca, Iowa, murders—received national attention. But most incidents went almost unnoticed outside the communities in which they occurred. Few people believed the crimes were related. And fewer still would realize that all of these families lived within walking distance to a train station. When celebrated true crime expert Bill James first learned about these horrors, he began to investigate others that might fit the same pattern. Applying the same know-how he brings to his legendary baseball analysis, he empirically determined which crimes were committed by the same person. Then after sifting through thousands of local newspapers, court transcripts, and public records, he and his daughter Rachel made an astonishing discovery: they learned the true identity of this monstrous criminal and uncovered one of the deadliest serial killers in America. “A suspenseful historical account” (Publishers Weekly, starred review), *The Man from the Train* paints a vivid, psychologically perceptive portrait of America at the dawn of the twentieth century, when crime was regarded as a local problem, and opportunistic private detectives exploited a dysfunctional judicial system. James shows how these cultural factors enabled such an unspeakable series of crimes to occur, and his groundbreaking approach to true crime will convince skeptics, amaze aficionados, and change the way we view criminal history. “A beautifully written and extraordinarily researched narrative...This is no pure whodunit, but rather a how-many-did-he-do” (Buffalo News).

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE’S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can’t resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. “The kind of book that can be life-changing.” —The New York Times “Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank.” —USA Today DON’T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK’S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.

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First came the New York Times bestseller *America's Dumbest Criminals™*, then there were more amazing tales of stupid but true crimes in *Wanted! Dumb or Alive*. In this book, hilarious criminal cluelessness is uncovered on every continent in one hundred new stories.

As the founder of the internet business *MasterMindsForum.com*, e-commerce expert Scott Fox shares tips for starting a successful online business to a worldwide community of aspiring entrepreneurs. Now, in this insightful and practical new book, Scott regales stories of dozens of “regular folks” who have reinvented themselves as Click Millionaires to show readers how to stop dreaming of a better life and start living it. With insights about how to combine outsourcing, software, and automated online marketing to build recurring revenues--while working less--Click Millionaires empowers weary corporate warriors and aspiring entrepreneurs to trade in the 9–5 jobs they hate for rewarding online businesses. You’ll learn how to find a lucrative niche on the internet that matches your interests and skills, choose an online business model, position yourself as an expert, build your audience, and design the lifestyle you want. The rules have changed. The American Dream is no longer the “corner office.” Thanks to the internet, anyone can launch a successful business with little or no start-up capital or technical expertise--run from a home office, the beach, or wherever you desire. Scott encourages you to do whatever it takes, and even includes a free membership to his coaching and training forum for more personalized help--all to help you realize your personal definition of success and the joys of a fulfilling career.

The law of the land is not always uniform, and this wacky book is proof. Intrigued readers dive into the law books of America’s cities and towns, passing by all the boring stuff and getting down to the just plain weird. Forget jaywalking and other everyday crimes—in West Virginia it’s illegal to use a ferret for hunting! Incredibly engaging text and wild photographs help make sure readers won’t play bingo for too long in North Carolina and stay on the right side of the law when collecting seaweed in New Hampshire.

A collection of humorous attempts at crime

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

"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.

The first time Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she’s not sure they have anything in common. But she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt. When they stumble upon a deserted storage yard, Melanie and April decide it’s the perfect spot for the Egypt Game. Before long there are six Egyptians, and they all meet to wear costumes, hold ceremonies, and work on their secret code. Everyone thinks it’s just a game until strange things start happening. Has the Egypt Game gone too far?

