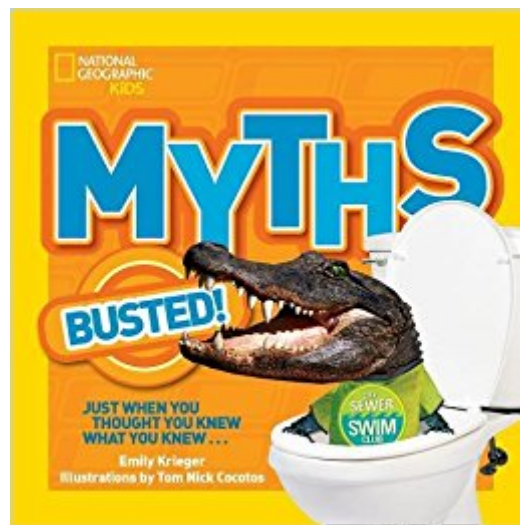




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# National Geographic Kids Myths Busted!: Just When You Thought You Knew What You Knew...



## Synopsis

Winner of the Children's Choice Book of the Year Award for grades 5-6 Did you know fortune cookies aren't even found in China? Or that alligators don't actually live in the sewers of New York City? Want to prove it to your friends? This book gives kids the tools to break and bust wild and wacky myths from around the world. These myths reveal a broad range of historical and scientific truths that keep kids learning while interacting with their favorite fictional "facts." Chock full of colorful photographs and funny text, this book includes hundreds of fascinating facts and interesting tidbits that prove you can't believe everything you're told. Each busted myth also features an explanation of where it originated, which uncovers often surprising historical significance. So next time someone tells you that the average person accidentally ingests 8 spiders each year--don't tell them that if they believe that they are as dumb as an ox--because oxen are actually quite smart.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Some myths take on a life of their own after they are repeated over and over and over. This book encourages readers to "unthink" more than 100 facts that they took as truth and dispels age-old truisms, such as George Washington's wooden teeth, the five-second rule,

and the full moon's effects on human behavior. Krieger includes the origins of each untruth, giving readers insight into how mistaken beliefs come into being, become popular knowledge, and persist over time. The text is punctuated by relevant statistics from actual scientific studies and quips from experts. Cocotos' artwork, in the form of photographic collages, enlivens each two-page spread of quick and portable knowledge, such as seven things dirtier than your toilet and six human-built objects you can see from space. The book's thesis encourages healthy skepticism and discourages taking facts as truth without verification. This unlearning results in some serious learning. Grades 3-6. --Erin Anderson

Emily Krieger is a writer, an editor, and a fact-checker specializing in science and children's nonfiction. She has fact-checked the capital of Kyrgyzstan and other countries for the National Geographic Bee; amassed amazing tidbits about bugs, birds, and brains for 5,000 Awesome Facts (About Everything!); interviewed scientists about Bigfoot and George Washington's dentures for the book Myths Busted! (named the Fifth to Sixth Grade Book of the Year in the Children's Choice Book Awards); and pondered alien and ancient life while editing Science News for Students. Tom Nick Cocotos has illustrated the Stupid Criminals feature in National Geographic Kids magazine for several years. His illustrations have also appeared in numerous publications such as Sports Illustrated, MAD magazine, The New York Times, and Newsweek, among many more. Cocotos, who is an adjunct professor at FIT in New York, has won numerous awards for his illustrations, including the Gold Addy Award and Folio: magazine's Ozzie Awards (silver and bronze). He has also received accolades from organizations such as American Illustration, the Society of Illustrators of New York, and the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles.

The students love these National Geographic books. They not only get them into reading but they enjoy showing each other odd facts. Great communication books!

My son loves this book so much that as soon as he got this, he wanted me to get the second and third one. I wish there were some facts that are not myth just to make it more fun. I know the title says "MYTHS BUSTED" but with only myths, the pattern gets boring after a while.

My grandson loves these type of books, so he tells me this book is great. My only complaint is that living here in Texas the book was not put together well, and the rubber cement that was used didn't hold it together I had to rebind it.

My boys loved it

I really liked this book. My kids loved it as well. Would recommend it to all ages. Really Really great.

I gave this to my granddaughter and to my nieces and nephew. They all loved it. I read it myself and learned a lot of new facts.

Lots of fun was had during Christmas holiday with this book. Our 9.5 year old thoroughly enjoyed, but the spine broke apart.

Interesting for both kids and adults! Fun facts

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