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Never kiss a rattlesnake. Put on the parachute *before* jumping from the plane. Don't bring your dog along if you're going to rob a bank. These seem like obvious enough strategies but, unfortunately, we seem to be a race of rattlesnake kissers.

*Duh! The Stupid History of the Human Race* is a hilarious collection of the stupid things that people do-even the really smart people. "Part 1: The Stupid Chronicles" details the unbelievably idiotic things people have done, organized by such topics as politics, history, sports, arts, science, and dumb plays in the face of fate. "Part 2: Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Stupidity but Were Too Smart to Ask" looks at the track record of human stupidity in all its dumb glory. And "Part 3: How to Destupify" offers tongue-in-cheek advice on how to avoid ending up in a future edition of the book.

## **Duh!: The Stupid History of the Human Race Details**

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### Sebastien says

J'étais en visite a montréal et pendant un temps mort on est passé au Méga HMV où j'ai trouver ce livre pour 5\$. Piqué dans ma curiosité j'ai décidé de l'acheter. Je vous dirais que pour un bon 65% du livre c'est du bonbon, le reste laisse un peu a désiré et la fin est un peu poche.

Les 100 premières pages du livre sont des anecdotes qui sont vraiment arrivé et on peut dire que des colons y'en a eu sur terre. Ces anecdotes se dévore en 2 temps 3 mouvements. J'en ai ri au larme pour certaines anecdotes et l'auteur a fait un beau compilé d'actes de stupidité dure a croire mais vraie.

La suite fait des description plus complète d'événements où la stupidité a eu que trop de place et l'auteur écrit sur plusieurs sujets sous forme d'éditoriaux. Bien que moins délicieux que les anecdotes, cette section était très intéressante. Les

Les 2 dernières section sont un peu moins intéressante. Surtout la fin où l'auteur répond à des questions fictives comme un scientifique, mais n'arrive pas à formuler ses réponse de manière aussi intelligente que le début de son livre et laisse croire qu'il dit n'importe quoi. La plupart des réponses sont forcé et manque de fini ou voir même de sens lier à un livre sur la stupidité. En fait si le concept c'est finir le livre de manière stupide, il a réussi, car la fin je l'ai trouvé longue et loin d'être intéressante. Comme si l'auteur avait manqué de jus.

En résumé, si vous trouvé ce livre pour 5\$ et moins, je vous le recommande pour passé le temps ou pour les anecdotes du début du livre. Juste cette partie vaut la valeur complète du livre. Sinon la fin gâche un peu le bonbon qu'on a dégusté au début.

Recommandé pour les gens qui aime rire des gens stupide.

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### John Makantasis says

?χι, ?χι ποτ?! Ε?ναι απ? τα βιβλ?α που δεν χρει?ζονται να διαβαστο?ν. Καλ?τερα να διαβ?σεις τις οδηγ?ες χρ?σης της ηλεκτρικ?ς κουζ?νας, πολ? πιο εποικοδομητικ?.

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### Abraham Ray says

Nice bathroom reading book!

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### Pamela(AllHoney) says

Great bathroom read. A collection of stories that show just how absolutely stupid that some people have been throughout history.

Wow, people are stupid.

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### YHC says

This book was combined with 2 parts, first with countless funny human stupidity stories/ history...including the governments, politicians, religions, ads, celebrities, inventions...etc.

Second part was short with 62 advice to avoid being stupid ....i laughed a lot while reading this book, when we think we are not stupid, the fact is we are just less smart, or unknowing we are actually stupid. That is why we should not be too proud and we should keep learning to avoid trapping all long long to be TOO stupid.

Wonder why we are alone in this universe? Maybe the answer should be: are we worth contacting?? LOL.

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### Jonathon says

So, interesting read. It should be noted, however, that this book should be read with humor in mind, and with a grain of salt. One of the things mentioned early in the book spoke of a woman who threatened to hold her breath till she died if the police didn't release her. It then states that she did, and she died. However, it is impossible to do so, as if you actually are able to hold your breath long enough that you pass out, your body will automatically start breathing on your own, thus negating the whole thing. Either way, good enough that I required another of his to read.

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### Paul Szydowski says

A silly bathroom reader, except...in reviewing the stupid brutality of various revolutions (we're looking at you, France and Russia), this frivolous book makes the astute observation that the U.S. colonies avoided such stupidity because the revolution was by the poor. Rather, it was by the rich who didn't want to overturn society, just shake up who was in charge. Besides, they didn't want to ruin their own good thing. Proof that insight can be gleaned anywhere if one simply looks for it.

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### Remo says

Perdónenme, estimados lectores. Háganse a la idea. Lector obsesivo-compulsivo. Viaje en avión inminente,

unas horas por delante y, por un error técnico a la hora de hacer la maleta, a los dos libros que van en la mochila les quedan menos de cincuenta páginas. Hay que comprarse otro libro para aguantar el viaje. Y claro, en el quiosquillo de la estación no hay mucho donde elegir. Descartadas las novedades a 27 eurazos, quedan los libros *del fondo*. Y ese es el motivo por el que hoy hablo de una bazofia de libro como este. Porque no pude encontrar otra cosa.

