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with bizarre facts to entertain you for hours, from the creator of YouTube's RealLifeLore. Where can I move to so that I'm never tempted by McDonald's again? How far into the Pacific does Trump's wall stretch? If Plato came back to life, what would he think of modern democracy? Why do all empires fail? Who decides what countries are allowed to participate in the Olympics? What makes Finland so great? When you take the most absurd parts of history, science, economics, and geography, you end up with a pretty confusing picture of humanity. Why do

we have borders, what's the furthest you can get from the ocean, how do you qualify as a country, and why did Vikings wear those silly helmets? These are just a few of the strange questions that bounce around the head of YouTube sensation Joseph Pisenti, aka RealLifeLore. In his debut book, Pisenti explores the nonsensical humor of the universe with in-depth analysis of empires, economies, and ecosystems as he helps answer the ridiculous. Why, you ask? Because someone has to. Using line drawings, graphs, and charts, Pisenti not only details the absurd—he also provides

explanations on why things are . . . and why they aren't. Why did Ptolemy's theory cause problems for the church? What is the big secret concerning the "?Age" of the earth? Why do many scientists reject the use of design in explaining origins? The seemingly absurd idea that all matter, energy, space, and time once exploded from a point of extreme density has captured the imagination of scientists and laypersons for decades. The big bang has provided a central teaching for the eons of time of "cosmic evolution", undermining the history and cosmology of the Bible. It is a theory

that fails, even violating the very physical laws on which it is purportedly based. In this easy-to-read format, authors Alex Williams and John Hartnett explode this naturalistic explanation for the universe, and show that the biblical model provides a far better explanation of our origins. This fully indexed, illustrated analysis of the big bang theory is an invaluable help in understanding and countering a world view that is as chaotic and destructive as its name implies. Overview of the entire book, Introduction to the important people in the book, Summary and analysis of all

the chapters in the book, Key Takeaways of the book and A Reader's Perspective. From the duo behind the massively successful and award-winning podcast Stuff You Should Know comes an unexpected look at things you thought you knew. Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant started the podcast Stuff You Should Know back in 2008 because they were curious—curious about the world around them, curious about what they might have missed in their formal educations, and curious to dig deeper on stuff they thought they understood. As it turns out, they aren't the only

curious ones. They've since amassed a rabid fan base, making Stuff You Should Know one of the most popular podcasts in the world. Armed with their inquisitive natures and a passion for sharing, they uncover the weird, fascinating, delightful, or unexpected elements of a wide variety of topics. The pair have now taken their near-boundless "whys" and "hows" from your earbuds to the pages of a book for the first time—featuring a completely new array of subjects that they've long wondered about and wanted to explore. Each chapter is further embellished with

snappy visual material to allow for rabbit-hole tangents and digressions—including charts, illustrations, sidebars, and footnotes. Follow along as the two dig into the underlying stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. Have you ever wondered about the world around you, and wished to see the magic in everyday things? Come get curious with *Stuff You Should Know*. With Josh and Chuck as your guide, there's something interesting about everything (...except maybe jackhammers). "[Czerski's] quest

to enhance humanity's everyday scientific literacy is timely and imperative."—Science Storm in a Teacup is Helen Czerski's lively, entertaining, and richly informed introduction to the world of physics. Czerski provides the tools to alter the way we see everything around us by linking ordinary objects and occurrences, like popcorn popping, coffee stains, and fridge magnets, to big ideas like climate change, the energy crisis, or innovative medical testing. She provides answers to vexing questions: How do ducks keep their feet warm when walking on ice?

