

Science: Sorted! Evolution, Nature and Stuff by Glenn Murphy
Macmillan ISBN 9780330508940

Evolution is reflected as a time line explaining exactly how we have got to where we are and the reasons for it. It is like a diagram of every living thing, a map that helps you understand, for example, the extraordinary links between poodles and polar bears.

The Story of Britain by Patrick Dillon, illustrated by Martha Dillon
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This wonderfully produced book chronicles the story of two islands, Britain and Ireland, and all the people that have lived there. So whether you're after a bit of information on the Magna Carta or perhaps The Great Fire of London then The Story of Britain has it all.

Talk, Talk, Squawk!: How and Why Animals Communicate

by Nicola Morgan, illustrated by Neal Layton

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Have you ever thought what animals get up to when humans aren't paying them any attention? Well according to this book the answer is simple, they talk to each other! This book gives you the low down on all sorts of animals and how they communicate. So whether its the territorial dog, the wise old elephant or the monkey bearing a grudge this book looks at all the different ways animals talk to each other and communicate.

That's So Gross!: History by Mitchell Symons

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Fact books made up of small nuggets of information are perfect to be able to pick up every so often and dive in and out of. This book is just that but even better it is matched with Mitchell Symons' humour and is all about the gross parts of history. So if you'd like to know that Admiral Nelson's body was preserved in a barrel of brandy or all about people being boiled to death then this book is a must read.

Top 10 Worst Creepy Mysteries You Wouldn't Want to Know About!

by Fiona Macdonald

Book House ISBN 9781907184437

If you have a want for lists and also enjoy mysteries and creepy things then you should definitely be reading this book. Covering everything from Egyptian Mummies and curses to the Mary Celeste, this top 10 most certainly befits its title of worst creepy mysteries. The design and layout is perfect with great illustrations and just enough facts to make them interesting but not too much to make them time-consuming to read.

Victorian Servants, a Very Peculiar History with Added Elbow Grease

by Fiona Macdonald

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When you find a great fact book you want to take it with you everywhere to dip in and out at your leisure. This book is certainly one of those and it makes it even better that you can pretty much fit it in your pocket. Don't be fooled by the small size though as the amount of facts and information that's in this book is amazing. If you're the kind of person that loves the funny and gruesome parts of history then this is most definitely the book for you.

Warrior vs Warrior by Hannah Wilson

Kingfisher ISBN 9780753419083

Throughout history there have been warriors that have stood out for their ferocious fighting styles. Whether they be the famous Japanese Samurai or the formidable Gladiator, each deserves their place in the history of ultimate fighters. But... which one can truly be called the greatest? This book pits all the different warriors against one another to find out the best fighter throughout history.



Who am I? by Anthony Adolph

Quercus ISBN 9781847245090

Have you ever wondered where you came from and who your relatives were? This book is packed with facts, history and activities that will inspire you to create your own family tree and discover all about your relatives. Remember, to know where you're going you have to know where you've been!

Why Eating Bogeys is Good for you by Mitchell Symons

Red Fox ISBN 9781862301849

This book contains an accumulation of some of the most fabulous facts ever thought of from why the sky is blue to whether there is any cream in cream crackers. Mitchell Symons makes the world of trivia fascinating!

The Worst Children's Jobs in History by Tony Robinson

Macmillan ISBN 9780330442862

Fantastic illustrations coupled with Tony Robinson's unique writing style bring this book to life. Not only is this an award winner but it has in it some of the worst jobs imaginable for children throughout history. If you think doing a paper round in the middle of December is bad then try spending all day in a field cutting up peat (rotten vegetable matter) and carrying it round to people's houses to use on their fires.

The Worst Jobs in History by Tony Robinson

Pan Macmillan ISBN 9780330438575

Can you imagine some of the worst imaginable jobs throughout history? What about collecting human waste for gunpowder or being on board HMS Victory where you would most likely end up with cannonballs in your hammock being pushed overboard? Tony Robinson tells us about those jobs you'd rather not think about let alone do, from Roman times to Queen Victoria.

Wow!: The Visual Encyclopaedia of Everything by Dorling Kindersley

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5,000 Awesome Facts about Everything by National Geographic Kids
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If you love facts and you love lots and lots of them this book will be right up your street. It has one of the biggest range of facts possible in a book covering facts from peanut butter to wacky hotels and even paranormal activities. The set out of the book makes it extremely accessible too with bright colours and facts you can delve into at your leisure.

Bad Kids: The Worst Behaved Children in History by Tony Robinson
Macmillan ISBN 9780230737877

You think being a kid nowadays is bad? Well if that's the case then maybe just having a browse over this book will change your opinion completely. If you think writing lines is one of the worst punishments you could think of then spare a thought for those children who used to get beaten or have their ears nailed to a pillory.

The Blitz, A Very Peculiar History by David Arscott
Salariya ISBN 9781907184185

If you've ever wanted to know about the Blitz but had a thirst for strange tid-bits and knowledge then this is the book for you. Not just dealing with the usual facts it also answers some of the weirder questions such as 'Were German paratroopers really dropped disguised as nuns?'

