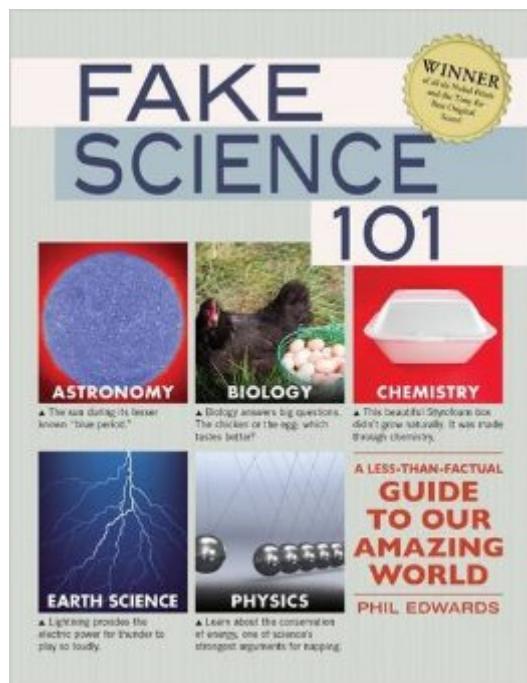


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Fake Science 101: A Less-Than-Factual Guide To Our Amazing World



Synopsis

For years, readers have flocked to the Fake Science site for scientifically flavored information. The research there has been lauded by Mental Floss as "inaccurate and ridiculous in every way," praised by the Guardian as "brilliantly false," heralded by io9 as "amazing," and noted by Google as "a website." Now readers can finally share the freshest discoveries of the Fake Science lab. Larded with hundreds of footnotes, illustrations, and a small amount of lard (it reduces paper manufacturing costs), *Fake Science 101* is a completely new truth-sterilized textbook.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this as a gift for my teen daughters as a gag companion to their Physical Sciences textbook. (They have gotten a real kick out of the book.) My coworkers in the physics department though are pretty impressed with the book as well, and I suspect a few new visitors to the Fake Science blog from those coworkers. Quite funny stuff!

I am a middle school science teacher. Since it doesn't have anything super inappropriate in it, it is **PERFECT** for my students... and me. It's hysterical. I love that it's a fake "textbook" and it makes fun of a lot of traditional "textbook" things. Awesome.

Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, and two chapters about science in general make this book a really full and funny overview of science. I read each one on a day and found them surprisingly like a real textbook as we had a major overview of the different science types. Highlights

are the scientific facts on the side of each page, so try not to miss them. Who hasn't wondered why scientists don't wear pants? Now I know that it's ok...

This is a delightfully brain-tickling, humorously-snarky, enjoyable piece of entertainment. In the same vein as the H.O.W books, but taken to another level. From the giggle-producing headlines to the laugh-snorting science facts and uproarious footnotes, this is a definite treat!

This is one of those works that makes me wonder why nobody thought of it before. It's a perfectly obvious gag, and happily, the execution is every bit as good as the concept. In brief, it's laid out like a standard science textbook, except that all of the information is either over-the-top incorrect, obvious, or colored with jokes. I can't really speak to specific content without giving away the gags, so the potential buyer will want to check out the website the book is based on. I actually stumbled onto the book before I knew anything about the site, but the site gives an accurate preview of what one can expect. If you like it, you'll like the book. One thing I DID appreciate is that, though the topics of science can actually be sensitive ones for some, *Fake Science 101* isn't condescending, insulting, or offensive (at least not to me). Author Phil Edwards seems to have the singular objective of drawing as many laughs out of the subject as possible, so what's here is 'good, clean fun.' I bought another copy to give as a gift, and the recipient isn't a scientist or even particularly interested in science- she just enjoys a good laugh. That's the big selling point, in my opinion: this isn't a book for scientists who want to laugh at topical jokes relevant to their disciplines; it's appropriate and accessible for ANYONE. Highly recommended for those who appreciate subtle, tongue-in-cheek humor. Best of all, there's lots of 'reread value;' the jokes work over and over.

This is a funny read for anyone with even a small interest in science. Maybe it will help science students look at their facts in new ways? For most people it will be an enjoyable page turner. Most of the topics are just a page or two it is an easy read for people with short attention spans (or who don't have large blocks of time to devote to reading).

A humorous book which reviews scientific facts starting from dawn of time to the modern day. The humor ranges from very clever to corny throughout the book with a heavy emphasis on the corny. Although the corny side can be a bit tiresome if you try to read the book cover to cover, that is not how the book is typically read in my experience. In fact, the book warns not to try to read it all in one sitting. One timely example of clever (in my opinion) was a section on the Mayan Calendar. As a few

people thought that the world would end recently due to the calendar ending on 12/21/12, the author points out that Canada Day is nowhere to be found on any Mayan calendar. Does this ancient Mayan prophecy doom Canada? But corny was soon to be found with the mention that "the special Hottest Mayan Firefighters edition of the Mayan calendar was by far the most popular edition" Most people find the book on my coffee table and skim through, picking out bits that catch their eye and reading out loud the funny parts. Most of these people would also laugh at one of the Onion books as the humor is similar. I would recommend *Fake Science 101* as a funny book to leave out for people to find and to laugh over.

A lot of people really like this book. Some bits were really funny, but it's sort of the same kind of wacky repeatedly. What I mean is, it's some funny stuff about say genetics. It's some funny stuff about history. They're both kind of the same form of story, joke, intentional slight misrepresentation of what people might think, or similar. I don't know how to explain it really, except to say it's mostly all in the same style. It seems like a good book to open up and read a few pages or a section here and there. It'd make a nice coffee table book to just flip to a page for some amusement. However, if you try to read it like a novel from beginning to end it'll start wearing a little thin. I've included some bits from the book below. If you like them, then you'll probably like the book. If you don't, then a good bet you should pass.

"Cells are the building blocks of life. Since cells were named and discovered by Michael Cell, these tiny organisms have been the engines behind animal life, plant life, and mobile telephones..."

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