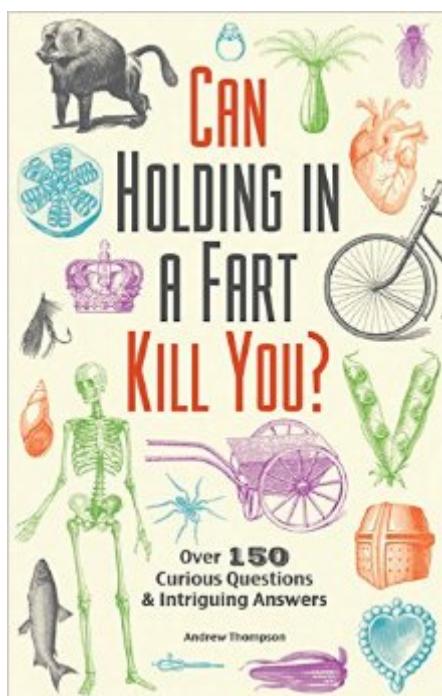


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# Can Holding In A Fart Kill You?: Over 150 Curious Questions And Intriguing Answers



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I really like this book. It's a cool reference guide as a coffee table book, use as bathroom reader or a conversation starter. Thompson compiled some fun and interesting questions. Questions that might make the reader think, "I've never thought about that before."Despite the title of the book, not all the questions are silly.Thompson choose a bevy of questions having to do with science, history and theory. Questions such as why a chameleon changes color, how do bees navigate, what are the origins of the English language, or did the lost city of Atlantis exist. The answers are short, precise and detailed. Definitely enough information to satisfy an answer.I think my favorite question in the entire book is What is the origin of "Son of a Gun?" So often do we come upon colloquialisms and

idioms that are used frequently and we don't give any thought into where they came from. Thompson not only has an answer, but continued the section by taking about the multiple sources from where the phrase originated and how it has come to be used currently. As informative as his book is, it's easily digestible. I'm going to pass this book off to a niece or nephew and tell them to learn some facts to pass on to their friends. Spread the knowledge!

This book is SO much fun! It provides the answers to so many questions that are fun, interesting, and occasionally- historical! The outline of the book is fairly simple. The question (sometimes silly, sometimes intriguing) is posed as a heading, and then there is a quick but detailed answer. These answers are a few paragraphs to a little over a page. The answers are concise but completely filled with great information. The title of the book suggests that all the questions might be crude or overly silly, but that's not it at all! Although some of the questions are silly (for example besides the title, "why do birds fall off branches when they're asleep" or "why do dogs have wet noses"), there are so many more kinds of questions in this book! Some of them are vaguely scientific (such as, "what causes Parkinson's Disease" or "how does general anesthesia work"), while others are historical (such as, "how did Mother's Day originate"). Although they are so different, all these questions are really interesting, with compelling answers and well-researched responses. I really enjoy this book. I expect it's usually used as a bathroom reader but I read it all in one sitting! It's so much fun, and I learned a lot!

As my age increases I've been finding myself spending more and more time in the 'home office.' As such my needs for enjoyable, but appropriate, literature has also increased. I look for books that contain cool facts, hard questions, and a condensed easy to read form. Enter "Can Holding in a Fart Kill You?" This book is absolutely jam packed with intriguing questions or musings on life such as 'What does Trainspotting Involve?' (What is trainspotting?) and 'Why is the Empire State Building Famous?' (Because it's big?). Each question is given 3-6 paragraphs of detailed information which not only answers the questions but expands it to larger concepts and ideas that can help you in life. But really, this book is hard to put down and is full of fun information which is presented in a concise and clear manner which I enjoyed reading. Heck, sometimes I even find myself taking it to the work home office for my afternoon reading pleasure.

I have a soft spot for trivia books--things like Ever Wonder Why? and Uncle Johns bathroom readers. Recently, I've liked What If? and the ASAP Science books. This one was a little less

science-y than those, which I liked. It was fun to have a range of topics, everything from stuff I was genuinely curious about (What are the health risks of cell phones? How harmful is secondhand smoke?) to more lighthearted fun ones, like is Jurassiac Park possible? and the title question.....which you'll be glad to know is no. There's also how is a safe cracked, if you want some real world advice ;) The author has a relaxed writing style and it's fairly easy to read, so it would also be a good book for kids. I bought this as a cheap ebook to have something light to read on a vacation, but I think I'll buy the paperback to keep in the bathroom.

In today's internet age of Wikipedia, Quora or even Yahoo Answers, you can find an answer to a question you have within a few short minutes. It makes books like this basically inadequate to anyone connected to the worldwide web. The information provided is fairly common questions with explanations you should have been provided with in basic schooling. Though, I suppose it's a quick read and something to pass the time. Not to toot my own horn, but I knew the answer to about 70 percent of the questions asked. I wouldn't waste money on this unless you score it for a dollar in a thrift store.

I love this trivia book. Don't be fooled by the title (though it's a good question!). There are all sorts of interesting questions and answers in this book. Why do cats purr? Do fish ever sleep? What is the origin of Halloween? What makes popcorn pop? Why do people blush? How does acupuncture work? There are over 150 of these. It's an excellent present but I'm keeping it for myself!

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