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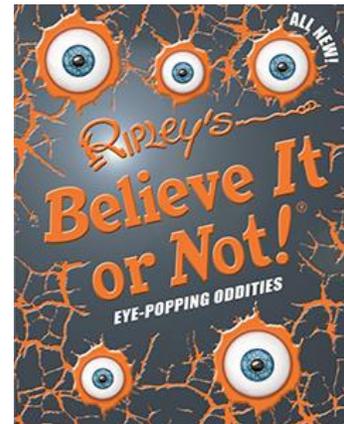
RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT! EYE-POPPING ODDITIES (ANNUAL)

By Ripley's Believe It Or Not!, Compiler

Ripley Publishing, \$28.95, 256 pages, Format: Hard

★★★★★ (5 / 5)

One thing that can be said for all the Ripley's books is they will never bore readers. This is certainly no exception. Hundreds of strange people, creatures, happenings, and other oddities are represented through mind-boggling photographs and short, fascinating write-ups about these curiosities. With everything from six-fingered people to side-show performers, from unusual funerals to a human dictionary, from worm tacos to blood sculptures, from people who walk their cabbages to the sad case of the man who was kissed to death, some of these will make you queasy to read, some will break your heart, some will make you laugh out loud, but every single one will be of interest. This is a perfect book to take on a long car trip, to keep in the bathroom, or to read aloud at a party. The Ripley's people scour the world for the strangest and most interesting anomalies, and this book will not disappoint any readers interested in this sort of thing. The writing is snappy and fun. The photographs and drawings are absolutely fascinating and there are plenty of them to keep readers satisfied. This is a winner.



“Doctors in Changsha, China, saved Xiao Wei’s severed right hand by grafting it to his ankle. He lost his hand in a work accident, but could not have it reattached to his arm immediately.”

Reviewed by Rosi Hollinbeck