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211 Things A Bright Boy Can Do



Synopsis

211 Things a Bright Boy Can Do is the essential life-skills handbook for bright boys of every age, featuring all the subjects they don't teach you at school or Scouts. If you reached adulthood without learning the exact rules of conkers, or how to take off your pants without removing your trousers, or how to put a ship into a bottle, this is the book for you. Divided into handy sections, this fascinating volume contains easy-to-follow tutorials and priceless tips on: / How to Be A Real Man -- including how to mow the perfect lawn and how to fight a bull -- with elegance; / Weird Science and Sideshow Physics -- spoon-bending, teach yourself mindreading, and how to lie on a bed of nails; / Bracing Outdoor Activities -- cowboy ropcraft, how to punt without looking a fool, how to head a ball, and how to make a boomerang come back; / Militant Cookery -- how to make your own pickled eggs, how to spit-roast and dress a suckling pig, how to make a proper pork pie; / Parlour diversions -- shadow puppets, easy tunes for the glass harmonica, and how to make a pinhole camera; / The Human Body -- how to make your hair stand on end, how to dissect a man, sumo wrestling for the beginner; / Those Useful Subjects Not Taught at School -- how to interrogate an uncooperative suspect, how to win money in a casino, and how to blag your way in philosophy, science, art, and psychology; / Gags, cons and practical jokes -- classic old and boggling new tricks, juggling, and unusual party pieces for the classroom, pub and restaurant table. Plus much, much more. This volume won't improve your morals or make you smell nice, but it will entertain and inform. So if you've always wanted to know how to tear a phone book in half, how to identify airline insignia, or the essential moves of Morris Dancing, this is the book you've been waiting for.

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Customer Reviews

I have to say that I never take the time to write reviews but I feel compelled to write one about this. I bought this book just because the cover looked kind of cool and planned to read it in my spare time. It just so happened that 2 hours after I bought the book, I ended up in the emergency room and then a 2 day hospital stay. I had T.V., my Mac, my cellphone and this book. You guessed it! I kept putting down all of my high priced gadgets and this book was very hard to put down. I can't wait to get home and try all of the neat tricks in this book. Again.... FANTASTIC!!!!

For all those who have issues with the book, learn to use the search inside feature that has. Or just open the book up before giving it to someone. Personally, I found it to be a good read, and rather informative for the next time I need to make a citizens arrest, judge time of death by body temperature, or I need an interesting way to entertain in a dull situation. Once I started to read through the book, I found it rather difficult to put it down. A must have book for any man.

I bought one book for one of my boys for Christmas. Read though it, and immediatly turned around and bought one for the other 3 as well as a good friend! (my husband feels cheated)!! It's really a fun book for boys/guys. Not for young boys!

This was a book given to me last Christmas. It's not a novel. It's literally what it claims to be. Tom Cutler assembled a list of 211 site gags, parlor tricks, and questionably useful skills that a person might want to know how to do. It has the appearance of a book that was written for young or adolescent boys. It's not. It's written for boys trapped in men's bodies. Here's a sampling of some of the chapters:How to use your watch as a compassHow to analyze a handshakeHow to survive a week with just one set of clothesHow to appear more intelligent than you areHow to judge a woman's bra size at a glanceHow to walk across red-hot coalsHow to drive a nail into a plank with your bare handParanormal spoon bendingHow to weigh your own headA beginner's guide to calculating time of deathHow to shear a sheepHow to escape from a straightjacketHow to take your underpants off without removing your pantsA lot of the chapters were quite interesting and I've tried several of them with a surprising rate of success. But quite a few of the chapters were snoozers. The author either thinks he's funnier than he actually is or he overestimates the entertainment value

of some of his knowledge. My recommendation in reading the book would be to read the chapters selectively based on level of interest. At the end of each chapter, he includes a random and trivial bit of information. Sometimes those are the highlight of the chapter. My favorite was "Eunuchs don't go bald."

My son received this book as a gift for his tenth birthday, and for the most part it is okay. There are fantastic ideas, such as How to count to ten in Cuneiform, or How to Skip Stones, How To Lay Bricks etc. But there are other things that should be reserved for a little bit older boys, such as the suggestion on how to deal with door to door proselytizers by showing them photos of autopsies, gun suicides, and pornographic photos (including horse pornography) I am normally a *very* open minded liberal mom , (I found it hilarious, and will be trying it myself!) but this went over the line for a 10 year old.

Oh gosh, I got bamboozled by the book cover and bought it for my 8 year old nephew. It wasn't long before I got a blistering phone call from his grandmother. But I have to say that his teen cousins, boys and girls, got a huge kick out of the book. At least it made them read. Now I'll buy the related books for them. Oh, and Grandma is cool with it too, now that she read it.

Hobbies you can actually apply, useful for inspiring your own ideas too even if you don't want to try these. Good for those who are tired of sitting through their own lives and want to create something.

I found this book in a british pub when I was in England and loved it. It was a funny read and recommend this to anyone who is looking for something witty and funny to have a good laugh. I bet this would also be a hit at the office as I bought the girl one for a coworker and all of our coworkers really like it.

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