Why does it take so long for ketchup to come out of a bottle? Why does milk, when added to tea, look like billowing storm clouds? In an engaging voice at once warm and witty, Czerski shares her stunning breadth of knowledge to lift the veil of familiarity from the ordinary. **INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** For the first time in seven years, Allie Brosh—beloved author and artist of the extraordinary **#1 New York Times bestseller** *Hyperbole and a Half*—returns with a new collection of comedic, autobiographical, and illustrated essays. Solutions

and Other Problems includes humorous stories from Allie Brosh's childhood; the adventures of her very bad animals; merciless dissection of her own character flaws; incisive essays on grief, loneliness, and powerlessness; as well as reflections on the absurdity of modern life. This full-color, beautifully illustrated edition features all-new material with more than 1,600 pieces of art. Solutions and Other Problems marks the return of a beloved American humorist who has "the observational skills of a scientist, the creativity of an artist, and the wit of a comedian" (Bill Gates). Praise for Allie Brosh's

Hyperbole and a Half: "Imagine if David Sedaris could draw....Enchanting." —People "One of the best things I've ever read in my life." —Marc Maron "Will make you laugh until you sob, even when Brosh describes her struggle with depression." —Entertainment Weekly "I would gladly pay to sit in a room full of people reading this book, merely to share the laughter." —The Philadelphia Inquirer "In a culture that encourages people to carry mental illness as a secret burden....Brosh's bracing honesty is a gift." —Chicago Tribune 6x9 110pages NoBleed A world-leading materials scientist

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won't go wrong with How To.”
—CNET “[How To] has science and jokes in it, so 10/10 can recommend.”
—Simone Giertz
The world's most entertaining and useless self-help guide from the brilliant mind behind the wildly popular webcomic xkcd and the bestsellers What If? and Thing Explainer For any task you might want to do, there's a right way, a wrong way, and a way so monumentally complex, excessive, and inadvisable that no one would ever try it. How To is a guide to the third kind of approach. It's full of highly impractical advice for everything from landing a plane to

digging a hole. Bestselling author and cartoonist Randall Munroe explains how to predict the weather by analyzing the pixels of your Facebook photos. He teaches you how to tell if you're a baby boomer or a 90's kid by measuring the radioactivity of your teeth. He offers tips for taking a selfie with a telescope, crossing a river by boiling it, and powering your house by destroying the fabric of space-time. And if you want to get rid of the book once you're done with it, he walks you through your options for proper disposal, including dissolving it in the ocean, converting it to a vapor, using

tectonic plates to subduct it into the Earth's mantle, or launching it into the Sun. By exploring the most complicated ways to do simple tasks, Munroe doesn't just make things difficult for himself and his readers. As he did so brilliantly in What If?, Munroe invites us to explore the most absurd reaches of the possible. Full of clever infographics and fun illustrations, How To is a delightfully mind-bending way to better understand the science and technology underlying the things we do every day. Enjoy hours of laughter with hilarious questions for kids that get harder as the book

goes on. Who will win the competition for the best answers? Who will outsmart everyone? Laugh and learn with 160+ questions designed to make kids giggle, think, and figure out who's the wittiest (and silliest) of all! Would You Rather? Made You Think! Edition provides endless hours of fun for eight- to twelve-year-olds who love a challenge--and a good laugh. Would You Rather? Made You Think! features: • Learning through play. Kids will exercise their brains with these either/or scenarios that make them think creatively, use their imagination, and pull together facts quickly. •

Family time away from screens. 160+ age-appropriate questions, ranging from the mind-boggling to the totally gross. • An exciting game for competitive kids. Try to outsmart family and friends with the most creative answer. • Levels organized by difficulty. As kids complete the levels, the next questions get harder. • Lots of laughs! The questions are funny; kids can make the answers even funnier! • Perfect for road trips, camping trips, restaurants, sleepovers, and dinner conversations. • Classroom fun. These questions can be used to increase student engagement,

practice reading and writing comprehension, promote critical thinking skills, and create a fun classroom environment! National Geographic author Michael Farquhar uncovers an instance of bad luck, epic misfortune, and unadulterated mayhem tied to every day of the year. From Caligula's blood-soaked end to hotelier Steve Wynn's unfortunate run-in with a priceless Picasso, these 365 tales of misery include lost fortunes (like the would-be Apple investor who pulled out in 1977 and missed out on a \$30 billion-dollar windfall), romance

