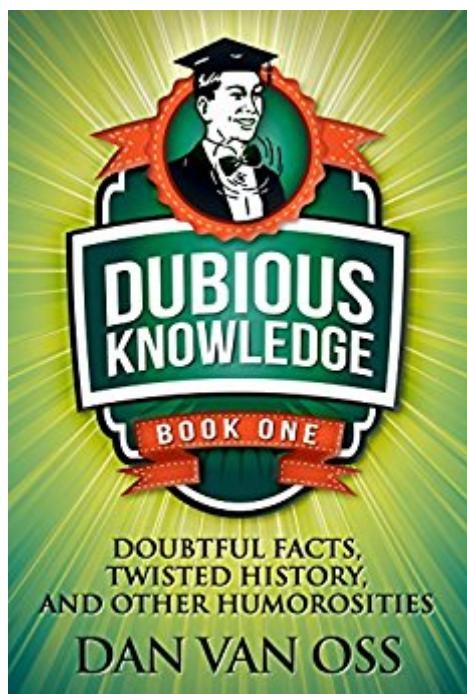


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# Dubious Knowledge: Doubtful Facts, Twisted History And Other Humorosities (Book One)



## Synopsis

If you like learning with a lively dose of laughter, you'll love this hilarious book full of fishy facts, twisted history, and general "Dubious Knowledge" from award-winning humor columnist Dan Van Oss."Dan's style is like The Best of Dave Barry meets The Best of Dennis Miller." "Laughed out loud and snickered and smiled." "I absolutely loved it! The author's sense of humor is amazing!" "Van Oss's style reminds me somewhat of Douglas Adams. Very witty phrases full of Pythonesque non-sequitors." "Really funny! Extremely enjoyable. Can't wait to read more from Dan Van Oss." Collected from the best of his weekly "Dubious Knowledge Institute" humor column, these 25 side-splitting features will keep you laughing while you learn about: The Fourth of July: "In Philadelphia, ships were decked out in red, white, and blue bunting, while an official dinner for the Continental Congress was held to determine what 'bunting' was." Chocolate: "The botanical name of the chocolate plant is *Theobrama cacao*, which is, coincidentally, the same sound your lower intestine makes after eating an entire bag of M&Ms." Lawn care: "The difference between a fertilized lawn and an unfertilized one is about \$200." Father's Day: "Father's Day was created to complement Mother's Day, because, without fathers, we wouldn't have anyone to forget to get a card for Mother's Day." The Kentucky Derby: "Women attending the race traditionally wear large, elaborate hats, which are used to hide the fact that they are drinking so many mint juleps." Evoking the laugh out loud wit of classic Dave Barry and the British quirkiness of Douglas Adams and Monty Python, Dan expertly melds fact and fiction into a zany mixture of learning and laughter. \*\*\*Want another "Dubious Knowledge" book FREE? Just copy and paste this link into your browser: [freebook.danvanoss.com](http://freebook.danvanoss.com) \*\*\*About the Author Get Dan's free starter library at [danvanoss.com](http://danvanoss.com)! Dan Van Oss ([danvanoss.com](http://danvanoss.com)) grew up reading just about everything he could borrow from the town library although admittedly sometimes just to get the sticker segments to paste onto the Reading Centipede for each book he finished. Raised on a diet of Dave Barry columns, Douglas Adams radio serials, and M\*A\*S\*H reruns, Dan's writing balances the line between laugh-out-loud hilarious and cleverly absurd. Dan's had pieces published on [humorwriters.org](http://humorwriters.org), won 2nd place in the Mona Schreiber Prize for Humorous Fiction and Nonfiction, was a semi-finalist in the [humorpress.com](http://humorpress.com) writing contest, and was mentioned honorably in the Soul-Making Keats Literary Competition for Humor. He started writing during college, where he enjoyed getting red lines mercilessly drawn through his Creative Writing projects by his professor, and where he also penned a weekly column in the school paper under the pseudonym "Fletcher Ford." You can catch his weekly humor column, the "Dubious

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I bought this as a follow up to 500 things that you thought were true by a different author. It was a big disappointment. I think maybe it was aimed at Jr. High kids, but the humor did not work for me. I found it annoying to read and stopped after about 15 min.

I read a few of the reviews before purchasing this book. They said that this book wasn't funny, but I found it to be a funny in a wry way. I just guess that one person's funny is another one very unfunny. But to each their own brand of humor. All said and done just try it you might like it.

This was a decent read. Some of the humor missed the mark, but at other times it was on target. This kind of humor can be difficult to write and this is a fairly new author. There is potential here and I hope the author stays with it. Improvement usually comes from more experience.

Congratulations to the author in successfully stealing Dave Barry's writing style. Unfortunately, Dave's not really that funny anymore, so it's kinda like being the new Chevy Chase. One star because that's the minimum.

I downloaded this book almost a year before I read it on a plane flight. I am sure many enjoy the authors writing, but I found it almost unreadable and stop at 60% I was hoping something would be funny or I might learn something. But neither happened. The book tries too hard to be funny and therefore is not.

Great books to ride stationary bike by. Really helps the time go by. Thanks and I will be reading more by this author.

This book is supposed to be fact but it is an incredibly stupid attempt at humor. Don't waste your money.

The first piece, on bacon, was hilarious. But after a few other pieces, the initial "wow!" was gone. Dan, it's like you ran out of steam and just pushed out there whatever you had left over. Put in enough verve to last the full course, and your readers won't be able to wait to cross that finish line.

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