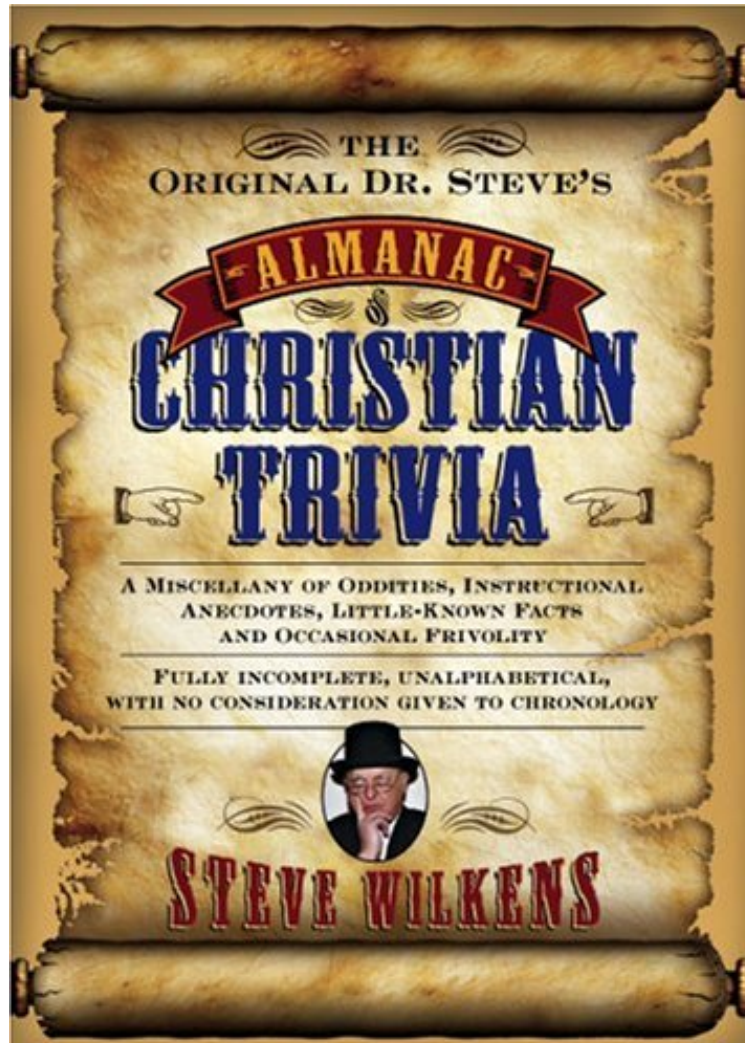


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I was given this book as a gift from a friend and I have to say it was an enjoyable and sarcastic read when I skipped around a bit. The introduction tells you that the book is NOT organized but then goes on to behave like that is a good thing. I am all for sarcasm though why write a book about history and then make it needlessly confusing? For example he covers Henry VIII's departure from the Catholic church in two sections. I have read them both together, it's pretty clear that he wrote them together so why then divide them in two?? As much as the writing in this book is fun with all sorts of asides and sarcastic comments, which makes me think he might give good lectures at the university where he is a professor, why is there nothing cited in this book? Steve Wilkins appears to have a PhD and most of the other books written by him, you can find on attest to that. Does having a PhD somehow automatically make you an expert in everything? Even Wikipedia, which is often criticized for being poorly sourced is not as badly sourced as this book. I was left wondering where he got any, if not all of his information? It just seems odd to me to present ideas as facts with no source material to support what you are saying especially when he simply is not a historical expert. In conclusion it is a fun read if not needlessly confusing. I would also recommend not going around spouting to your friends what you learned from it because it might in fact be wrong.

Why isn't Easter on the same day every year? Where did the song "Kum Ba Yah" come from and what exactly does it mean? Why don't we know exactly how to pronounce God's name? What's the definition of those theological words like eschatology? hermeneutics? supralapsarianism? Can I join the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys? Who was St. Patrick and is it true he wasn't Irish? How is it that nearly every hotel room has a Gideon's Bible? Steve Wilkins offers answers and reflections on these and scores of other questions in this thoroughly instructional and often amusing almanac of things you should have learned in Sunday School, but somehow didn't. Also offered are quizzes on famous biblical phrases and definitions of theological terms. This volume is thoroughly instructional, and totally fun. A great gift!

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