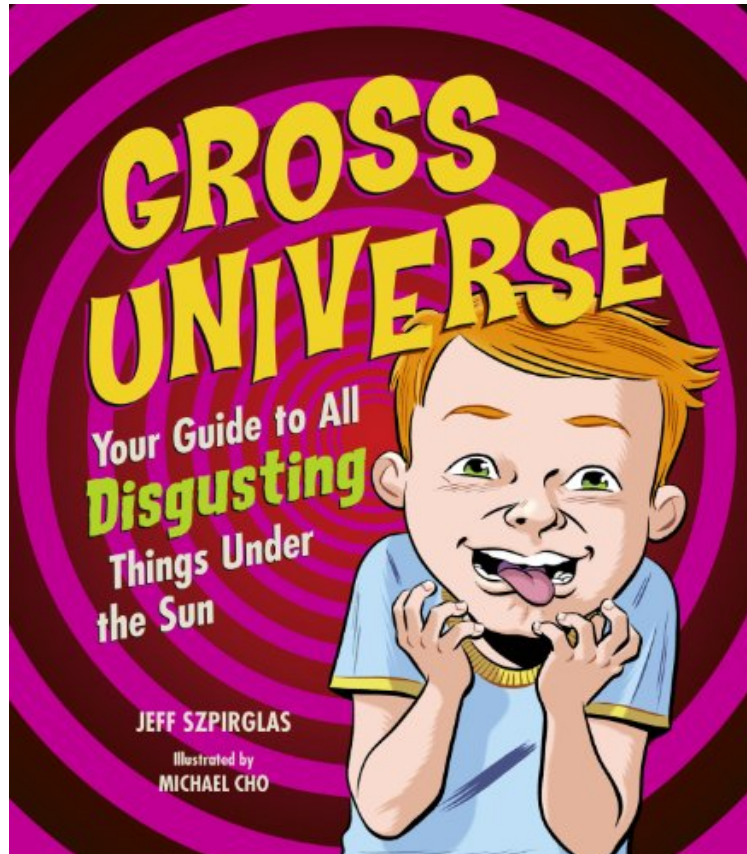


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Terribly AwesomeBy AidaLukaThis book is as described -Gross. It was one of the choices for summer reading project and because of the title- My son selected it. Well, after reading the first few pages, I had to go take a very long, very hot, and very soapy shower. It is full of information about our bodies and the world around us. Everything from tiny mites crawling all over our skin, to the crusty deposits around the eyes in the morning for which there is no scientific name, to (gulp) established guidelines for insect and fragments permitted in foods. This book is a fun and entertaining if not disgusting informational read. I purchased it form the used book division (great more germs, bacteria and mites on every pages) and it was in near new condition. I am very satisfied with this purchase.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy Tambug1971Cover fell off book when package arrived0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy Kindle Customergood resource.

A hilarious and eye-opening new look at the world around us. *Gross Universe* is an eye-opening and sometimes stomach-turning journey of exploration into all of our own gross inner workings, and some of the more nauseating tales from nature and the world around us. The humor of *MAD* magazine meets good old hard scientific fact. Always entertaining, in fact downright hilarious, author Jeff Szpirglas takes a scientific look at the many things about our physical selves and the other animals and plants around us that often go unmentioned. From our gross microscopic friends to our skin, hair, sweat, and other malodorous excretions, plus mucus, mold, acne, pus (a Perfectly Understandable Secretion), explosions, fossilized vomit, gas, and myriad other delightful subjects, this is science that will be sure to capture the attention of a young reader. Szpirglas does not expose the sweeter side of life, but will keep young audiences enraptured, laughing, and learning. It may not always be pretty, but it's definitely fascinating to uncover the scientific reasons for processes that happen to us and around us.

From School Library Journal Grade 3-6—This lively title is for children who love stomach-flipping facts, most of which are connected to the human body. Whether describing the mites that live on dead skin or in the nose and around eyelashes or maggots that clean out pus, the information is presented in a witty manner that is sure to keep readers turning pages to discover more. Additional details are provided by cartoon characters named Scientist A and Scientist B. Puns and wordplays abound as the text reveals tidbits about dandruff (complete with a shiny black "Dandruff Landing Pad"), ear wax, tooth scum, and digestive difficulties that are unsuited for polite conversation. Chapter headings include "Sickening Skin," "Hideous Healing," "House of Wax (and Other Leaky, Oozy Things)," "What a Gas," and "V Is for Vomit." Szpirglas proves that gross facts are cool, and the book may just convince kids who think science is boring to take another look.—Kathryn Kosiorek, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Brooklyn, OH Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Even the most reluctant readers will devour this fun and fascinating look at all that is disgusting and gross in the world around us... Cho's illustrations keep the mood cheeky and fun. (BC Parent) You are sure to get a response when you share the strange, but true, facts presented in such a visually appealing way. (Brandon This Week) Jeff Szpirglas' humorous and witty treatment of the subject matter delivers a delectable and thoroughly disgusting feast for those who delight in the truly repulsive. (Canadian Children's Book News) [Szpirglas] takes information usually encountered in Biology 101 and presents it in a fashion that will grab the attention of readers 8 and up. But behind the jokes there is good science, clearly explained. (City Parent) *Gross Universe* is sure to elicit a response! ... fans of weird and offbeat facts will find this book irresistible. Highly recommended. (CM Magazine: Canadian of Materials) Fascinating and educational. (HI-RISE Community Newspaper) The information is intelligently – and interestingly – imparted and Michael Cho's colorful and quirky illustrations add just the right touch. A terrific addition to your little gross-out's holiday haul. (January Magazine) [Gross Universe] will entice readers to delve into their favorite foul and fascinating facts... broad comic-strip illustrations throughout provide lighthearted visual context and appeal for those who delight in the disgusting. (Kirkus s) This book will be irresistible to the very same middle schoolers who regularly resist science... I highly recommend it. (National Science Teachers Association) The book is as informative as it is fun, thanks to *OWL* magazine alumni Jeff Szpirglas and Michael Cho, who have taken pains never to let raunchiness slip into mere sensationalism. For a book in which exploding fungi is easily the tamest thing discussed, that's saying something. (Quill Quire) This delightfully illustrated book is a treasure trove of information... a 'must have'... (Resource Links) Every librarian could use a copy of Jeff Szpirglas's *Gross Universe: Your Guide to All Disgusting Things Under the Sun* (Maple Tree, 2006) to wow the after-school crowd. (School Library Journal) Szpirglas proves that gross facts are cool, and... convince kids who think science is boring to take another look. (School Library Journal) At a certain age, children (and some adults, too) love gross and disgusting facts about their bodies, as well as about nature. This book satisfies their curiosity. (Science Books Films (SBF))... a book that underneath its brash and effluvia-philic nature demonstrates a real fascination with the natural world... reality-comic style illustrations harmonize perfectly with the text's tone... Reluctant readers will flock to this like flies... (The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books) Szpirglas hooks his readers with the titles but delivers fine content. (The Manitoba Middle Years Association Journal) Szpirglas clearly gets the a kick out of terror – and wants to get his readers excited about it too. From ghosts to superstition to mythological monsters, Szpirglas covers a wide range of scary topics but offers up a host of fascinating facts and fun info. (Today's Parent) About the Author JEFF SZPIRGLAS is the critically acclaimed author of *Gross Universe* and *Fear this Book*, among others. His stories have been published in *Chirp* and *chickaDEE* magazines, where he also worked as a kids' page editor. 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