The Boys' Book of Adventure by Steve Martin
Buster Books ISBN 9781906082871

The Boys' Book of Adventure is jam packed with all the kinds of information any boy needs about survival. Whether you want to read it in one sitting or keep coming back for more this is a great fun book for any boys looking to substitute their TV's and computers for something a little more exciting.

Brains, Bodies, Guts and Stuff by Glenn Murphy
Macmillan ISBN 9780330508957

The Science Museum has created a number of fantastic fact books and this one is no different. With a catchy title that draws you straight in this book is all about the human body. Glenn Murphy attempts to answer those questions we all want to know such as 'If you stopped peeing for a month, would you explode?'. This book covers all sorts of facts from cells to brainpower and does it in a fun, informative way.

Creepy-crawlies (Henry's House) by Philip Ardagh,
illustrated by Mike Gordon
Scholastic ISBN 9781407107189

In Henry's House there is a whole world of fascinating things that could happen. In this book Henry and caretaker Jagers discover all about creepy-crawlies. The more Henry finds out the more we do until there is nothing we don't know about these little creatures.

Do Try This At Home! by Punk Science
Macmillan ISBN 9780330508063

This is one of the most comprehensive guides to exploring the wonderful world of science in your own home. You can do all types of experiments set out in full colour, with jokes, facts and ideas interspersed with fascinating projects.

The Girls' Book: How to Be the Best at Everything by Juliana Foster
Buster Books ISBN 9781905158799

This is certainly a book that no girl should be without. Instead of switching on your TV or sitting down at your computer, this book will make you get up and experience the world. Filled with all types of must have information, it will make sure that girls really are the best at everything!

How Nearly Everything Was Invented by the Brainwaves
by Ralph Lazar
Dorling Kindersley ISBN 9781405329781

Through this book you will see how over 300 of the world's most important inventions came about. With hilarious characters, the brainwaves, as a guide, you learn how these inventions have changed and shaped the world we live in.

How the World Works by Christiane Dorion, illustrated by Beverley Young
Templar ISBN 9781848771895

This brilliantly interactive book gives a great insight to all the fascinating things that makes our world work. From pull outs, pop ups and some amazing pictures this is a treasure trove of information produced in a fun, exciting way.

How to Change the World with a Ball of String: Random Acts and Objects That Made History by Tim Cooke
Scholastic ISBN 9781407121543

If you're a purveyor of random facts then *How to Change the World with a Ball of String* will certainly appeal to you. Aiming to chronicle everything from the beginning of time to right now this book is set out in such an appealing way that you can't help but be hooked from the outset. The best fact books are those that you just love for the enjoyment they give but you come away at the end having learnt some fantastic things. This book is probably one of the best examples around of doing this. A must have for fact fans!

How to Make a Universe with 92 Ingredients: An Electrifying Guide to the Elements by Adrian Dingle
Scholastic ISBN 9781407116747

From the same series as *How to Change the World with a Ball of String* this title focuses on all the elements in our planet and how together they make some pretty fantastic things. The layout and production is a delight which will leave you unable to put it down! Covering cave-man decorations to fireworks and fast food, this book will leave you with some pretty mind blowing facts that you can amaze your friends and family with.

Insiders Alive – Earthquakes and Volcanoes by Anita Ganeri
Templar ISBN 9781840117486

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London: From Roman Capital to Olympic City by Richard Platt
Kingfisher ISBN 9780753431061

History is one of the most fascinating areas covered and read in fact books and there's a good reason for that; some of history is more outrageous and interesting than any fiction book could dream of. Fact books about history can also give an insight into places and cities as they have changed over time and this book certainly does that. Chronicling London through the ages right up to the present day this book offers a window into one of the world's greatest cities and how it has changed over time.

The Murderous Maths of Everything by Kjartan Poskitt,
illustrated by Rob Davis
Scholastic ISBN 9781407131436

Anyone who has an interest in numbers of any kind will love this book. If you ever thought maths lacked that certain humour then Kjartan Poskitt provides buckets full in this book. You will never look at algebra or numbers in the same light!

National Geographic Kids Infopedia 2013 by National Geographic Kids
National Geographic ISBN 9781426310706

The Kids Infopedia from National Geographic is a 'one stop shop' for fun packed information. Covering subjects such as Amazing Animals to History Happens and everything in between, there is something for absolutely everyone in this book. If you want facts this is a must to read!

Really Really Big Questions by Dr Stephen Law,
illustrated by Nishant Choksi
Kingfisher ISBN 9780753417812

Have you ever wondered about the really big questions in life? If so this is definitely the book for you. Packed with 100 of life's important but unanswered questions the book explores the answers in an unusual and fun way. Split into 4 comprehensive sections including The Great Big Universe Puzzle and The Good the Bad and the Ugly.

A Really Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson
Corgi ISBN 9780552562966

Covering a large amount of information from the wonders of time and space to accidental discoveries, this book sets topics out in such a way that you actually understand them. For instance after reading the section on astro-physics you actually come away knowing more and not feeling utterly confused.