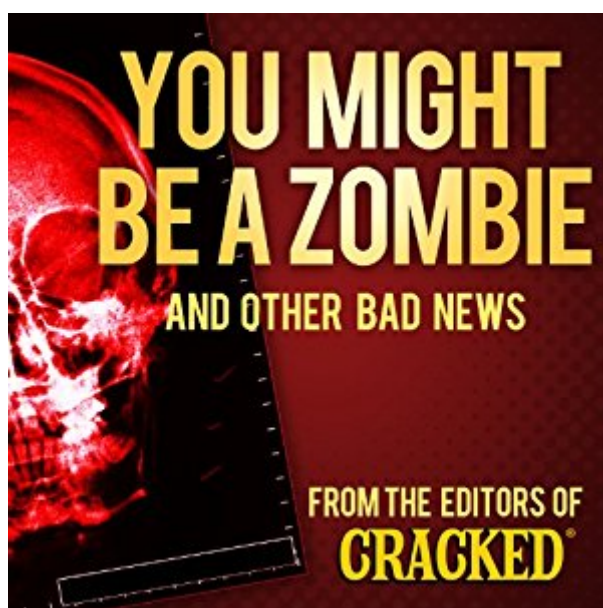


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Customer Reviews

Cracked.com is arguably the most interesting list site in the history of man. Like other popular sites, it is a sentient alien being that feeds off your time. Unlike most popular sites it s***s that time back into your head in the form of bizarre and unusually useful trivia. You Might be a Zombie is a small sampling of the best Cracked.com had to offer as of 2010. This book will make you love lists again. Maybe you could die happy without knowing the five stories about Jesus's childhood they had to cut from the bible (to avoid an nc-17 rating), but it also contains valuable information such as the six cutest animals that can still destroy you, four things your mom said were healthy that can actually kill you, three colors you don't realize are controlling your mind, and of course five scientific reasons

that a zombie apocalypse could actually happen. Right now, you are probably thinking something along the lines of, that sounds cool, but why buy calamari when Cthulhu is crashing on the couch. The answer is in the title, of course. You don't even have to read it. Merely having this book on the shelf will make strangers think you are cool and interesting. The 320 pages of face melting awesomeness is a nice bonus and well worth the \$0.44.

I bought this book because I'm an avid cracked.com reader & needed something to rescue my mind from the dreary books society calls 'literature' in today's age. I generally liked the book - it was humorous. It even had a few things I didn't know in it. But my only complaint was there were a few errors in the book, my biggest one that still bugs me to no end is the fact they state Mount Rushmore is in North Dakota. *face palm* You'd think a book of 'facts' that people aren't aware of would be a little more thoroughly researched, and that the editor owned a globe so they'd be able to check some of the facts. Other than a few inaccuracies & a few mistakes, it's a fun read & I'd recommend it.

First off, let me just say that almost all of these articles are available on Cracked's website for free. They even have the original pictures whereas for obvious legal reasons this book had to eliminate those in favor of drawings. (That are well done but unfortunately don't always capture the same feeling I had when I read the articles.) This in itself is worth mentioning from the start since some people will be willing to pay for this book while others won't. I'm only mentioning it in case you're someone completely new to Cracked's sense of humor. I believe this book is worth purchasing but it wouldn't be bad for you to check out their website so you can see if it's right for you. Onward to the review. Overall I really did enjoy this book. I missed having the original photos & drawings, but I do like the hand drawn pictures scattered throughout. The real draw to this is of course the articles themselves. Other than the obvious loss of the pictures, nothing else was really lost in translation. This is both good & bad since some of the bits in the articles aren't really 100% correct. One example I can lift up is the idea that a corpse was used in Three Kings- it had been joked about but ultimately denied by just about everyone involved in the film. The other thing that kind of irked me was that the book mentions the myth about Columbus & the world being flat, which involved the article mentioning that he hit upon a continent (i.e., America). While Columbus would later undertake expeditions that would take him to South America, Columbus never actually found North or South America on his first trip out west. (And if you want to get technical, the Vikings were there first as were the Native Americans.) He actually discovered the West Indies, a series of islands that

Columbus thought were the Indies. They're somewhat connected politically to the Americas but also to several other countries as well. The main reason I took exception to this & wrote a tl;dr paragraph about it was that the book was debunking one myth about Columbus yet perpetuated another. I couldn't help but wonder why no fact checking was done with this & wondered what else was in the book that I might not have noticed since I wasn't exactly as knowledgeable about other subjects. I know on the average Cracked article thread there's a ton of people who usually call stuff like this out, so I'm not sure why this wasn't done. That's the only reason I'm detracting a star. Other than that, this was fun to read & if Cracked does put out another volume I'll probably end up buying that one too. I just hope they do more fact checking on the next one.

You Might Be A Zombie And Other Bad News is an incredibly funny book. I was rendered incoherent with laughter numerous times. As a frequent visitor of the Cracked website, I knew what to expect from this book. I also knew, without a shadow of a doubt that I would love it. If you're unfamiliar with the website ([...]), maybe visit it and read an article or two. Or, alternatively, take my word for it, it's FUNNY! The only people I would hesitate to recommend this book to (well, probably not hesitate, but I'd definitely put a disclaimer on the recommendation) are people who are frequent visitors of the Cracked website. As a huge fan of Cracked, I'd read a fair few of the articles before. That being said, they're still funny, and the pictures are all new, so it feels somewhat fresh. All in all, this is a fun and sometimes informative read, and I cannot recommend it highly enough.

I love reading and learning about random tidbits of history, pop culture, behind the scenes stories, etc. and if you are like me in this regard, this book is sure to scratch that itch. I've been a fan of Cracked.com for years and one of the things I do before going about my day is "getting my daily dose of Cracked" as I like to put it. I've received more than a few weird looks from people who overheard me say that but that's what they get for eavesdropping! This is one of their older publications so I believe some of their regular contributors may not of been with them yet. At times it felt like they were still trying to find the voice and style Cracked fans know and love now but it is still a highly entertaining and informative collection of articles that is guaranteed not to disappoint! Whether you're a long time fan like myself or new to America's "only humor site since 1958", you will be entertained as well as educated on your journey through this awesome book. If you like this one, be sure to check out their other books as well as the novels some of the regular Cracked writers have published on .

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