El libro pretende narrar historias reales en las que alguno de los protagonistas comete una o más estupideces. Una especie de premios Darwin, aunque no siempre haya riesgo de muerte. Pero la calidad del libro es ínfima. Un frotis de los detritus de cualquier suelo de alcantarilla pútrida nos proporcionaría material de mejor calidad que este libro. Baste decir que en las primeras páginas ya nos encontramos al menos cinco leyendas urbanas desmentidas por Snopes que el autor da por ciertas. Y lo peor es que cree (el autor) que tiene sentido del humor, con lo cual nos regala comentarios jocosillos en cada historia. En fin, no puedo seguir. Pongo el libro porque me lo he leído, para mi desgracia. En mi descargo diré que estaba desesperado y tenía que leer algo, tras repasar doce veces la revista de Iberia. Mi nota: ¡No! ¡Por Dios! ¡No lo compres!

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## Kristina says

So I was reading this last night and thinking, *Duh! The Stupid History of the Human Race* by Bob Fenster is a stupid book. It's one of those books commonly known as "bathroom books" (or is this an official category?). You pick it up to read while you're sitting on the toilet. Unfortunately for me, I don't have bathroom books. If this is an example of toilet reading, then I don't want any. First of all, Fenster provides no citations or even mentions how he came across these tidbits of stupidity (except for thanking his friend Marilyn in the Acknowledgments for sharing her library of stupid info with him). Did he research this stuff? If so, where? What's his source material? I mean, I know this is supposed to be a humorous look at stupid humans, but with no citations Fenster could just be pulling all these anecdotes from his ass. Second, after reading the first two chapters, I don't think many of the stories are examples of human stupidity. Poor judgment, lack of information, honest mistakes, and bad luck/bad timing are what most of these are. The story of teens playing with guns and then shooting themselves isn't a funny story about stupid kids. It's a tragic example of what happens way too often in gun-happy America: parents keep guns in the house, don't train kids to properly use and respect the weapons and kids fool around with them and someone is killed or seriously injured.

My irritation and lack of amusement continued with the second chapter about famous people and their stupidity. Again, I don't see any of them as funny and they aren't examples of stupidity and who knows if they are even factual? Fenster's list of artists and writers who killed themselves isn't ha ha funny either. Apparently they are hilariously stupid because they didn't understand that they couldn't create any more great works if they're dead. Making a list of artists who killed themselves because they are troubled by demons--the same demons that probably helped fuel their artistic output--is truly giggle-licious. Congrats on your obtuseness, Fenster.

So I decided I would not fall into Fenster's trap of being stupid by continuing to read his stupid book. I skipped to the end and read part 3: "How to Destupify" which is actually full of not too bad advice. Not that I think Fenster came up with all those nuggets himself, but it's the only part of the book worthy of reading. Am I taking this book too seriously? Yes, yes I am. But it's not amusing at all. It comes across as mean-spirited, nasty, judgy, and again--no citations or even the vaguest proof that the man did any kind of research and that anything in the book is at all factual.

Throwing this in the box and moving on to my next DNF review.

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## Justin says

*Duh!* started out enjoyably enough, with some genuinely funny little anecdotes about stupid things people have done throughout the years--sort of a light version of the Darwin Awards. But gradually, Fenster starts getting almost preachy, adding snide little comments at the end of some accounts that break the overall lighthearted tone. Go a bit further, and he starts making light of dictators violently silencing their opposition, and things of that nature. I'm not a prude by any means, but that still seems in bad taste.

Things get worse, when you finally get to part two...which is a full 75% through the book. It's as if Fenster ran out of factoids, and realized the page count wasn't long enough, so he felt he had to spend the next 45 pages "enlightening" the world as to how stupid it is. This part was incredibly tedious and dogmatic, and the even shorter part three was only marginally more readable.

There *are* some chuckle-worthy bits to *Duh!* (mostly early on), but by and large, you'd be better-served reading one of those Top Ten lists on Cracked, or a similar website. Chances are, you'll get more enjoyment out of it.

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## Rob Epler says

Pretty much a book of trivia, entertaining & a bit jaded (if the title doesn't make that obvious). Nice to be able to pick it up any time, & not have to remember, say, plot points or characters. So I picked away at it over the course of half a year or so.

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## Timmy says

Duh by Bob Fenster was about different types of stupid things that people have done all throughout recorded history. I thought this was a very funny book and laughed at a lot of the different things that actually happened. Although I thought it was a funny book, I did not like how many scenarios were similar to others. It kind of was a broken record at certain points. I would recommend this book to people who get tired of reading long conventional books because the stories are very short and have very good humor to them.

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## Sebastian Cruz says

this book is actually very well made. It contains random facts about history and is actually a funny type of book. it contains very humorous pieces of text such as quotes, facts about culture, music, inventions and other things such as the military. They take random facts and put it in a humorous way. i recommend this book to people who like to laugh and enjoy a nice book that can make you laugh but also learn at the same time.

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## Emanuella says

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