

Totally True Stories

Juvenile Nonfiction

Albee, Sarah. **Bugged : how insects changed history.** (JUV 595.7 ALBEE)

Chronicles the rivalry between the human and insect worlds that draws on myriad disciplines to explain the varying roles that bugs have played in building and toppling empires as well as the bug stories behind infamous disasters.

Birmingham, Maria. **Weird Zone: sports.** (JUV 796 BIRMI)

Uncovers the "other" sports, from the local and hidden to the strange, bizarre, and downright crazy sports you've probably never heard about, including: chasing a giant wheel of cheese down an English hillside, wrestling with your toes, and playing football with over 200 people per team!

Birney, Betty G. **Humphrey's World of Pets.** (JUV 636.935 BIRNE)

Humphrey tells a different kind of story as he shows readers how to take care of different kinds of animals and pets in this nonfiction guide that features activities, trivia, and tips.

Blackwood, Gary L. **Mysterious Messages : a history of codes and ciphers.**
(JUV 652.8 BLACK)

This fascinating look at history's most mysterious messages is packed with puzzles to decode and ciphers that kids can use themselves.

Blake, Susannah. **Crafts for Revamping Your Room.** (JUV 745.5 BLAKE)

Redo your room with a fabulous eco-friendly make-over with these craft ideas! From the nightstand to the doorstop, this book offers easy step-by-step instructions to upcycle, customize and add sparkle to your bedroom.

Denenberg, Barry. **Titanic Sinks!** (JUV 910.916 DENEN)

Presents the true story of the building and launching of the Titanic and offers a "you are there" feeling when the steamship struck an iceberg and sank on her maiden voyage.

Doyle, James. **A Young Scientist's Guide to Faulty Freaks of Nature.** (JUV 500 DOYLE)

The perfect book for all those that have a thirst for the weird, the wonderful and the downright wacky, A Young Scientist's Guide to Faulty Freaks of Nature contains hands-on experiments as well as startling facts about crazy chemistry, bird-brained biology, fool-hardy physics and scientists creating planetary-wide chaos.

Greenberg, Jan. **The Mad Potter : George E. Ohr, eccentric genius.** (JUV 738.092 GREEN)

The Mad Potter tells the extraordinary story of an eccentric American maverick who was determined to make his mark and who never stopped believing that even the unlikeliest dreams can come true.

Jenkins, Steve. **The Animal Book: a collection of the fastest, fiercest, toughest, cleverest, shyest--and most surprising--animals on earth.** (JUV 590 JENKI)

Flip through the pages and let your eyes take you on a journey as you explore the animal kingdom through artwork and animal profiles that reveal the creatures' unique world in sections like 'Animal Extremes,' 'The Story of Life,' 'Animal Senses,' and others.

Jenkins, Steve. **Creature Features : 25 animals explain why they look the way they do.** (JUV 591.4 JENKI)

Packed with many cool facts and visuals on where certain animals live and what they eat, this book captures twenty-five humorous--and very true--explanations of why animals look the way they do in order to exist in this world.

Lake, Matthew. **Weird History.** (JUV 001.909 LAKE)

Take a wild and wacky magical history tour! Mark Sceurman and Mark Moran--whose Weird series has sold more than a million copies--show kids the stranger side of America's past. They uncover abandoned places and haunted spaces, dig up ancient mysteries, shine a light on secret societies, and tell some spine-tingling cemetery stories.

Latham, Donna. **Backyard Biology.** (JUV 570 LATHA)

This introduction to the basic concepts of biology removes any fears associated with the subject and reveals exciting discoveries about microorganism, plant, and animal life using the backyard as a laboratory. Kids in both the city and the country will engage in the scientific process as they watch yeast blow up a balloon, make predictions about and test seed growth in different soils, grow microbes in a Winogradsky Column, observe the effects of geotropism, prepare and nurture a habitat for bugs, and make an edible coral reef.

Lipkowitz, Daniel. **LEGO Minifigures Character Encyclopedia.** (JUV 688.725 LIPKO)

From the Musketeer to the Minotaur, the LEGO® Minifigures world features a diverse cast of minifigures inspired by history, movies, myth, sports, and everyday life.

