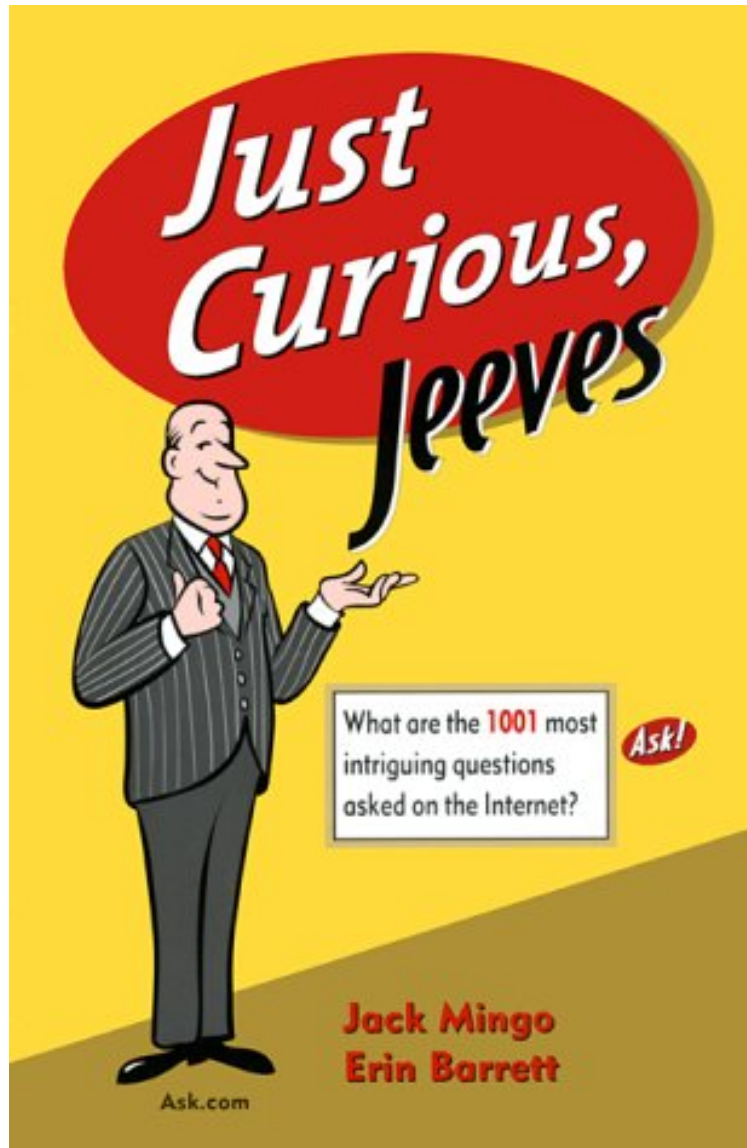


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used to read fact books by the dozens. The Book of Lists was a perennial favorite of mine. More recently, the picture of Jeeves on the bookshelf at the local library caught my eye. It claimed to have the answers to the "1001 most intriguing questions asked on the Internet". I took it home and read most of it pretty quickly. But what a letdown it was. Sure, there are plenty of great questions here, such as "What did Mick Jagger do before singing?" and "Where did the term stool pigeon come from?", but there are some mediocre ones as well ("Who invented the electric food mixer?", "Do you have a recipe for sauerkraut cookies?", "When will I die?") I also suspect that many of the questions asked were not really asked online, but were included because the answer is an interesting one. Ex: "I know The Great Gatsby, but what's the book Gadsby?" (the answer is that it's an entire book written without using the letter 'e'.) I suspect that the authors may have taken liberty to edit the questions themselves to be more interesting. There are a number of typos in the book. Usually, I wouldn't count this against it, but I feel the book may have been rushed to print, which I fear is an indication to the quality of research for the answers. Perhaps most insidious of all is the fact that there's no index in the back. Thus, if you remember reading about some fact and want to look it up later on, you're stuck going through the entire chapter associated with your topic. This might be another indication the book was rushed out as well. Certainly there are many interesting facts contained here, but there are better fact books out there (e.g., David Feldman's Imponderables series.)