gone wrong (like the 16th-century Shah who experimented with an early form of Viagra with empire-changing results), and truly bizarre moments (like the Great Molasses Flood of 1919). Think you're having a bad day? Trust us, it gets worse. In the New York Times best-selling book from the creator of the wildly popular webcomic xkcd, Randall Munroe gives hilarious and informative answers to important questions you probably never thought to ask. Fans of xkcd ask Munroe a lot of strange questions. What if you tried to hit a baseball pitched at 90 percent the speed of light? How fast

can you hit a speed bump while driving and live? If there was a robot apocalypse, how long would humanity last? What if everyone only had one soulmate? What would happen if the moon went away? In pursuit of answers, Munroe ran computer simulations, pored over stacks of declassified military research memos, solved differential equations, and consulted with nuclear reactor operators. His responses are masterpieces of clarity and hilarity, complemented by signature xkcd comics. (They often predict the complete annihilation of humankind, or at

least a really big explosion.) Far more than a book for geeks, *What If?* explains the laws of science in operation in a way that every intelligent reader will enjoy and feel much smarter for having read. Randall Munroe describes xkcd as a webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language. While it's practically required reading in the geek community, xkcd fans are as varied as the comic's subject matter. This book creates laughs from science jokes on one page to relationship humor on another. xkcd: volume 0 is the first book from the immensely popular webcomic with a passionate readership (just

Google "xkcd meetup"). The artist selected personal and fan favorites from his first 600 comics. It was lovingly assembled from high-resolution original scans of the comics (the mouseover text is discreetly included), and features a lot of doodles, notes, and puzzles in the margins. The book is published by Breadpig, which donates all of the publisher profits from this book to Room to Read for promoting literacy in the developing world. **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A groundbreaking history of 175 years of American education that brings the lessons of the past to bear**

on the dilemmas we face today—and brilliantly illuminates the path forward for public schools. "[A] lively account." —New York Times Book Review In *The Teacher Wars*, a rich, lively, and unprecedented history of public school teaching, Dana Goldstein reveals that teachers have been embattled for nearly two centuries. She uncovers the surprising roots of hot button issues, from teacher tenure to charter schools, and finds that recent popular ideas to improve schools—instituting merit pay, evaluating teachers by student test scores, ranking and firing veteran

teachers, and recruiting "elite" graduates to teach—are all approaches that have been tried in the past without producing widespread change. Set in the future when "firemen" burn books forbidden by the totalitarian "brave new world" regime. *Manhattan Prep's 5 lb. Book of GRE Practice Problems* is an essential resource for students of any level who are preparing for the GRE revised General Exam. Recently updated to more closely reflect the nuances of the GRE exam, this book offers more than 1,800 questions across 33 chapters and online to provide students

with comprehensive practice. Developed by our expert instructors, the problems in this book are sensibly grouped into practice sets and mirror those found on the GRE in content, form, and style. Students can build fundamental skills in math and verbal through targeted practice while easy-to-follow explanations and step-by-step applications help cement their understanding of the concepts tested on the GRE. In addition, students can take their practice to the next level with online question banks that provide realistic, computer-based practice to better simulate the GRE test-taking

experience. Purchase of this book includes access to an online video introduction, online banks of GRE practice problems, and the GRE Challenge Problem Archive. Un libro en el que el humor y la ciencia se unen para dar explicación a todo tipo de preguntas curio ¡Ey! Gracias por fijarte en mi libro. Si estás pensando en comprarlo hay dos cosas que no tendrías por qué saber pero que quiero contarte por si finalmente no te gusta y decides darle otro uso: - Los humanos no podemos digerir el papel de celulosa, pero en caso de que pudiéramos, si decidieras comerte

este libro engordarías 2.300 calorías -¡incluida la cubierta, claro! - Si tienes un buen brazo, podrías lanzar este libro a más de 13 metros. Con práctica es posible llegar a lanzar un libro cada 800 milisegundos, lo que significa que si un agresor te estuviera persiguiendo, podrías tener tres o cuatro oportunidades de golpearlo antes de que te alcanzara. Si en cambio el ataque fuera por parte de un coyote que corre a la máxima velocidad que puede, solo tendrías una oportunidad. ¡Apunta bien! ¿Qué pasaría si...? es un libro de divulgación científica en el que se recopilan algunos de los

