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This entertaining examination of everyday science from the fanciful to the factual covers topics ranging from pesticides and environmental estrogens to lipsticks and garlic.

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Mscout says

Schwarcz goes through a litany of scientific and pseudo-scientific claims in this work which reads like a collection of blog posts (but that is not necessarily a bad thing.) Reminded me somewhat of *Proofiness*.

Alice says

Interesting.....it's a story that can happen.

Leo Saumure says

Love Joe Schwarcz! Great information and fun to learn!

Laurel says

There's a lot of really interesting, random knowledge to be gleaned from this one. It's formatted as 70 two- to four-page stories, each one concerning a specific application of chemistry to a historical event or everyday life. After a while, the little "witticisms" at the end of each blurb got on my nerves. Props to the author on throwing in some cool etymology, though!

Annie says

so interesting! sometimes the science was a little over my head but i prefer that than being talked down to. each essay is a perfect length and gets at the meat of a scientific query without going overboard. i wish i could retain even a quarter of what i read in here. will probably go back and reread certain essays.

Mike says

It's good to read some myth debunking science books now and then just to keep one on a sound thinking path. This book was fun in that regard covering the gamut of everyday chemistry

Mikki says

An interesting book giving little-known info about everyday things. It had a scientific bent, but was easy for this old English major to understand.

Melody says

Fun and quirky, this book debunked some beliefs of mine (DDT= unmitigated evil, for one), and told some riveting tales I'd never dreamt could be true. Direct and immediate writing style, big ol' sense of humor.

April says

strays too much

Stef says

second read: still a great book, only 4 stars as it is not memorable.

first read: great book, need to read it again as it is packed with interesting and fascinating facts.

Paul says

Essentially a lot of interesting trivia with a little too much dad humour. Guy sounds really friendly and a lot of those topics are important, making these almost PSAs, but in the end it's not going to rock your world view (I hope).

Larry says

Everybody talks chemicals and not Chemistry. I liked this book because it does talk of the chemistry.

Hope says

Very interesting... And a fun reminder that we should all be good consumers of "scientific knowledge"

Bartek Krupa says

This guy really has a talent to mix science facts with everyday life issues

Steve Rueffer says

Great quick reads to bring you up to speed with myth, folklore and fact from a biochemists point of view. Accessible to all levels of readers, but poignant with scientific detail.
