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Mark Oppenlander says

Things I learned from this book:

- The song "Mony Mony" takes its title from the Mutual of New York insurance company.
- Custer was not the hero that legend makes him out to be - he was in fact a Lieutenant Colonel who finished last in his class at West Point. His stupidity led him to make many tactical errors, the last of which created his infamous "last stand."
- "The Wizard of Oz" was most likely written as a political parable in support of 1890's populism.
- Cary Grant was into LSD.

There's a lot more stuff like that in this book. It is an absolute treasure-trove of worthless information.

Lori says

love these!! i have almost every one of them

Phair says

OK- now I'm hooked on these trivia-fests from Uncle John. It is amazing how many tidbits that are contained in these audios pop up in my daily life conversations or in TV shows. "Cultural" literacy at its best. Also excellent training for a recently started Trivial Pursuit game day that members of my Friends of the Library have begun. Well presented by various readers with interesting music & sound effects to keep things from being 'just the facts, m'am'.

Christian Meier says

About as good as you can expect from a factoid book that predates the internet.

Which is to say: not very good, unfortunately.

John says

Rated: B+

Carolyn Bunkley says

Pure fun!

If you don't like one article, turn the page.

Mia Morrison says

Cleverly put together, fun, random facts, literary excerpts and historical accounts that are brief and well put together. Despite myself this made me smile off and one, though I found some facts that were not, in fact, correct, it still made for some interesting reading.

HeavyReader says

This is the book that started my love for the Uncle John's Bathroom Reader series.

My first nice boyfriend, Mike Schneider, turned me on to this series, which was a big hit with his family. They actually read it in the bathroom.

I love these books because they are full of good stories, told well, but kept short. I like the factoids at the bottom of every page. I like that the stories are often humorous and always entertaining. I like that I can wrap my brain around the information even when I'm tired.

I would be glad to read every single book in this series.

UPDATE: I first heard of *Uncle John's Bathroom Reader* series from a beloved boyfriend. I read several in the series and enjoyed every one.

I found the very first volume in a thrift store for ten cents. Score!

I thought I'd read this one already, but when I started in on it, none of the information seemed familiar. Did I miss this one, or did I simply forget everything in it over the ensuing 20+ years? Either way, I did enjoy reading it in a couple of days.

What I like about the series is that although most pieces are short, they are well-written and informative.

I don't read in the bathroom, but I tore through this book at work between customers.

Emily Kay Allender says

OK, what's not to love about Uncle John's Bathroom Reader? It's a mecca of useless information, and the perfect way to pass the time in the bathroom. Warning: it may make your bathroom breaks a little longer than usual.

Eleanor says

I think it was good but you know just kinda strange! I love the jokes in them I use them all the time!
I only thing i say you should do is to have it like real book, just all one!
Other wise it was great!

Froggarita says

Great book in the series!! Loved it!

Amy P. says

Who would have known that so many facts could be learned while taking care of business?

JR says

The first of this series I picked up and most likely one of the best so far. Most are the same in style and quality but for the most part this one was a lot of fun. It's short stories for a reason!

Michael Noll says

I really enjoyed this book. At first I didn't know what to MAKE of it. I wasn't sure it was going to make a big splash for me. It was a little nutty. But after reading it I felt great. It nearly brought a tear to my brown eye. But I just wiped it away.

Kino says

When I was reading a portion of my book I came across this part where it was saying the history of Easter and how it got to what it was now and I thought, "I never that Christianity had so much variations in history. So what I think the reading strategy that I used was activating schema because I was resorted to using the knowledge I have on Easter that I learned. I learned it's called easter because it was the day of God's resurrection and they chose the bunny because the bunny was a symbol of New life for what I was taught. I thought this thought helped me understand the book a little more because I already knew a little about the subject but with the book it made and helped me understand topic even more.