mejores posts así como otros nuevos elaborados a partir de las preguntas del blog de Randall Munroe, en el que responde a los lectores haciendo uso de sus conocimientos científicos y matemáticos. Munroe fue físico en la NASA antes de crear la web www.xkcd.com, que ha recibido más de un millón de visitas. Este es un libro original, inteligente y con mucho humor. * Nº1 en la lista de más vendidos de The New York Times durante meses. * Mejor libro de 2014 según la revista People. * Entre los 10 mejores libros de no ficción según la revista Time. Reseñas: «Munroe piensa que analizar

una broma es como diseccionar una rana, puede hacerse pero la rana acaba por morir». The New York Times «Trata de analizar la clase de maravillas y de fantasías hipotéticas que podrían surgir en una conversación de bar». The Atlantic «Este libro es una buena combinación de diversión y una clase magistral de tal razonamiento. Como en todas las buenas lecciones, solo te das cuenta de que has aprendido algo una vez que se ha terminado». The Economist «Munroe se ha convertido en algo así como un héroe de culto». The New York Times ENGLISH DESCRIPTION

From the creator of the wildly popular webcomic xkcd.com, hilarious and informative answers to important questions you probably never thought to ask. His stick-figure drawings about science, technology, language, and love have a large and passionate following. Fans of xkcd ask Munroe a lot of strange questions. What if you tried to hit a baseball pitched at 90 percent the speed of light? If there was a robot apocalypse, how long would humanity last? In pursuit of answers, Munroe runs computer simulations, pores over stacks of declassified military research memos,

solves differential equations, and consults with nuclear reactor operators. His responses are masterpieces of clarity and hilarity, complemented by signature xkcd comics. They often predict the complete annihilation of humankind, or at least a really big explosion. Warning This is an independent addition to What If, meant to enhance your experience of the original book. If you have not yet bought the original copy, make sure to purchase it before buying this unofficial summary from aBookaDay.

ANALYSIS *The questions in these sections are some of the strangest the

author has received. In response, the author provides a humorous cartoon to both answer and acknowledge the absurdity of these questions. These questions are not covered in the following summary as the responses are purely visual.

OVERVIEW This review of What If: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions by Randall Munroe provides a chapter by chapter detailed summary followed by an analysis and critique of the strengths and weaknesses of the book. The main theme explored in the book is how we can use science as a way to answer some of life's strangest

and most unanswerable questions. Using data gathered from various sources such as clinical studies, scientific journal articles, and interviews with top scientific and analytical minds, the author is able to provide answers to his audience's most absurd questions. The central thesis of the work is that any question humans have ever had about the way the world works or possible ramifications if the world stopped working the way we expect it to can all be answered through scientific means. Munroe takes each question from his audience and thoroughly examines it-mostly

reserving judgement-and attempts to find the best answer possible. In some cases, he provides several different answers, and in others even provides answers to questions that the audience did not ask, but are related to the subject at hand. What makes his responses unique is that he relies on humor (and cartoons) to explain even the most difficult concepts and this allows for his answers to be easily understood by all of his audience, even those with no scientific background. Randall Munroe is the writer and creator of the web comic xkcd and has written a previous

book of the same title. He worked at NASA as a roboticist until October of 2006 when he became a professional web comic artist full time. What If? is the result of his popular web comic and a project inspired by it where he asked users to post absurd math and physics related questions. He currently resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Available on PC, Mac, smart phone, tablet or Kindle device. (c) 2015 All Rights Reserved Prepare to learn everything we still don't know about our strange and mysterious universe Humanity's understanding of the physical world is full of gaps. Not

tiny little gaps you can safely ignore —there are huge yawning voids in our basic notions of how the world works. PHD Comics creator Jorge Cham and particle physicist Daniel Whiteson have teamed up to explore everything we don't know about the universe: the enormous holes in our knowledge of the cosmos. Armed with their popular infographics, cartoons, and unusually entertaining and lucid explanations of science, they give us the best answers currently available for a lot of questions that are still perplexing scientists, including: * Why does the universe have a speed limit?

