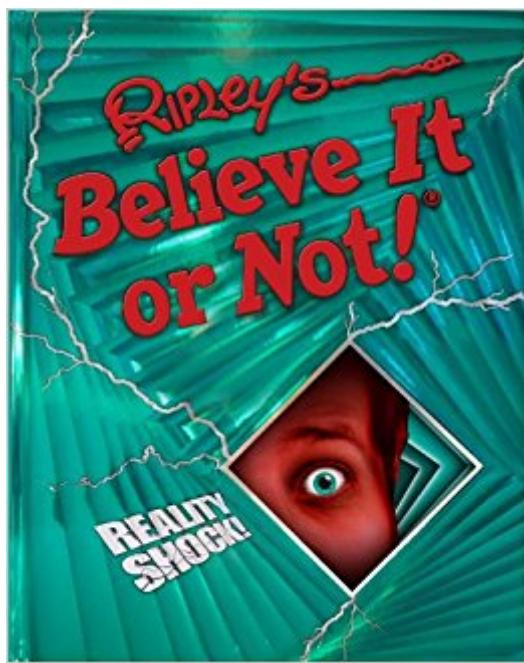


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# Ripley's Believe It Or Not!: Reality Shock!



## **Synopsis**

Reality Shock! is the 2015 edition of Ripley's Believe It or Not! bestselling annual series. This incredible collection is loaded with unbelievable facts, amazing stories, and incredible animals. With amazing photography, zany stories and unbelievable facts and figures, this book is sure to be a favorite with adults and children alike. Reality Shock! Is filled with more of the amazing facts, unbelievable stories and extraordinary photography that makes Ripley's Believe It or Not! so popular. Read all about the amazing things that people all over the world have done- from insane stunts to crazy traditions. Take a closer look at the extraordinary images nature produces, such as mutated animals and amazingly impossible vistas. Crystal clear photography paired with zany stories, amazing facts and figures that are undeniably true but incredibly hard to believe will make this book a must have for every household.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ripley's Believe It or Not! is globally renowned as the authority on the weird, the eccentric, and the amazing. Ripley's Believe It or Not! provides entertaining books for children of all ages which educates and informs them in a humorous style. The Ripley brand is known around the world as a trend-setting source of family-friendly fun and excitement! Every day the researchers at Ripley's are busy digging up the craziest true stories and the most unbelievable facts.

My 11 y.o. son has been a fan of Ripley's books before and this book didn't disappoint! Filled with "the world's wildest weirdities" the book highlights oddities in subjects like animals, food, sports, the world, human feats, etc. This is a fun and "cool!!" book for a boy. Interestingly its eye catching cover and photo heavy layout also attracted the attention of my 7 y.o. daughter and we spent an hour turning each page and sharing reactions- "Whoa- what is that?", "scary", "gross", "ew but cool". She was fascinated. I even learned a thing or two about history and world culture. This is a great book for kids who don't like to read- they will be drawn in by the photos and reading the descriptions. The whole family can enjoy this book- there is something interesting for everyone.

This book is great! From the literal "eye catching" cover to the fantastic colorful pictures to the odd almost unbelievable facts, this book totally captures the attention of adults and children alike. I bought it for my two daughters. Many times over the past couple of weeks, I have walked into the room to find them both with their heads together poring over the outrageous details in this book and giggling and gasping at what they read. It sticks with them too as many random times, I then hear "remember that picture from the Ripley's book?" They each have their favorite stories already. Who can resist a skateboarding mouse?? I too found myself engrossed in the detailed pictures in this book, which draw you into the amazing superlatives. I love the international stories in the book and especially appreciated some of the historical facts which are still as fascinating as current events. There are pictures of a tightrope walker from the 1850's juxtaposed with a picture that almost seems futuristic of a man hanging from a skyscraper in Moscow. As I am sitting here writing this, my ten year old just took the book away to find another fact that stuck with her while she was exploring this book. This book was well worth it and a welcomed addition to our collection. Highly recommended.

Bought Ripley's Believe It or Not Reality Shock for my son and thought I'd flip through it before he got home. Bad idea. Fantastically graphic pics that both disgusted & intrigued me. I couldn't look away. Body and pop culture were my favorite parts and by favorite, I mean "eww, what the heck." Loaded with pics & interesting snippets of trivia throughout the book that you'd never think about but now know. I can't wait to see my son's reaction to the latest volume. Definitely recommend it to anyone whose kid loves the repulsive & eats up unneeded facts like mine does.

I purchased this book thinking that my kids would like it. I however was wrong, they LOVE this book. My daughters found the sections on pop culture and art to be fascinating. They loved the

photographs and reading the descriptions that went with them. My sons loved the sections on animals, sports, and body to be amazing. They have been quoting facts to me that they have learned from the book, and I am amazed at how much they have learned. The boys have actually bickered over who would get to bring the book to school first for show and tell. I cannot thank Ripley's enough, you created a book that was able to pull my children away from the lure of electronics and got them reading this book constantly. It is refreshing to see this is the first book they reach for as soon as they are done with their homework. I have been reading it as well, and the section on feats is what fascinates me the most. I am looking at some other Ripley's books as Christmas gifts for the kids. Keep up the excellent work.

I always see my cousin's family around the holidays and they have four kids all around the same age. Since I'm not particularly close with them it would be difficult to get them each a gift. Last year we gave them the 2014 edition of this book as a "family gift" and they loved it! The kids crowded around it: the younger two just looking at the pictures and the older two actually reading the info. They take long car trips so I think it came in handy. Guess we'll be starting a collection for them because they're getting the 2015 edition this year!

This is one of those books that you will want to have hanging out on your coffee table, full of exciting and informative little tidbits that you can use to entertain company and yourself. Just open to any page and you will find something weird cleverly recorded and presented well. I especially like the introduction, which is a short biography of the founder of Ripley's. It's cute and sets up the rest of the book well. I would say it is suitable for all ages but maybe, as you can imagine, the squeamish should avoid this collection of oddities. But My 7 year old son and I enjoyed sitting down with it and reading a few pages on a nightly bases, so it is not completely full of gross pictures and facts. Only thing that I personally did not like was the over-abundance of light hearted clichÃ© in the writing, but I suppose it is a easy way to make the reading more colorful.

Bought this for my 8-year-old grandson, and his response was great...immediate absorption...immediately wanting to share something from every page with everyone else in the room. Such a perfect gift for little boys who like all things gross and macabre. First of all, the front cover is shiny and has a holographic image on it and just grabs their attention. That face you see there turns into a zombie/skeleton when you tilt the book. The contents though are what really appeal to boys from the age of 7 to 70 (and some girls too...I enjoyed reading parts of the book

myself). There are several pictures on every page, each one designed to spark the interest and make you want to read about it. Every time I thumb through the book, I see something I missed the last time. Definitely worth the money.

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