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Don't Know Much About Anything Else: Even More Things You Need To Know But Never Learned About People, Places, Events, And More! (Don't Know Much About Series)





Synopsis

For years, Kenneth C. Davis has enlightened and enthralled us, opening our minds and tickling our fancies with his wonderfully irreverent, fun, and factual Don't Know Much About® books. He has carried readers on wild and edifying rides through history, mythology, geography, the Bible, the Civil War, even across the universe. Now, following on the heels of his triumphant New York Times bestseller Don't Know Much About® Anything, comes Don't Know Much About® Anything Else, his latest one-stop potpourri of intriguing information. Chock-full of delightful historical snippets and fascinating people, remarkable milestones and boneheaded blunders, and eye-opening, brain-boggling facts about simply anything and everything in the world, here is the ideal companion for those long car rides, plane flights, quality family hours, or relaxing downtime.

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed the format of Don't know Much about the Bible that I read yeeeeeeears ago. I read the hardback version. The format of this book (reading it in Kindle) is not good at all. He poses each chapter or set of facts about a person place or thing, as a short blurb about the subject, then writes

a mini 'pop quiz' that you cursorily read (because if you knew the answers, why would you be reading the book, -am I right?), then it answers the questions, but without reposing the question, you have to swipe back and forth to see what he's talking about. Example: False, this character was employed by this person, and went on to become...blah blah. So then you are like what was false? Lemme go check. And it's very broad and picks out random facts without delving into the story about that subject. I'd rather it read like an overview for each item so that you retain the information for future reference.

Lotsa interesting but not necessarily useful facts. Helps keep my brain cells active. Everything you didn't know but needed to exercise your brain with knowledge. Cheap brain food. Some humor, wit, and wisdom for everybody

This is just a fun read, that's all there is to it. Enlightening on many subjects, but in no way ponderous. You'll enjoy it. Kenneth is a fine author.

Just fair. Didn't have enough of interesting people

Everyone has a dream. For some it is performing on Broadway, writing the Great American Novel, or running a marathon. For my son it has been to be a contestant on Jeopardy. Like a moth to the flame whenever tryouts for Jeopardy are announced in a nearby locale my son is one of the first in queue. And like any good parent I have spent a small fortune on books spanning the physical sciences to the arts in furtherance of the Jeopardy quest. After reading Don't Know Much About Anything Else by Kenneth C. Davis, the latest installment in the Don't Know Much Series I might have been better off if I had restricted my purchases to those penned by Davis. The book is comprised of series of one page quizzes on subjects ranging from Japan to the paths of the post-breakup Beatles and almost everything in between. The quizzes are well crafted and easy to read. While I don't know if Don't Know Much About Anything Else is the magic key to the Jeopardy kingdom, my son will at least have a few laughs while absorbing, for example, the history of Leap Day. As Davis puts it, "fun and education can mingle." Don't Know Much About Anything Else is highly entertaining and should be required reading for any would be Jeopardy contestant.

What you might have missed in school, you can find it here. Want to know about Clara Barton, Ansel Adams, Nostradamus, famous spies, etc., it's all here and written in an "easy reading" style. It

is also probably a good reviewer when you expect to go on a quiz show and win a million dollars, or when you want to throw out some trivia that no one knows about or maybe doesn't care - remember Cliff on "Cheers?" It's fun reading and definitely worth a few shekels. It's also a good way to stimulate memory enhancement and reach back into the hidden recesses of your brain for something you once knew but it got lost...and then you found it again.

Having read all of Mr. Davis' other (adult) books including Don't Know Much About Anything, I was a bit disappointed in this one. It seems like he put together some of the leftovers from the latter mentioned book just to publish something, and it didn't contain nearly as much interesting trivia as its forerunner. While it still included some interesting tidbits and was an incredibly quick read, I would recommend any of his other books before this one.

The book was in perfect condition. It arrived very quickly, is a good read, and was reasonably priced. It is just a very interesting book. Will give you hundreds of things to talk about when the conversation goes cold.

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