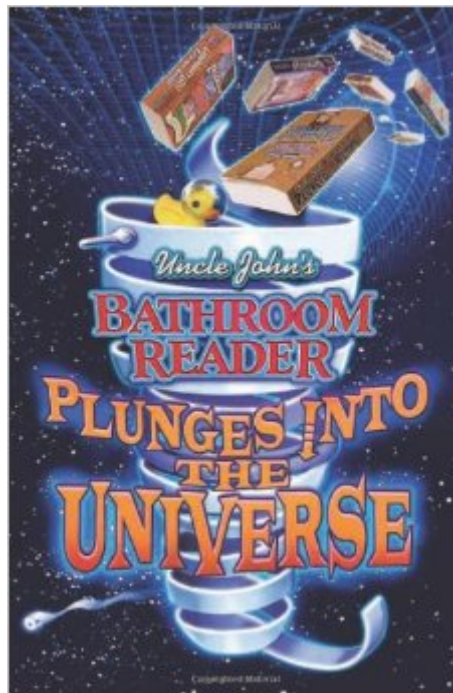


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Customer Reviews

The husband starts telling me that the heart isn't really on the left side of the chest, it's just that the left ventricle is bigger, and why it developed that way. How did he acquire this arcane knowledge? Uncle John's "Plunges Into the Universe," of course. My husband loves this book. I got it for him as gift (an entirely successful gift), and he keeps showing me things. Math Mnemonics: did you know that you can remember the order of Roman numerals (L, C, D, M) if you can recall "Lucky Cows Drink Milk"? In this book you can also find out more than you ever wanted to know about

dead-skin-chomping dust mites, the teeth of elephants, space-travel foods developed by NASA, plus the ever popular "much, much more!" Short articles full of fascinating trivia with a lively presentation -- the perfect gift for the geek-on-the-run who doesn't have time to read more than "Scientific American" articles but Wants To Know Everything Anyway.

Lots of quick enjoyable reads in this book and a good laugh or two -- something for almost everybody. I especially liked the article about using flowers and fish to predict the weather... the sort of thing you'd only find in Uncle John. My hubby liked the info about the sturdiness of houses built out of dung. He's ready to try it if our rent goes up again... Yep there's good stuff in this book.

As always, packed with all sorts of stories, facts, jokes, and more. I thought it might have more in it about outer-space because of the title, but it is more general knowledge. This is our 3rd Uncle John's.

These books have always delivered for me. The only complaint is sometimes my legs fall asleep on the pot because I've spent too much time reading...which is usually when the fire alarms go off or UPS is at the door with something I want really bad.

This is an excellent book to use either as a reference for school or to read for fun (or both). This (as well as all of the others) is a great gift for anyone who is interested in learning about inner and outer space. All of the Bathroom books make interesting reading on a vast variety of subjects. As the saying goes, "Try it, you'll like it".

This book is full of amazing stuff, like ALL Uncle John Bathroom Readers, but... and this is huge BUTT (pardon the pun)... for some reason, in the "Plunges Into..." series, the editors allow (or encourage) the writers to pepper nearly every single story with stupid little wisecracks and not-so-clever asides that get to be really, really annoying. Uncle John is renowned for a sense of humor, but this crap is just excessive and totally unnecessary. The stories are interesting enough on their own, they don't need junior high-level embellishments like this.

This book was funny but you can really learn some interesting facts. I would call it intelligent humor. I love all the bathroom readers including this one.

Another great volume in the Bathroom Series. It's quite amazing how these people keep coming up with stuff to amaze, entertain and educate us on so many things around us that we simply take for granted or just don't give a second thought about. I must admit, that probably like most people, I don't read every single thing in the book. Some things just don't interest me, so I either browse them, or skip them all together. No matter where one's interests lie, there's plenty to feed your curiosity. The beauty of these books is that each item is quite short and skipping part or all of any item does not really matter. To date I have read and written reviews on 7 Readers and find each has been filled with new and interesting things to read about and learn. I am looking forward to reading more of them. Some were published years ago, new ones are being published, and it really doesn't matter which one you pick up and read as they are all good.

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