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Weird But True Sports: 300 Wacky Facts About Awesome Athletics



Synopsis

Get ready for the Olympics! Everything has its weird side -- even sports! Add wacky stats, facts, and stories to your arsenal of sports trivia with this new slam-dunk addition to the very popular *Weird but True* series! Discover tons more zany fun, focused totally on the subject of sports! So step up to the plate to get 300 ALL-NEW amazing facts plus photos.

Book Information

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Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

My son has read this book over and over again already and loves to share all the information he learns. It's got short enough tidbits that it keeps kids interest, but still shares the info it's looking to share. Love that it's teaching him trivia facts and he doesn't even realize he's learning.

National Geographic Kids *Weird but True Sports* definitely gets the seal of approval in this household. Not only did it entertain the child in the family, but it was a hit with the adults too! It's stuffed with facts, filled with pictures, and formatted so that each page is attention-grabbing. The facts vary greatly. There's a bit of the absurd in the custard throwing contest, pole-sitting competition, glacier racing, etc. For the serious (but little known) facts to offset them, they have stuff like the fact that divers use a bubbler machine to "soften the water". There's also animal sport facts that totally had the kiddo and myself grabbing my phone so we could look stuff like the

Pig Olympics up. It was so fascinating for my child that she made it halfway through the book before her attention wandered! Parents of the 5 to 7 age range can understand exactly how rare that is. Almost all the information was new to her, and it was fun to discover it together. Weird but True Sports perfectly nails how to be informative and entertaining at the same time. It's a book that kids can pick up and browse at any time. The set-up means there will be things for them to discover time and time again. It's the perfect size and length, so I'd definitely recommend picking it up. Especially with the Olympics not too far away. What better way to get your kid excited and interested in what will be going on? Disclaimer: I received this book free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

It is estimated that if the hot dogs eaten at Major League Baseball games each year were lined up, they would stretch as long as 7827 Empire State Buildings. • Weird but true. National Geographic Kids Weird But True Sports has over 300 fun facts surrounding all things athletics. Each page is host to a plethora of interesting facts covering March Madness, jousts, parachutes, biking, hiking, hot air balloons and so much more. Some of these facts may seem a little strange like, a San Antonio Spurs fan in China made a portrait of basketball player Boris Diaw out of 11,750 push pins. Football player Troy Polamalu's hair was once insured for one million dollars. Crazy facts like these will keep readers engaged and intrigued. Sports fans of all ages will get a kick out the exciting photos found on every page. This guide would be great as a travel companion, home or school library.

This book is FANTASTIC. I could not stop reading it and both my boys thought it was super cool too! Did you know that there that some elephants in Thailand play basketball or that a woman once rode a hot air balloon 41,300 feet into the air before hang gliding back down?!?!!! So cool right! In this book you will read about 300 wacky, wild, and out of this world weird but true sports from the United States and beyond. This book has all the things that I love about National Geographic...the amazing photos, great tidbits and facts, as well as the well written factfinder located in the back of the book. This book will make you want to cheer on the Olympians going for gold at this years Olympics. 5 stars! I received this book free for my honest review.

Disappointed. Not an easy read for a sports addicted young child. I guess I expected something more as a book than the comic book format.

I bought this for my grandson, as a way to get him to read over the summer. He seemed to enjoy it.

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