Macaulay, David. **Castle.** (JUV 728.81 MACAU)

Factual and artistic details shine in light of newly researched information. With characteristic zest and wit, David Macaulay retraces the planning and construction of Lord Kevin's fictional castle. Architecture enthusiasts of all ages will marvel at the staggering possibilities of human imagination and ingenuity.

Mazer, Anne. **Spilling Ink.** (JUV 808.3 MAZER)

After receiving letters from fans asking for writing advice, accomplished authors Anne Mazer and Ellen Potter joined together to create this guidebook for young writers. The authors mix inspirational anecdotes with practical guidance on how to find a voice, develop characters and plot, make revisions, and overcome writer's block.

Newman, Aline A. **How to Speak Dog.** (JUV 636.7 NEWMA)

Is your dog trying to tell you something? Discover the meaning behind canine body language as tip boxes and factoids about our four-legged friends reveal how dogs communicate without saying a word.

O'Hearn, Michael. **Awesome Space Robots.** (JUV 629.43 OHEAR)

Some people say that space is the final frontier. But robots are making space much less mysterious. Robots and robotic probes have been exploring the planets and helping astronauts do research since the 1970s. Look inside to learn about incredible space robots and the amazing things that they have discovered about our solar system.

Owen, Ruth. **Zombies and Other Walking Dead.** (JUV 398.45 OWEN)

In 'Zombies and Other Walking Dead,' children will read historical stories and modern-day accounts of zombie encounters and get all the information they need to protect themselves from these frightening creatures. Children will also investigate the truth behind zombie stories and examine how the fears and superstitions of different cultures might explain the origins of zombie myths.

Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. **Super sniffers : dog detectives on the job.** (JUV 636.7 PATEN)

A dog's nose is 300 times more powerful than a human nose, so it's no wonder that dogs use their incredibly advanced sense of smell to do some very important jobs. Dorothy Hinshaw Patent explores the various ways specific dogs have put their super sniffing ability to use: from bedbug sniffers to explosive detectors to life-saving allergy detectors...and more. This dynamic photo-essay includes first-hand accounts from the people who work closely with these amazing dogs.

Pattison, Rosie G. **Just Joking 4: 300 hilarious jokes.** (JUV 808.88 PATTI)

Presents a variety of jokes and facts, including knock-knocks, tongue twisters, riddles, and traditional question and answer jokes.

Sheinkin, Steve. **Bomb : the race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon.** (JUV 623.451 SHEIN)

Recounts the scientific discoveries that enabled atom splitting, the military intelligence operations that occurred in rival countries, and the work of brilliant scientists hidden at Los Alamos.

Shulman, Mark. **Are You "Normal"?** (JUV 031.02 SHULM)

How weird are you? Over 100 questions help kids rank themselves, their siblings, and even their pets on a special scale designed to show them just how weird they really are.

Sloan, Christopher. **Tracking Tyrannosaurs.** (JUV 567.912 SLOAN)

Feathers adorn a T. rex relative as readers meet the one-ton specimen and discover 18 other kinds of tyrannosaurs that called our planet home for millions of years, including seven species only discovered within the past few years.

Tremaine, Jon. **Amazing Magic Tricks.** (JUV 793.8 TREMA)

Professional magician Tremaine's manual, marked with tabs for easy browsing, contains step-by-step, illustrated instructions for card, matchstick, rope and string tricks, and mind/body magic.

Winterbottom, Julie. **Pranklopedia.** (JUV 818.602 WINTE)

It includes over 70 pranks, with step-by-step directions; a full-color, sixteen-page insert of supplementary materials, including 'tasty' soup can labels (mmm, Cream of Sparrow Soup!) and a 'winning' lottery ticket; recipes for such essential prank-stuff as fake snot, fake vomit, fake ice cream; tips on how to pull the perfect prank; profiles of famous pranks and pranksters; even a prank woven right into the book—spot the fake entries in the Prankster Hall of Fame.