Two men photographed each other stealing thousands of dollars from gambling machines. An armed man successfully robbed a pharmacy and was captured after he boasted about it on social media. A burglar spent time cleaning the house he was robbing and even restocked some groceries before he was discovered fast asleep in the homeowner’s bed. Two drunken louts stole a penguin from an aquarium and tried to release it into a canal once they were sober (the creature was returned to the polar enclosure, unharmed). Another man attempted to hold up a bank using a cucumber as a weapon. Two fellows tried to rob a bar where the town’s police department was holding a retirement party for one of its members. For every Moriarty, there are a thousand stupid criminals who get caught in the act, or who boast about their success on social media, or whose plans are so foolish that the police have little difficulty tracking them down. Throughout history, these criminals have been easily captured; some have even died during an ill-fated escape. New criminals are apprehended every day thanks to their own genius, their exploits captured on YouTube and Instagram. *The World’s Dumbest Criminals* records more than one hundred of the most ridiculous, absurd and bizarre crimes that have landed on the police blotter in recent years. Hilarious and outrageous, this book will make you shake your head and perhaps second-guess your own plans to commit petty larceny.

A collection of urban myths reveals how each has been disproven, sharing hundreds of facts about myth origins, their historical significance, and the ways they were investigated by scientific debunkers. Stories abound of immigrant Jews on the outside looking in, clambering up the ladder of social mobility, successfully assimilating and integrating into their new worlds. But this book is not about the success stories. It's a paean to the bunglers, the blockheads, and the just plain weird—Jews who were flung from small, impoverished eastern European towns into the urban shtetls of New York and Warsaw, where, as they say in Yiddish, their bread landed butter side down in the dirt. These marginal Jews may have found their way into the history books far less frequently than their more socially upstanding neighbors, but there's one place you can find them in force: in the Yiddish newspapers that had their heyday from the 1880s to the 1930s. Disaster, misery, and misfortune: you will find no better chronicle of the daily ignominies of urban Jewish life than in the pages of the Yiddish press. An underground history of downwardly mobile Jews, *Bad Rabbi* exposes the seamy underbelly of pre-WWII New York and Warsaw, the two major centers of Yiddish culture in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. With true stories plucked from the pages of the Yiddish papers, Eddy Portnoy introduces us to the drunks, thieves, murderers, wrestlers, poets, and beauty queens whose misadventures were immortalized in print. There's the Polish rabbi blackmailed by an American widow, mass brawls at weddings and funerals, a psychic who specialized in locating missing husbands, and violent gangs of Jewish mothers on the prowl—in short, not quite the Jews you'd expect. One part Isaac Bashevis Singer, one part Jerry Springer, this irreverent, unvarnished, and frequently hilarious compendium of stories provides a window into an unknown Yiddish world that was.

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.

Crime and punishment can be a complicated subject, but sometimes it gets downright strange. Robberies gone wrong and attempts to cash billion-dollar checks are just some of the wacky crimes covered in this book. With colorful photographs and graphics bring these crimes to life, readers learn that criminals often have strange motivations for the odd things they do. Some even commit crimes you might never think would be punishable by law—like laughing too loud—or crimes from history that rarely happen today like train robbing.

America is the home of the brave and, apparently, the stupid and gullible. Satirist Leland Gregory teaches us a lesson in historical hilarity with *Stupid American History*. From Columbus to George W. Bush (that's a lot of material, people), Leland leads us through American history's mythconceptions, exposing idiocy and inanity along the time line. He reeducates by informing us about myths. For example, Samuel Prescott actually was the guy to alert us that the British were coming and not that Paul Revere dude. Move over Colbert and Stewart; satire has finally found its rightful place in American history. Excerpt from the book: "John Tyler was on his knees playing marbles when he was informed that Benjamin Harrison had died and he was now president of the United States. At that time marbles was a very popular game for both children and grown-ups." For reasons still unknown, Texas congressman Thomas Lindsay Blanton, a Presbyterian Sunday school teacher and prohibitionist, inserted dirty words into the Congressional Record in 1921. His colleagues overwhelmingly censured him on October 24, 1921, by a vote of 293-0."

