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Oh, Yikes!: History's Grossest Wackiest Moments



Synopsis

Gross is back and viler than ever! From the author of *Oh, Yuck!* the perennial bestseller about science with over 610,000 copies in print, comes *OH, YIKES!*, an illustrated encyclopedia of history's messiest, dumbest, grossest, wackiest, and weirdest moments. If kids think pus and gas are fun, wait until they hear the lowdown on the real Dracula, samurai, gladiators, guillotines and vomitoriums, pirates, Vikings, witch trials, and the world's poxiest plagues. Impeccably researched, deliciously wry, and subversively educational (check out the toilet-paper timeline), *OH, YIKES!* covers people, events, institutions, and really bad ideas, alphabetically from April Fool's Day to zany Zoos. Here are the Aztecs, sacrificing 250,000 people a year for the gods—and for food. Fearsome Attila the Hun, scourge of the steppes whose spinning eyes terrified his friends and whose mastery of horses terrorized his enemies (how does someone so evil die? Nosebleed!). Saur, the 11th-century dog-king of Norway (and not too bad as kings go). Henry VIII and his marital problems, the story of the Abominable Snowman and the Loch Ness Monster, why sailors in the old days preferred eating in the dark (hint: you can't see what's crawling in your food), and the answer to the question, "How did knights in armor go to the bathroom?" Topped off with hundreds of illustrations and photographs along with hands-on activities that bring the past to life, *OH, YIKES!* puts the juice in history in a way that makes it irresistible.

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Customer Reviews

The real Dracula. Gladiators and guillotines. Life before toilet paper. Famous monsters: the Abominable Snowman, the Loch Ness Monster, Henry VIII. Attila the Hun's raw-meat saddle, disgusting medieval jobs, how knights in armor went to the bathroom, and why sailors liked eating in the dark. (Hint: You can't see what's crawling out of your food.) What Joy Masoff did for science in her perennial bestseller, *Oh Yuck!*, she now does for history in *Oh, Yikes!*, an illustrated grossopedia of mankind's freakiest, funniest, weirdest, and wildest moments.

Joy Masoff, mother of two, fell into the world of gross when she became scoutmaster to a den of burping Cub Scouts, and then discovered that her Brownie troop has the same fascination with the feculent. She lives with her family in Waccabac, New York.

Excellent book for getting a 10yr old boy excited about history. I am more than happy.

Cough cough, ahem ahem... I, the thirty plus year old mom, enjoyed this book as much, if not even more so than my children. I would hang my head in shame but I can't. You will like it too! I learned so many interesting tidbits, and it made history so much more relatable to my children. I would buy for friends any time, this is a great birthday present!

It was good, but lacked visuals.

My 9 year old thinks this is awesome. He loves to read and loves facts. Gross facts are awesome to him lol! He is constantly telling me facts from this book.

My 9 yr. old is getting this book for x-mas. She has the "Oh Yuk" book already so I know she will love this one too. The book arrived on time and was in perfect shape. Very happy with this purchase

My 9 year old loves to read these stories.

Have a boy who likes talking about gross things that are true? Buy them this book! It's gross and seriously popular with kids!

Will be giving this to a precocious 7 year old who is quite enthralled with this topic at the moment. Expecting a big hit!

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