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# Real Or Fake?: Far-Out Fibs, Fishy Facts, And Phony Photos To Test For The Truth



## **Synopsis**

Can you tell the truth from a tall tale? Spot a phony photo a mile away? Figure out a fib in five seconds flat? Put your amateur detective skills to work in this fun and wacky book. See if the truth triumphs as you encounter suspicious stories, fishy facts, lying lists, and more. You'll also learn about history's greatest hoaxes, secrets behind a good fake, internet urban legends, plus bonus information that will leave you second-guessing everything you've ever read. Complete with awesome photos and hilarious collage art, this is one book that you have to read to believe...or not!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Tiny mites are crawling all over your parents faces. Is this real or fake? A study proved it to be true. Theses mini mites don't crawl on kid faces at all. But, there is more! Micro-chameleons, roaches, louse and pinworms are also critters that like to live on humans. You might be wondering if you could mail a coconut without putting it in a package. Do you know if ancient romans used urine as mouthwash? Are tiger cubs born furless and without stripes? The answers are found throughout the pages. Young readers can read up on the disgusting and the curious in this book of far out fibs, fishy facts and phony photos. Amazing photos and facts can be found within these pages for young readers to soak in. But, there are also zany photos representing the absurd untruths as well. Kids will enjoy testing their knowledge about animals, insects and the world around them. Parents and teachers will have fun with this guide and discover for themselves what is real or fake. Parents and

teachers will approve.

I thoroughly enjoyed this interactive book from National Geographic Kids. The book consists of a selection that covers a four page spread. The first two pages introduce the story then leaving the reader to figure out if the story is real or fake. The second two pages explain the truth about the story. Additional sections of the book include photographs that may or may not have been manipulated. Also a section about identifying lies, headlines, or place names adds fun to the book. Children who are fascinated about the world around them are bound to have a great time reading this book, I certainly did. The illustrations are collages that combine elements of several pictures matching the strangeness of some of these stories. I found the one about Hello, Kitty particularly baffling, and no I'm not going to tell you, you'll have to read the book for yourself ;). Some of the answers are obvious but others are just believable enough to be tricky. A whole lotta fun for young and old alike.

National Geographic is famous for helping people learn facts about the world they live in. This book is no exception. Using a format of "Real or Fake", numerous questions are asked about unusual 'facts' in the world. For instance, one 'fact' asks if countries fight over bird poop. As odd as it may seem, that is one of the "TRUE" questions. Apparently Spain and Peru once fought over the guano (bird poop) from the Chincha Islands -- the guano being an abundant source of fertilizer. Other fun facts are included in this interesting book that is geared for young people and their families. An entertaining format makes this little book (6.5"x 6.5") an indispensable tool for the long trips in the car or while the grandkids are over for the evening. NatGeo has a real winner in this new offering.

This book is great for road trips. I was reading the facts and the boys had to say if it was real or fake! It was a blast! They told me to keep reading more and more facts. Some we knew right away and others we did not, so it was not only fun and entertaining, it was also very informative. This book was fun because it forces the reader to really listen to the details, think through the information and follow their instinct on guessing whether it is real or fake. Plus, the fib-o-meter was neat as well. It had three levels: honest abe, little white lie and big ol' whopper. As, always with National Geo books, you get great photos, fun fakes and tidbits and loads of fun along the way! 4 stars I received this book free for my honest review.

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