From absurd 911 calls to presidential philosophizing and foolish felons, Leland Gregory generates the best laughs by exposing the worst of human nature. Following up his New York Times best-selling *Stupid American History*, Gregory sets his sights on the holidays as he exposes mind-numbing mistletoe maladies in *Stupid Christmas: Idiots under the Mistletoe*. Perhaps it's the spiked eggnog or the multiple family members gathered around crazy-colored, twinkly lights, but the holidays are rife with idiocy by the daft and the dumb. Inside this latest collection, Gregory offers more than 200 accounts of holiday-induced stupidity, including: * While smoke billowed out of the store, firefighters had to physically restrain enthusiastic shoppers from entering a Great Lakes Mall store during an electrical fire. * In 1995, officials debated over whom to invite to the city's Christmas tree ceremony: President Bill Clinton or the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. * As a joke, Andrew Jackson sent formal invitations to his Christmas ball to a well-known mother-and-daughter prostitute team in Salisbury, North Carolina.

A look inside the often hidden world of parasites turns the clock back to the beginning of life on Earth to answer key questions about these highly evolved and resilient life forms.

Sex. It's something that's on everyone's mind. But the minds that thought of the weird, strange, and stupid sex acts that are reported in *Fifty Shades of Dumb: True Stories of Strange and Screw Sex* are a breed of their own—and unfortunately some of them try to breed on their own.

From an award-winning civil rights lawyer, a profound challenge to our society's normalization of the caging of human beings, and the role of the legal profession in perpetuating it Alec Karakatsanis is interested in what we choose to punish. For example, it is a crime in most of America for poor people to wager in the streets over dice; dice-wagerers can be seized, searched, have their assets forfeited, and be locked in cages. It's perfectly fine, by contrast, for people to wager over international currencies, mortgages, or the global supply of wheat; wheat-wagerers become names on the wings of hospitals and museums. He is also troubled by how the legal system works when it is trying to punish people. The bail system, for example, is meant to ensure that people return for court dates. But it has morphed into a way to lock up poor people who have not been convicted of anything. He's so concerned about this that he has personally sued court systems across the country, resulting in literally tens of thousands of people being released from jail when their money bail was found to be unconstitutional. Karakatsanis doesn't think people who have gone to law school, passed the bar, and sworn to uphold the Constitution should be complicit in the mass caging of human beings—an everyday brutality inflicted disproportionately on the bodies and minds of poor people and people of color and for which the legal system has never offered sufficient justification. *Usual Cruelty* is a profoundly radical reconsideration of the American "injustice system" by someone who is actively, wildly successfully, challenging it.

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.

Offers a collection of true facts about animals, food, science, pop culture, outer space, geography, and weather.

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!

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

Every year, *Reader's Digest* readers send in tens of thousands of jokes and funny anecdotes, in their quest for a \$100 check and, as an extra benefit, eternal glory: to have their joke published in the world's best-read magazine. One man is stopping them from their quest. Andy Simmons. It takes a sense of humor. And Andy certainly has that. Not only is he the arbiter of all things funny in *Reader's Digest*; he is

their Mark Twain, Bill Cosby, and even their David Sedaris. In other words, Andy is the guy Reader's Digest turns to whenever they need a funny story all of America can appreciate. He's perfect for the job. Andy takes great delight in the funny and oddball side of everyday life. In Now That's Funny!, Andy presents his most popular, funniest writings on all things America, some exclusive and all-new, some taken from the award-winning pages of Reader's Digest. You'll discover the Andy that goes out and tries things. His first-person tales of taking dance lessons, participating in a Revolutionary War reenactment, and even taking stand-up comedy lessons are some of the funniest articles to ever appear in Reader's Digest. Then you discover the Andy that observes America. His roundups of dumb criminals, crazy lawsuits, ridiculous excuses and out-of-touch scientific research will have you roaring with laughter -- and feeling much better about yourself. Then there's Andy, the family man. You'll laugh out loud as he goes in search of his inner macho --or for the next stop on his vacation, if only he can find the directions. And Andy's observations on marriage and fatherhood are as accurate as they are funny. Finally, there's Andy the jokester. Here are tales from the job of trying to think, act, and be funny every workday, no matter what the dog did this morning on the rug. Tales of his sit-downs with comic legends from Robin Williams to Woody Allen will have you in stitches. Andy also shares his favorite jokes -- many of them too edgy for printing in Reader's Digest! Add it up, and it's a book filled with hundreds of feel-good, laugh-out-loud moments about life in these United States -- exactly the type of reading we need today!

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