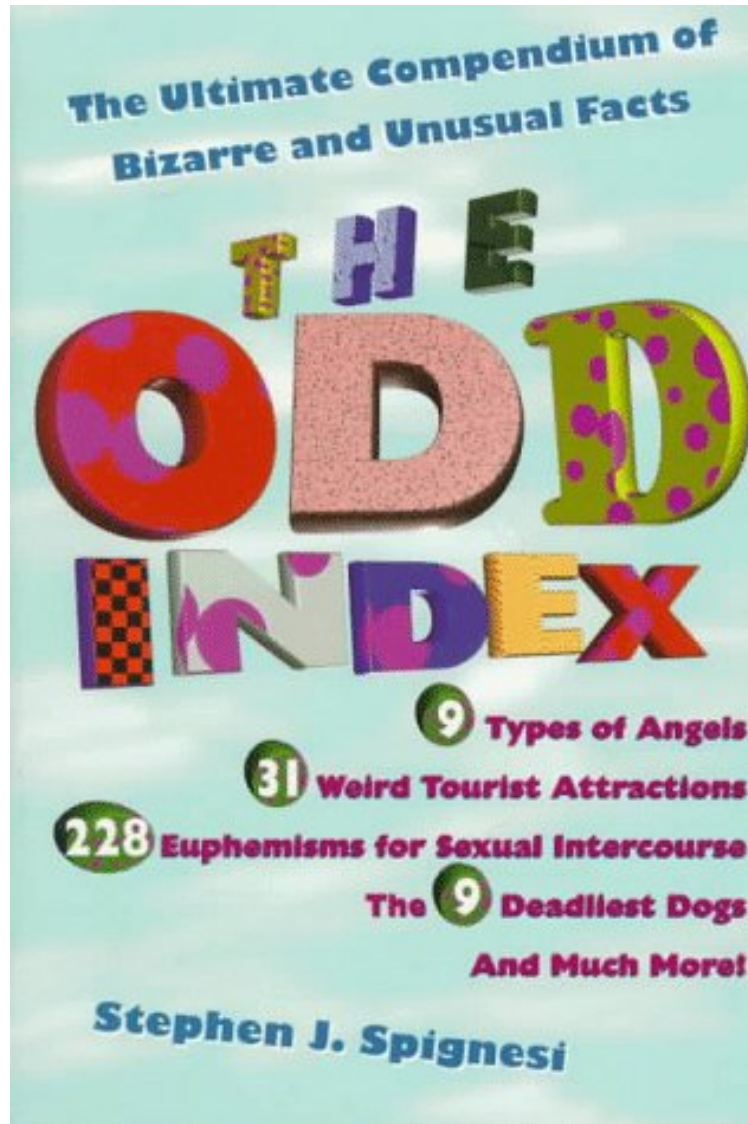


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Stephen Spignesi : The Odd Index: The Ultimate Compendium of Bizarre and Unusual Facts before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Odd Index: The Ultimate Compendium of Bizarre and Unusual Facts:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Some fun, but too much about sex By R. Kelly Wagner At first I was really enjoying this book, but the longer I glanced at it, the less additional fun I got out of it. Far too many lists have to

do with sex, some of them quite repetitive. Booo-ring! We just don't need a list of a couple hundred euphemisms for having sex, which didn't even include some of my favorites, and some of which haven't been used in a couple hundred years. I did like the preliminary commentary to this particular list, though, pointing out that many of the euphemisms are far more explicit than the bare-bones phrase they were meant to replace. Trivia about religion and death is interesting. I enjoyed reading about the steps in a medical-legal autopsy; if you are a murder-mystery reader, you'll like that too. Other lists I enjoyed: 20 alleged cases of backwards phrases in recordings, along with an explanation of how such phrases might occur. Reasons to believe that Paul was dead. (If you don't understand that phrase, you're the wrong generation anyway.) Movie anachronisms. Longest movies ever made. The lists about sex will probably appeal more to some people than they did to me, so my reaction shouldn't discourage you from buying this. It's a great sort of book to keep in the bathroom so that you can read a couple of pages at a time and then put it down. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A fascinating compendium of strange information. By A Customer This is one of those great fun books that you keep beside your favorite chair to pick up and browse through while the commercials are running on tv and you're waiting for 'Seinfeld' to resume. To quote from the introduction: " The Odd Index is the ultimate compilation of humorous, peculiar, outrageous, gross, mind-boggling, raunchy, infuriating, enlightening, disgusting, and just plain useless information ever assembled..... Just reading the table of contents will be enough to suck you in." unquote. It's all true. This is a delightful little book that will provide hours and hours of informative browsing. For instance, did you know that at one time Mickey Mouse was banned in the United States? Well, he was, back in 1932. There's a list of 51 banned books and one cartoon. Examples of banned books are The Bible in the Soviet Union as late as 1926 and The Merchant of Venice in the US in 1931. In Spain in 1720, the book Robinson Crusoe was denoted as a banned. These are only a few examples of the titles listed. The book contains various sorts of lists that include 40 euphemisms for the Devil, including Old Harry, The Arch Fiend, Scratch, and Queed. There's 195 names for the penis, including Mr. Happy; 75 aliases for female breasts such as The Upper Works, Hooters, and Begonias. For sexual intercourse we are exposed to no less than 228 different names that are used for this activity, including Boink Someone, Dance the Matrimonial Polka, and Parallel Park. Do you know the 9 types of angels? Well, it seems they are divided into 3 choirs and under each choir are the names of each category. There's a list of 22 things invented by Leonardo da Vinci hundred's of years before they were 'reinvented' to include the alarm clock, the flying machine, and the telescope. Under the 31 Peculiar Tourist attractions are listed a urinal once used by JFK, and Hobbiton, a life-size reproduction of Bilbo Baggins' hometown. There are 36 really long movies listed that have running times from 5 hrs-2 min to 85 hrs! The 8 levels of IQ evaluation are listed with a score of over 141 being in the Genius category. There is a listing of 20 odd names of animal groups to include a crash of rhino, a sloth of bears, and a knot of toads. I would recommend this book to all aspiring authors. It contains a multitude of information that could be useful. Information that would entertain and delight your readers if it is skillfully woven into your story. 18 of 19 people found the following review helpful. A good read during a "cargo dispatch", then flush it By A Customer This book would be a great resource for aspiring mystery, suspense or porn writers. From the stages of rigor mortis to squeamish curiosities, it's all covered, or uncovered, as the case may be. Some items are not appropriate for non-adults -- excerpts describing photos from Madonna's sex book, excerpts describing graphic murders from American Psycho... there's a reason people avoid these items. Choice. For reference or amusement purposes only, but be warned, some items warrant skipping to retain your lunch. Received as a joke gift; not a self-chosen purchase.

Guaranteed to alarm and entertain, this madcap collection of weird lists contains thousands of the most peculiar, outrageous, mind-boggling, infuriating, enlightening, and just plain useless tidbits of trivia ever assembled. Subjects range from weird laws concerning women's feet to sexual phobias, from notable criminals' last meals to celebrity sightings of UFOs.