8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. So Much to Know... By Beth Perrine
What a great idea for a book! Here are the answers to 1001 of the "most intriguing" questions asked of Jeeves, the Internet's famous answer-man. Now this was a fun read! Not only did I learn a lot of interesting stuff; I also couldn't stop chuckling. My inner-child led me first to the chapters titled: "Stupid Body Tricks," and "Behind the Bathroom Door." I was not disappointed: now I know with certainty how to cure hiccups as well as how to create a burp. Later I read other chapters and learned (among other things) all about van Gogh's ear, the history of Twinkies, and Shakespeare's detractors. Thought-provoking quotes from people like T.S. Eliot and Mick Jagger and clever turns of phrase pop up everywhere. These, combined with creative, well-written answers make this book really funny as well as informative. I can hardly wait to send copies to my know-it-all friends-especially the one I didn't believe when he told me that farts are flammable!

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Ways to Enjoy "Just Curious, Jeeves" By Syrah Merlot
I recently saw a review for this book from the question/answer guy who edits the Straight Dope column -- Ed Zotti. What he had to say was impressive. Words like "exemplary" were strewn throughout, so I figured I'd pick up a copy at the local bookstore. I'm glad I did. This book was not only well researched (sure, there are a couple of glitches; I've not read a fact book that doesn't have one or two!), it's hysterical. I'm not completely sure how these guys pull this off, but they've given the butler guy a pretty cool voice. This is a stellar book. My recommendation to anyone who loves to laugh, learn and have a good time, is to run out and get this book. Put it in your briefcase for your lunch hour; take it in your backpack for your morning and afternoon commute; stick it in your bathroom, or place it on your nightstand. It's well worth it!

From the trivial (Who won the first World Series?) to the imponderable (Who invented time?), from nature's mysteries (Why don't spiders stick to their webs?) to society's fears (What studies have been done on corporate mind control?), Jeeves has the answer to just about any question. The Ask Jeeves Web site lets users put their queries in simple, standard language so that they get the fastest, most efficient facts available online. From the vast holds of this Internet think tank, authors Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo have chosen the most thoughtful, the most fascinating, and the most obscure questions anyone has ever asked Jeeves. The book highlights Ask Jeeves's unique mix of solid information with witty, tongue-in-cheek delivery. Like the site, the book is structured for easy use, divided into dozens of pithy chapters from "Mysterious Machinery" to "A Walk in the Zoo." Web sources and clever follow-up questions are included.

.com If you ever wonder what to do with those zillions of brain cells lying around dormant in that head of yours, maybe you should try filling 'em up with information from Jeeves, the friendly answer man from Ask.com. Just Curious, Jeeves is an entertaining trivia book that makes a great companion for traveling or on a sluggish sick day. Categories range from lighthearted to surprisingly educational--whether it's Bozo the Clown's shoe size you're looking for (83AAA) or the last words of assorted historical figures, this little volume contains 1,001 questions and answers, as well as contact information for plenty more. Equally appropriate for all family members, several chapters present some interesting after-dinner activities. Learn how to make yourself burp with "Stupid Body Tricks," or celebrate an Australian-style Christmas with surfing and a barbecue, as suggested in "Celebrate!" Dinner itself can get a little zanier by using the list of diner lingo in "Food for Thought"--why have a boring old hot dog when you can feast with "burn the pup, all the way"? The same chapter brings a recipe for sauerkraut cookies ... could this be the next bake-sale hit? Science, history, literature, and religion are treated in the same mildly irreverent manner as goofier topics like pop culture, snack foods, and brand names. With Web sites and street addresses thrown in for additional information on lots of these questions, this book may be merely a starting point on your quest to be the World's Most Informed Person. If that doesn't pan out financially, turn to "Driving Passions," where you'll find the proper address to send your

resum for a job driving the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile. --Jill Lightner