* Why aren't we all made of antimatter?
* What (or who) is attacking Earth with tiny, superfast particles?
* What is dark matter, and why does it keep ignoring us? It turns out the universe is full of weird things that don't make any sense. But Cham and Whiteson make a compelling case that the questions we can't answer are as interesting as the ones we can. This fully illustrated introduction to the biggest mysteries in physics also helpfully demystifies many complicated things we do know about, from quarks and neutrinos to gravitational waves and exploding black holes. With equal doses of humor and

delight, Cham and Whiteson invite us to see the universe as a possibly boundless expanse of uncharted territory that's still ours to explore. NAMED A TOP 10 NOVEL OF 2017 BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AND VOGUE, A BEST BOOK OF 2017 BY ESQUIRE, HUFFINGTON POST, POP SUGAR, ELECTRIC LITERATURE AND KIRKUS, AND A 2017 NPR GREAT READ. ONE OF DWIGHT GARNER'S TOP BOOKS OF 2017 IN THE NEW YORK TIMES. A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITOR'S CHOICE AND A FINALIST FOR THE CHICAGO REVIEW OF BOOKS FICTION AWARD.

"Like Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, [The Answers] is also a novel about a subjugated woman, in this case not to a totalitarian theocracy but to subtler forces its heroine is only beginning to understand and fears she is complicit with." -- Dwight Garner, *New York Times*
Mary Parsons is broke. Dead broke, really: between an onslaught of medical bills and a mountain of credit card debt, she has been pushed to the brink. Hounded by bill collectors and still plagued by the painful and bizarre symptoms that doctors couldn't diagnose, Mary seeks relief from a holistic treatment

called Pneuma Adaptive Kinesthesia—PAKing, for short. Miraculously, it works. But PAKing is prohibitively expensive. Like so many young adults trying to make ends meet in New York City, Mary scours Craigslist and bulletin boards for a second job, and eventually lands an interview for a high-paying gig that's even stranger than her symptoms or the New Agey PAKing. Mary's new job title is Emotional Girlfriend in the "Girlfriend Experiment"—the brainchild of a wealthy and infamous actor, Kurt Sky, who has hired a team of biotech researchers to solve the

problem of how to build and maintain the perfect romantic relationship, casting himself as the experiment's only constant. Around Kurt, several women orbit as his specific functions. There's a Maternal Girlfriend who folds his laundry, an Anger Girlfriend who fights with him, a Mundanity Girlfriend who just hangs around his loft, and a whole team of girlfriends to take care of Intimacy. With so little to lose, Mary falls headfirst into Kurt's messy, ego-driven simulacrum of human connection. Told in Catherine Lacey's signature spiraling, hypnotic prose, *The Answers* is both a

mesmerizing dive into the depths of one woman's psyche and a critical look at the conventions and institutions that infiltrate our most personal, private moments. As Mary struggles to understand herself—her body, her city, the trials of her past, the uncertainty of her future—the reader must confront the impossible questions that fuel Catherine Lacey's work: How do you measure love? Can you truly know someone else? Do we even know ourselves? And listen for Lacey's uncanny answers. The creator of the incredibly popular webcomic *xkcd* presents his heavily researched answers

to his fans' oddest questions, including "What if I took a swim in a spent-nuclear-fuel pool?" and "Could you build a jetpack using downward-firing machine guns?" 100,000 first printing. When Mum gives her the notebook, Scarlet should be happy. It's beautiful, with its shiny scarlet cover and its blank pages full of promise. But Scarlet is absolutely NOT in the mood for a peace offering. Does Mum really think she can tear their family apart and expect Scarlet to be happy about it? Scarlet decides there's only one thing she can write in the notebook. The truth, about everything . . .

