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The Onion Book Of Known Knowledge: A Definitive Encyclopaedia Of Existing Information



Synopsis

Are you a witless cretin with no reason to live? Would you like to know more about every piece of knowledge ever? Do you have cash? Then congratulations, because just in time for the death of the publishing industry as we know it comes the final book ever published, and the only one you will ever need: The Onion's compendium of all things known. Replete with an astonishing assemblage of facts, figures, statistics, threats, blood, and additional fees to edify even the most simple-minded book-buyer, The Onion Book of Known Knowledge is packed with valuable information - such as the life stages of an Aunt; places to kill one's self in Utica, New York; and the dimensions of a female bucket, or "pail". With hundreds of entries for all 27 letters of the alphabet, The Onion Book of Known Knowledge must be purchased immediately to avoid the sting of eternal ignorance.

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Customer Reviews

Wow... The Onion... as usual... leaves no group untouched. If you are easily offended you will NOT be happy with this book! However, if you can see this book for what it is... humor (and a great deal of it very off-color)... you will love it. If you are familiar with the Onion online, then you'll know exactly what to expect. If you buy it, I hope you enjoy it as much as I did, but be warned... there are no taboos in terms of this book. Thanks for taking the time to read my review.

I love this book, and I have loved the Onion's version of satire for a very long time. Whenever I need a laugh, I go to their website. This book is built like an encyclopedia, but you have to remember it is satire. Everything in it meant to be a joke. Often, the writers combine some real, but put a twist on it.

It is their specific brand of humor, which means you either appreciate and get it or it is not for you. I did not read this book from start to finish. Instead, I open up to random pages and just read what that page has to offer. This seems to be the best way to tackle this book. I have not read every entry, but every entry I have read made me laugh. I often re-read passages out loud to friends and family whenever I get the chance. The book is put together using high quality materials. The writing is top notch. And the book is funny. If you are looking for a good laugh, and gain some insight into the twisted minds of the Onion writers, you should read this book.

I bought this for a christmas exchange. It didn't really make a hit. I thought it was something I would keep for myself if I liked it enough but decided to put it in the exchange.

Loving the onion-from their videos to website- i just had to get this book. When i got in the mail, although the corners were dented due to lack of packaging, i immediately open to a random passage. This book is everything and more. IT covers everything from ancient civilizations(made up ones to) to dinner etiquette. This book is absolutely fabulous. This book has many political and cultural references, so you may or may not understand many of the passages. Example: I showed my friends the passage on Dinosaurs and did not crack a smile. Whoever you are, you will find something just for your taste. Makes a great gift to a sarcastic, or funny friend. PROs:-Funny-something for every one-amazingly written-excellent coffee-table piece Cons:-Some people may not like crude humor-Because my book came a little dented, doesn't mean yours will

This was originally purchased as a Christmas gift. I peeked at a few entries before wrapping it up and immediately had second thoughts. Namely, "I could keep this for myself and make a last minute run to get a replacement. They'll never know..." The recipient ended up loving the book, as did I, since I ordered myself a copy. This is a table book, you will probably read bits and pieces, not the whole thing at once. Leaving it on the table can start some interesting/hilarious discussions. It's also quite Onion-y, so if you don't know what the Onion is, you might want to find out before ordering blind (just Google it). Overall, fantastic and should come in 2-packs.

In the Onion's typical style, many entries have enough of a basis in history and fact to be wildly entertaining, especially if you recognize where the riffs are originating from. A good example is setting Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" in the Civil War, characterizing it as a

"...semiautobiographical account of the hundreds of grotesque battlefield amputations [Alcott] performed in the waning days of the conflict. The story follows Josephine "Jo" March Bhaer and two fellow nurses as they race to remove the badly crushed and gangrenous limbs of sobbing Union soldiers who have been rushed to field hospitals, many of them with blood still gushing in crimson torrents from their open wounds. Exhausted and covered in infected pus, flesh, and sinew, the three women bond over jamming spent munitions into soldiers' mouths before frantically sawing off their arms or legs without anesthesia, and then, years later, over trying to drown out the shrill cries of agony that continue to haunt their dreams. Alcott's classic novel is still beloved by women around the world and has been adapted into several stomach-turning, almost unwatchable feature-length films."The Onion at the top of its game.

Well, to be honest I was going to give this to my brother-in-law for Christmas until my sister said, "Oh he might like it, I don't know." That's when I thought, "Oh well the hell with him, I KNOW I will like/love it" so, it stayed home with me. I have been reading the Onion for quite a while and I love the absurdity of it all. I read it before bedtime for a good laugh. I can't wait until my son gets old enough to read it. No one in my immediate circle of friends understand why I love this so much. Maybe time for new friends?!? Anyway, if you enjoy a good laugh get this book it's a very good read.

This is some seriously funny stuff! I love the Onion!

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