

# Galileo and the Dolphins: Amazing but True Stories from Science

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**Adrian Berry : Galileo and the Dolphins: Amazing but True Stories from Science** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Galileo and the Dolphins: Amazing but True Stories from Science:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. At least the title is good...By FSBA a person who enjoys a good scientific history (nerd alert), I was very disappointed in Galileo and the Dolphins. The writing is poor and the topics treated in a superficial and sensationalistic fashion. For very good books in this genre I would suggest Bill Bryson's A Short History of Nearly Everything or The Know-It-All... by A. J. Jacobs.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining, but a light read.By A CustomerI picked out this book as one that might be fun for reading at the beach. It's easy to pick up (a series of very short essays) and unfortunately, equally easy to put down. I would categorize it as scientific mind candy

What was the true story behind the persecution of Galileo, what did it have to do with dolphins? Was Nostradamus a journalist or a prophet? Who was the famous astronomer accused of piracy as he sailed under southern stars? Who made a car with a working engine the size of a rice grain? Which clock is so accurate that it only loses a second every three million years? Find out the answers to these riddles in this absorbing witty compilation of popular science stories. Covers a diverse fascinating range of topics from medicine, meteorology murder to archaeology, ideology, superstition space travel. These quirky facts will astonish intrigue you. Quizzes will test you.

.com Test your science knowledge and enter a drawing to win \$100 worth of books! From the Publisher Written in a witty, easy-to-read style, the author gives us a collection of short stories about amusing "strange but true" science facts. Offers new and surprising stories from the past, present and even future science areas. Such areas of science discussed are archeology, astronomy, biology, medicine, meteorology, physics, and zoology. Includes a section of brainteasing, fact- and fun-filled quizzes to test your own knowledge of science. From the Inside Flap What Did the Persecution of Galileo Have to do with Dolphins? Who was the Famous Astronomer Accused of Piracy? Who made a Car with an Engine the Size of a Grain of Rice? Discover the true stories behind these and other fascinating questions in this thought-provoking and captivating collection of tales from popular science. From prehistoric "killer trees" to contemporary computer imaging, from the depths of the ocean floor to the farthest reaches of outer space, best-selling author Adrian Berry covers a truly amazing range of topics, time periods, and opinions. Here are enthralling stories of medicine, meteorology, archaeology, astronomy, and philosophy. Each one reveals bizarre and interesting facts intertwined with superstition, intrigue, deceit, and, in some cases, even murder (discover the surprising phenomenon responsible for killing half of the human race). Berry's wry wit and often skeptical outlook add much to our understanding and enjoyment of these quirky inquiries into the unexplainable. Could a volcano actually have been responsible for the French Revolution? Three million years ago, when the earliest humans looked up into the African skies, did they see the same sun that we do? Is it possible to harness the energy of black holes? Galileo and the Dolphins even includes a section of brainteasing, fact- and fun-filled quizzes to test your own knowledge of science. Quoting everyone from Nostradamus (journalist or prophet?) to Vice President Al Gore, Adrian Berry has assembled an extraordinary cast of soldiers, scientists, bureaucrats, charlatans, believers, and cynics to support, debunk, or otherwise speculate on the myriad mysteries of our universe, past, present, and future.