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Guinness World Records 2013



Synopsis

Guinness World Records 2013 is crammed with new and updated records, and never-before-seen photography. Meet the new shortest living man and a slam-dunking parrot, and witness the fiercest predators in the ocean - you can see them in 3D with our new augmented reality app!

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Customer Reviews

The decision to transform this book from its long standing text-reference form to this flashy watered down version was a major blunder. I recall volumes from the 70's to the turn of the 21st century as an awesome resource for discovering not just 'people' records, but those of nature and the universe as well. While past volumes were hundreds of pages of tightly packed information; you can't find most of the previous records in these current formats, nor is most the information available on their website. Here's an example, what's the coldest land temp. ever recorded? My 1999 book of world records had that info., but information like that seems to have been replaced by 'how many lightbulbs can a person break off a trampoline'. Interesting? Perhaps, but not at the extent of the wealth of information that seems to have been locked away forever by the current publishers. I miss the days when the Guinness Book of World Records was an indexed atlas more than its current form of a 'freak show'.

The quality of the information and images are outstanding, easy to read, and is a great conversational piece for parties, and social gatherings. I have always been an enthusiast, and enjoyed the Guinness World Records. An excellent and fun book to sit on a coffee table, in a library, or at a dentist office. The content is interesting, the book is informative, and many find it fascinating, and entertaining. You won't be disappointed and children love it also, especially the photos. It's simply amazing to find out ridiculous obsessions some people have, or bizarre things people do as you read on about dreams and laughter built into the pages. In addition, it delivers information about astonishing stunts, the longest bridge, the tallest man and much more. This book not only discovers amazing people in the world, but also provides hours of pure fun-filled enjoyment. Of course, the more you read, the more curious you become. Stimulating, Entertaining, and Highly Recommended!

As a kid, I remember enjoying the Guinness book of world records we had but it was nothing like the garbage they've come up with today. This book features too many images which are inappropriate for kids - most facial piercings (over 200), most body modifications (man with chiseled teeth, tattoos, piercings), tattoos over nearly 100% of a woman's body, most famous celebrities featuring Lady Gaga repeatedly, most knives thrown at another person (woman with multiple tattoos pinned to a board with knives which had been thrown all around her stuck into the board), man holding up 30 pounds of weights with hooks through his skin. Violent and scary images abound. It seems like anyone can obtain a place in the record book for any kind of oddity. I bought it for my 10 year old thinking it would be educational and cool and was very disappointed in its content. I would not recommend this if you are thinking about buying it for your children. We also have the 2014 edition and it seems to have a little less of the piercings and violent images, but still it feels like an advertisement for shock and awe television. Garbage! Parents beware.

My 10 year old likes the book but I was really hoping it would be more like the ones I used to read on the 70's/80's where there were endless pages (ok, maybe hundreds) of records. This is more flash than content, but to someone like my son who is not familiar with how things used to be, it's ok.

Very nice, my daughter loves this book. Also the App to view 3D is a nice little add on to enjoy. Spider looks like its sitting on the page. Wonderful facts anyone can enjoy.

Wouldn't recommend for kids under 10. Some of the records are suggestive or bazaar (what you

would expect in a Ripley's). Also, the graphics and call outs and overlays are a little too random and comic-book like.

Perhaps it is silly to review last years edition to this wonderful line of books, but I felt it was necessary. I used to love the Guinness World Records book when I was a kid, and looked forward to getting one every Christmas. I purchased this as a sort of gag-gift for my girlfriend, but I was also somewhat excited to re-light that fire from my childhood. Unfortunately, that did not happen, as this was the sorest of sore disappointments that I've experienced recently. The book is rather underwhelming, the graphics are uninteresting, and the records are really not impressive. The only one that I remember (simply for the sheer stupidity) is "most baked beans eaten in 120 seconds with a toothpick". We had a good laugh at that, but opted not to take it with us during the move, I wouldn't want the movers to waste precious time and back strength carrying this disappointment.

My kids have enjoyed this series of books, so when I saw this latest edition available as a Kindle Daily Deal, I thought it would make a great little gift. Unfortunately, it was obviously not tested adequately by the publisher before making it available in Kindle format. My kids have 7" Kindle Fire HDs, and the book is not readable. The text is tiny and jumbled with the graphics, which clearly are not sized for proper display on 7" Kindle Fire HDs (and perhaps not on other Kindles either). If you're thinking of getting this for non-Kindle devices, think again. I have a variety of devices with the Kindle app installed, and none of those were listed as options as the target device when I made the purchase. Note that my rating does not address the content of this book, just the format. If you really want this book - and again, my kids have enjoyed the previous editions - then wait for the Kindle version to be fixed or buy a physical copy.

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