

points (and really self-consciously out loud not internet `lol' -don't read this on the bus if easily embarrassed). His using real-world referents makes the book one big in-joke that you may or may not get but when it hits it is golden. A big caveat for this text though is that he is more self-indulgent than before - he gets a lot/way too much mileage out of his status as a minor television personality. In the same vein, where in the last book he was obsessed with Hobos to the point where it was distracting and he even listed some 700 hobo names, here he does the same with mole-men. Again, there is a long list of names only this time it is for mole-men. Having learned my lesson I just scanned then skipped around and then skipped entirely. I suggest you do the opposite for this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very creative and funny By T. ORourke This book struck me as much funnier than the "prequel" the Areas of My Expertise. His tone remains droll and matter-of-fact, and the information is of the same ilk, but the subject matter (mole men are funnier and not as omnipresent as hobos) is better and he seems to have embraced the hilarity possible more fully and likely worked a little harder on getting it right. I am envious of his creativity and his ability to stretch the truth just enough to have it seem plausible while also seeming completely absurd. He had to do some homework to get it this good. The daily calendar is genius, especially the meteorologic competition between Milwaukee and Richmond. Great for a laugh at any opportunity. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Definitely an *interesting* follow up By Customer Almost as good as the first and last of the trilogy, even if the mole-men don't quite capture the greatness of Elder Gods and Hobos. Once a madman, always a madman. Read this to even sort of figure out what that means.

The New York Times bestseller by Famous Minor Television Personality John Hodgman The Daily Show's "Resident Expert" and the "PC" in the iconic Apple ad picks up exactly where his first book left off. In fact, "the new volume is in every way a continuation of Areas of My Expertise, except in the ways it's clearly superior." (The Onion AV Club) In 2005, John Hodgman published his first compendium of Complete World Knowledge, The Areas of My Expertise, a handy volume of fake trivia and made-up facts. Hodgmania was born. Virtually overnight, John Hodgman was whisked from tweedy obscurity to the high ether of minor celebrity. And from his strange new vantage point as a Famous Minor Television Personality, Hodgman realized that there is some world knowledge yet to be documented. And so he returned to exactly where he had left off namely, page 256 of the paperback edition of The Areas of My Expertise. And he brought with him: MORE INFORMATION THAN YOU REQUIRE. Which, naturally, begins on page 257. Like its predecessor, More Information Than You Require consists of brief articles, overlong lists, frighteningly complex charts, and beguiling narratives on new and familiar themes such as: THE PAST (because there is always more of it) THE FUTURE (because they say there is still some left) MOLE-MEN (including a list of 700 Mole-man names) GAMBLING, THE SPORT OF THE ATHSMATIC MAN (including hermit crab racing) CRYPTOGEOGRAPHY (including Canada) HOW TO BE A FAMOUS MINOR TELEVISION PERSONALITY (Hint: Go on television) AND NOW, the relatively pocket-sized and inexpensive paperback edition includes even more. MORE INFORMATION THAN YOU REQUIRE, updated to include the very latest in implausibility. PLUS!: This paperback edition includes a special self-expanding fold-out edition of THE TAXONOMY OF COMPLETE WORLD KNOWLEDGE, which you have probably never seen before because it has been carefully hidden. UNTIL NOW. Look out for John Hodgman's latest book, Vacationland, available from Viking in Fall 2017.

.com Best of the Month, October 2008: While writer and former literary agent John Hodgman had a considerable cult following before the publication of his first book, The Areas of My Expertise, the exact moment when Hodgmania hit fever pitch can be traced to his November 16, 2005, appearance on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, when a "Famous Minor Television Personality" was born. Since then he has welcomed a new level of visibility as the Resident Expert on The Daily Show, appearing as the PC in the ubiquitous "Get a Mac" ads, and in bit roles in movies and on TV, so the world should be primed to embrace More Information Than You Require, Book Two in his Compendium of Complete World Knowledge (or, as it says on the cover, "New Ferret, Same Old Con"). Fun facts, bizarre trivia, and oddball photos ("Figure 51: Jane Addams, Pre-Antlers") are crammed into every corner of the page with extended riffs on How to Tell the Future Using a Pigs Spleen, What to Expect While Serving as a Juror, Gambling ("Sure Thing Number Three: Star Wars Slots"), How to Deal With Some Common Infestations, and of course, How to Be Famous. And what he did for hobos in The Areas of My Expertise, celebrating their free spirit and conniving ways (and a list of 700 hobo names), Hodgman does for mole-men, the "race of humanoids who live in the complex warren of tunnels and vast caverns beneath the earth." Did you know, for instance, that Thomas Jefferson uncovered on his "mole-maniac palace known as Monticello" a "small group (or 'Parlor') of mole-men dining on weevil pie and discussing world affairs... 'They touched my face,' wrote Jefferson, 'and hissed, as is their custom.'" Naturally there are 700 Mole-Man Names and Occupations included ("No. 281: Mr. Wallow Dripstone, a worm rider"). Hodgman may be up to the same old con, but this brand new ferret of a book is a wise (and wise-ass) little predator who will swindle away your reading time with endless hours of rabies-free laughs. --Brad Thomas Parsons "There's just enough true in the book to be very alarming." -RACHEL MADDOW "Fascinating!" -Jon Stewart "Hodgman is funny, clever, and has the face of a giant baby." -Ricky Gervais "I love this book so much I nearly read it." -Justin Long ("Mac" in the Apple ads) "Hodgman

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