Presenting 100 hilarious silly jokes with illustrations to literally make you rolling on the floor. You may also come out of your house and start running up & down the streets. Please do not read or listen to any of this joke while driving! We care for safety of your neighbour's wife! From the creator of the wildly popular webcomic xkcd, hilarious and informative answers to important questions you probably never thought to ask Millions of people visit xkcd.com each week to read Randall Munroe's iconic webcomic. His stick-figure drawings about science, technology, language, and love have an enormous,

dedicated following, as do his deeply researched answers to his fans' strangest questions. The queries he receives range from merely odd to downright diabolical: * What if I took a swim in a spent-nuclear-fuel pool? * Could you build a jetpack using downward-firing machine guns? * What if a Richter 15 earthquake hit New York City? * Are fire tornadoes possible? His responses are masterpieces of clarity and wit, gleefully and accurately explaining everything from the relativistic effects of a baseball pitched at near the speed of light to the many horrible ways you could die while

building a periodic table out of all the actual elements. The book features new and never-before-answered questions, along with the most popular answers from the xkcd website. What If? is an informative feast for xkcd fans and anyone who loves to ponder the hypothetical. The American way of life, built on individual liberty and limited government, is on life support. American freedom is being gutted. Whether we are trying to run a business, practice a vocation, raise our families, cooperate with our neighbors, or follow our religious beliefs, we run afoul of the government—not

because we are doing anything wrong but because the government has decided it knows better. When we object, that government can and does tell us, “Try to fight this, and we’ll ruin you.” In this provocative book, acclaimed social scientist and bestselling author Charles Murray shows us why we can no longer hope to roll back the power of the federal government through the normal political process. The Constitution is broken in ways that cannot be fixed even by a sympathetic Supreme Court. Our legal system is increasingly lawless, unmoored from traditional ideas of “the rule of

law.” The legislative process has become systemically corrupt no matter which party is in control. But there’s good news beyond the Beltway. Technology is siphoning power from sclerotic government agencies and putting it in the hands of individuals and communities. The rediversification of American culture is making local freedom attractive to liberals as well as conservatives. People across the political spectrum are increasingly alienated from a regulatory state that nakedly serves its own interests rather than those of ordinary Americans. The

even better news is that federal government has a fatal weakness: It can get away with its thousands of laws and regulations only if the overwhelming majority of Americans voluntarily comply with them. Murray describes how civil disobedience backstopped by legal defense funds can make large portions of the 180,000-page Federal Code of Regulations unenforceable, through a targeted program that identifies regulations that arbitrarily and capriciously tell us what to do. Americans have it within their power to make the federal government an

insurable hazard like hurricanes and floods, leaving us once again free to live our lives as we see fit. By the People's hopeful message is that rebuilding our traditional freedoms does not require electing a right-thinking Congress or president, nor does it require five right-thinking justices on the Supreme Court. It can be done by we the people, using America's unique civil society to put government back in its proper box. This is a Summary and Analysis of What If?: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions By Randall Munroe and not the original

book. Contained in this book is a detailed summary and analysis of the ideas and thoughts of the author in simple and easy-to-understand form. NOTE: This is book is an unofficial Summary and Analysis of What If?: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions By Randall Munroe and acts as a study guide and its not the original book by the author(Randall Munroe) How can I get this book? You can get this book by scrolling up and clicking on the "Buy now with 1-click" button at the top of the page. One of the most influential works of this century, The Myth of Sisyphus and

Other Essays is a crucial exposition of existentialist thought. Influenced by works such as Don Juan and the novels of Kafka, these essays begin with a meditation on suicide; the question of living or not living in a universe devoid of order or meaning. With lyric eloquence, Albert Camus brilliantly posits a way out of despair, reaffirming the value of personal existence, and the possibility of life lived with dignity and authenticity. F stands for "funny" in this perfect gift for students or anyone who has ever had to struggle through a test and needs a good laugh. Celebrating the creative side of

failure in a way we can all relate to, F in Exams gathers the most hilarious and inventive test answers provided by students who, faced with a question they have no hope of getting right, decide to have a little fun instead. Whether in science (Q: What is the highest frequency noise that a human can register? A: Mariah Carey), the humanities (Q: What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common? A: Unusual names), math, or other subjects, these 250 entries prove that while everyone enjoys the spectacle of failure, it's even sweeter to see a FAIL turn into a WIN. What If? A

