

Findings: An Illustrated Collection

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Rafil Kroll-Zaidi : Findings: An Illustrated Collection before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Findings: An Illustrated Collection:

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Happily Lost in FindingsBy athenasow!This unique and devilishly entertaining book is a flight seated next to a modest, witty fellow who happens to know everything you didn't, but wanted to.Findings introduces readers who aren't familiar with the monthly Harper's Magazine to its "Findings" column, a review of actual scientific observations and conclusions, some bizarre, some funny, many with implications that aren't immediately apparent. Many who have the good luck to read Findings will either become addicts and

subscribers to Harper's, or will begin visiting their nearest library to delight in the discoveries and the prose by which Mr. Kroll-Zaidi reveals them. Regular readers of his column will be happy to see this collection (including the witty art), and will enjoy learning more about Mr. Kroll-Zaidi's approach to curating and writing the findings. Contrary to an inexplicable comment in another review, the author interview is not about Mr. Kroll-Zaidi. Instead, it is a conversation in which he explains, with examples, how he works to communicate the essence of each finding in the best and briefest way while suggesting larger meanings or connotations in the accretions of findings, illuminations that might otherwise go unnoticed. The author gives us insights into a subtle and demanding craft, as well as a fascinating guide to thinking and writing in English.

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From the celebrated Findings column in Harper's Magazine, a selection of fantastic facts, delightfully illustrated by Graham Roumieu. Do you know that Czech and German deer still do not cross the iron curtain? Or that in Scotland, most adults say it is acceptable for a man to marry his widow's sister? How about that vanilla yogurt gives mice glossier coats and larger testicles? Or that conservatism strongly correlates with a preference for name-brand mayonnaise? Such perverse nuggets of scientific discovery are assembled in FINDINGS, the bizarre and beloved back-page column of Harper's Magazine, the nation's oldest literary monthly. Now these surreal shards of knowledge take on new life in illustrations by Graham Roumieu (author of the cult classic *In Me Own Words: The Autobiography of Bigfoot*). More than just a collection of facts about the sex lives of primates (though, it's that too), FINDINGS is funny, informative, and occasionally wondrous.