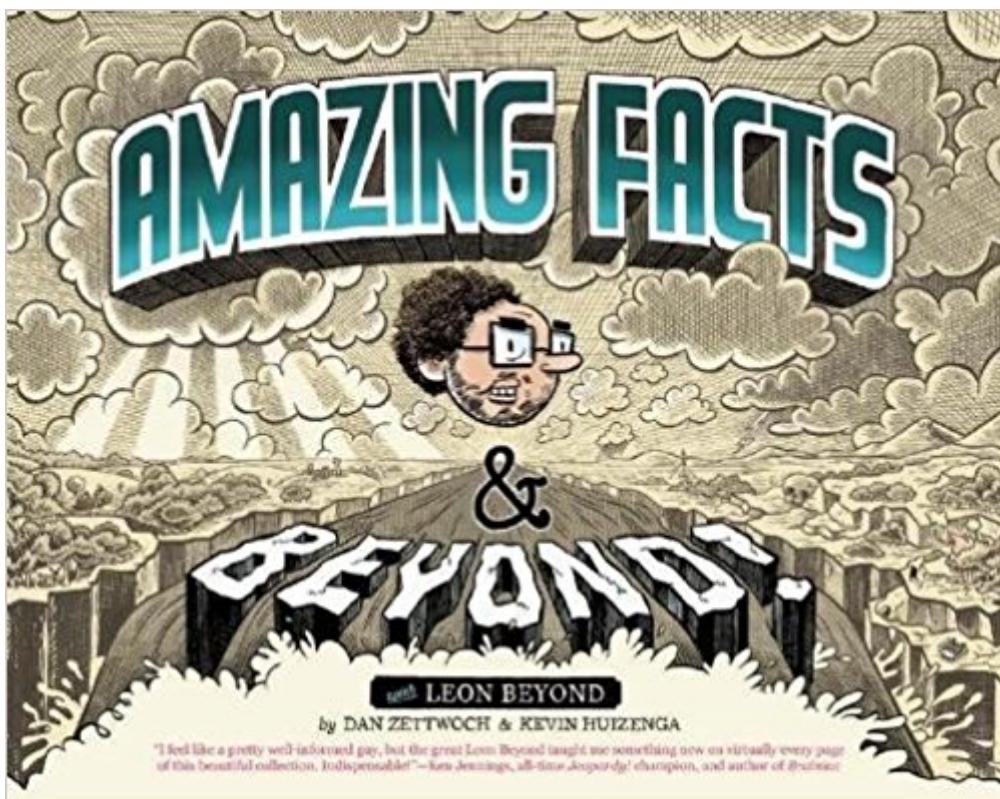


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Synopsis

Ignatz award Nomination for Outstanding Collection Leon Beyond—part John Hodgman, part out-of-date school textbook—is the know-it-all, relentless-fact-baking brain child of cartoonists Kevin Huizenga and Dan Zettwoch. Leon's knowledge was catalogued weekly in the St. Louis Riverfront Times. Amazing Facts and Beyond collects the comic-strip's best and most outrageous moments. Discover the world of optilusors, Robert Skur, dance notation and grooved disc jellyfish. Learn new words and concepts: winkaton or optogenerian. Mark your extreme calendar before you travel to the pancake and eggs nebula. Meticulously un-researched and full of dubious knowledge, Amazing Facts and Beyond is the modern successor to Ripley's Believe It Or Not. Featuring guest contributions by Ted May, and others. Dan Zettwoch is a cartoonist, illustrator, and designer. Dan's work has been published in countless anthologies. His acclaimed first book Birdseye Bristoe was published last year by Drawn and Quarterly. He lives with his wife in St. Louis, Missouri. Kevin Huizenga is cartoonist whose work has been published by Drawn & Quarterly, Marvel, Fantagraphics, Time, Slate.com and many others. His latest book Gloriana was published last year by Drawn & Quarterly. Kevin lives with his wife in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Like a modern-day Robert Ripley, know-it-all nerd Leon Beyond has purportedly traveled the globe assembling the remarkable, if fatuous, facts assembled in this collection of the comic strip that appeared until last year in a St. Louis alternative newspaper. Each sprightly drawn installment

proffers a variety of hard-to-believe claims, from a replica of Michelangelo's David (sculpted out of the white gunk scooped from Oreo cookies) and the world's largest swimming hole (a 1:1000 copy of China's biggest body of water) to Clara Weston's laugh ("so contagious it got her fired from 3 jobs"). Other installments depict such faux-nomina as elephant boxing, the use of dogs as weapons, and the word's most perilous porch swings, while still others detail the Organ Donor Hall of Fame, the World Gift-Wrapping Championships, and International Doodle Week. The authors boast impeccable alt-comics cred (last year, mini-comics-artist Zettwoch published his debut book, *Birdseye Bristoe* (2012), and Huizenga's formally audacious comics, such as *Gloriana* (2012), have long drawn critical praise (but here they're just having artfully silly fun. --Gordon Flagg

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THIS BOOK IS AMAZING! I've been a fan of Dan Zettwoch for a while now and this book is a thick collection of his goodness. So much fun drawing on every page and loaded with FACTS!!! Sometimes pages are so condensed with information and drawings that they're hard to read, but I think that just makes me like the book more - it looks like they were just having a blast while making it. Thanks for a really fun book!!!

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