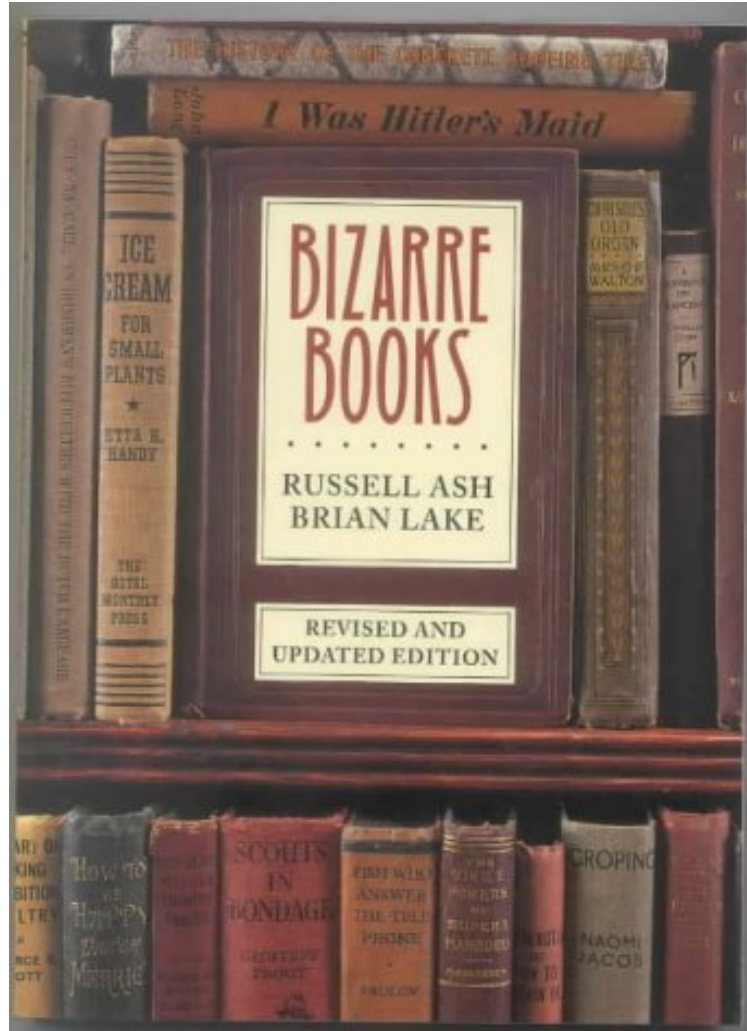


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Russell Lake, Brian Ash : Bizarre Books before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bizarre Books:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Publishers can be very weird people.By James ElfersAs a cataloger in one of the largest libraries on America's east coast, I have continually been struck by some of the strange and bizarre titles that cross my desk in an average year. Some are so esoteric, such as "Jewish Chess Masters on Postage Stamps" (NOT cited by these authors) that you wonder what the entire world market for the book is. Other titles have inappropriate or comical authors. Russel Ash and Brian Lake have culled library catalogs to find hilarious examples of such works. This is a book to dip into for brief swims rather than be devoured from cover to cover. It will make you painfully aware of the adage of publishers, "Leave no demographic untouched." I would be remiss in not pointing out

that this book was compiled by two British authors. What Americans and Brits find funny are not always the same thing. Even so there are enough gut busters to make both sides of the Atlantic happy. The really frightening thing is that, given the state of publishing today, with little effort this book could be twice as long. 32 of 32 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious

By David M. Giltinan This book arrived in the same shipment as "Bertha Venation", a book devoted to funny names of people. While "Bertha Venation" managed to be singularly unfunny, "Bizarre Books" had a pretty high hilarity quotient. Almost every page had at least a couple of titles which made me giggle. Conveniently grouped into chapters such as Double Entendres, Science Scientific Theories, health Medicine, Sex Marriage, Sport, Leisure, Clothes Fashion, Food Drink, The Workplace, Crime the Law, Religion Beliefs, and Death, most of the titles included in this book are genuinely funny. For some of the more baffling titles, the authors include a representative short excerpt, a welcome feature. This book is not for everyone. But if you have a penchant for the offbeat, the quirky, and obscure weirdness, it's good for more than a few belly-laughs. It would be remiss of me not to include a few of my favorite entries:

- * The Art of Faking Exhibition Poultry (1934), by George Ryley Scott. The author treads an indistinct line between condemning this widespread and despicable practice, and telling the reader exactly how to do it.
- * Correctly English in 100 Days (Shanghai Correctly English Society, 1934) This book is prepared for the Chinese young man who wishes to served for the foreign firms. It divided nealy hundred and ninety pages. It contains full of ordinary speak and write language.....
- * Was Oderic of Pordenone Ever in Tibet?, by Berthold Laufer (1914)
- * The Love Sonnets of a Hoodlum, by Wallace Irwin (1901)

'Am I a turnip? On the strict Q.T., When do my Trilbys get so ossified? Why am I minus when it's up to me To brace my Paris pansy for a glide?'

- * Truncheons: Their Romance and Reality, by Erland Fenn Clark (1935), with over 100 plates illustrating more than 500 truncheons. Admit it, aren't you just a little bit curious to learn more about those 500 truncheons? To know more about the mysterious, mythic Oderic of Pordenone? To sample more of that literary hoodlum's oeuvre? Perhaps what I enjoy most about this book is the glimpses it provides of the infinite inventiveness, and never-ending quirkiness, of the human mind.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. following its own path to the stars, i assume

By kafkette Where's Arthur's gerbil? (Arthur's early learning library) published--believe it or not--in 1998 is only the tip of "invisible dick's iceberg. it's remarkable only for its late date pub year, inspiring the "what were they thinking?" head question that one cannot quite invoke for the remaining threesome- foursome- entendre books appearing herein. slang does change over time e'er more quickly, as do the vagaries of what is is not allowed. society hadnt yet begun to crumble when a hundred years or so ago appeared "men who have risen: a book for boys." half a century later arrived "microscopic objects: how to mount them." a quarter century or so past that [i am working from memory] up arose "the day amanda came" which, along w/ its jacket, has to be most evocative almost alarming bit of business so far [un]covered by the authors. by the seventies, "what were they thinking?" does, indeed, apply. it's more of a four star than five star book. id est: it isnt, say, "the sheltering sky" by paul bowles. but i, most likely, most of the ~we~ that comprise the unknown out in the unreal world have come to realise that online anything less than five stars can but be considered criticism. for this book i have little of that. itll make you shoot milk out yr nose [if thats what yr into] proves, to its final dogged ear, that while the last lost living souls amongst us who still read may occasionally take the wrong end of the telescope to the stars, we also spend the unaccountable most of our time in deep unbridled contemplation of the gutter.

Ash and Lake have left no stone unturned in their quest for these bizarre books and have dug up titles such as "How to Become a Schizophrenic" and books written by such luminaries as A. Clot, Cecil Nutter and Solomon Slack.