Complete Summary! What if? is a book written by Randall Munroe, the same author of the comic Xkcd. Before Munroe became a writer, he worked as a roboticist at NASA until 2006, when he became a professional web comic artist. What if? is a collection of more than sixty strange, but interesting questions and their even more interesting answers. All of these are of these are questions that Munroe has been asked by his readers. Some of them are complicated, requiring mathematical calculations and complex science to answer, while

others are much simpler. They all provide information about unusual topics, based on unique questions many people may have wondered about out of curiosity, but never thought could really be answered. This book tackles those strange mysteries and reveals the answers to nature's toughest questions. Where else could we possibly learn what would happen if the earth suddenly stopped rotating? In this book, we will try to summarize the questions and answers in What If? in order to provide an introduction to Munroe's concepts. After the summary section, we will analyze the book and there will be a

short quiz with answers on the next page. I hope that you will like the book just as we did, and that after reading this summary, you will also decide to read the original book. Here Is A Preview Of What You Will Get Y A summarized version of the book. Y You will find the book analyzed to further strengthen your knowledge. Y Fun multiple choice quizzes, along with answers to help you learn about the book. Y Get a copy, and learn everything about What if?" Randall Munroe is . . . 'Nerd royalty' Ben Goldacre 'Totally brilliant' Tim Harford 'Laugh-out-loud funny' Bill Gates 'Wonderful'

Neil Gaiman AN INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER For any task you might want to do, there's a right way, a wrong way, and a way so monumentally bad that no one would ever try it. How To is a guide to the third kind of approach. It's full of highly impractical advice for everything from landing a plane to digging a hole. Bestselling author and cartoonist Randall Munroe explains how to predict the weather by analyzing the pixels of your Facebook photos. He teaches you how to tell if you're a baby boomer or a millennial by measuring the radioactivity of your

teeth. He offers tips for taking a selfie with a telescope, crossing a river by boiling it, and getting to your appointments on time by destroying the moon. And if you want to get rid of this book once you're done with it, he walks you through your options for proper disposal, including dissolving it in the ocean, converting it to a vapour, using tectonic plates to subduct it into the Earth's mantle, or launching it into the sun. By exploring the most complicated ways to do simple tasks, Munroe doesn't just make things difficult for himself and his readers. As he did so brilliantly in *What If?*, he invites us to explore

the most absurd reaches of the possible. Full of clever infographics and amusing illustrations, *How To* is a delightfully mind-bending way to better understand the science and technology underlying the things we do every day. #1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER AN ADAM SAVAGE BOOK CLUB PICK The book-length answer to anyone who ever put their hand up in math class and asked, "When am I ever going to use this in the real world?" "Fun, informative, and relentlessly entertaining, *Humble Pi* is a charming and very readable guide to some of humanity's

all-time greatest miscalculations—th at also gives you permission to feel a little better about some of your own mistakes." —Ryan North, author of *How to Invent Everything Our whole world is built on math, from the code running a website to the equations enabling the design of skyscrapers and bridges. Most of the time this math works quietly behind the scenes . . . until it doesn't. All sorts of seemingly innocuous mathematical mistakes can have significant consequences. Math is easy to ignore until a misplaced decimal point upends the stock market, a unit*

conversion error causes a plane to crash, or someone divides by zero and stalls a battleship in the middle of the ocean. Exploring and explaining a litany of glitches, near misses, and mathematical mishaps involving the internet, big data, elections, street signs, lotteries, the Roman Empire, and an Olympic team, Matt Parker uncovers the bizarre ways math trips us up, and what this reveals about its essential place in our world. Getting it wrong has never been more fun. Teleportation, time machines, force fields, and interstellar space ships—the stuff of science fiction or

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