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It's not the size of God's Doodle that matters; it's the inside that counts. The macabre and the bloodcurdling, the funny and the sad, distilled from myth, world cultures, religion, literature, science, medicine and contemporary life; when it comes to the penis everyone's a critic. "When the prick stands up, the brains get buried in the ground." Yiddish Proverb

Throughout history, man has revered his penis as his "most precious ornament." From small to large, thick to thin, smooth to wrinkled, Hickman lets the history of this mystery hangout for all to see. It is a stiff subject, but we easily settle in with the likes of Bill Clinton, Michelangelo's David, and Shakespeare as they followed their heads. With precious detail given to precious material, if you were to wrap your hands around anything less than two-inches, it should be God's Doodle, a brilliant history of the penis that hits the topic right on the head. It reaches through time and looks at how the penis trended long before one was ever posted on Twitter.

You will be impotent with both laughter and information as you read "...subtly, unhurriedly and mercilessly" (Alex Comfort *The Joy of Sex*), as Hickman discusses ancient literatures and mathematical quandaries of possible positions, such as Greece's "the lion on the cheese-grater," which still keeps scholars from being cocksure about the potential.

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Lukerik says

A light-toned, enjoyable look at penises. Hickman comes at his subject from every conceivable angle (I'll try to keep the double entendres to a minimum). He doesn't really drill down in detail into anything but it's very well researched. I would recommend this as a first stop for anyone with an interest in penises as it's a good signpost for further reading. Practical experimentation might be more fun though.

Monika Kotlarek says

Posiadanie penisa to nie jest taka prosta sprawa. Tak. Powiedzia?am to. A ksi??ka jest rewelacyjna! Mo?na si? czego? nauczy?, dowiedzie?, ubawi?, za?mia? w g?os i zrozumie?. Mnóstwo ciekawostek, historia, odpowiedzi na pytania, problemy i rozwi?zania. POLECAM! :) #Poka?CoCzytasz

Sandy Lenahan says

Interesting read, not anywhere as funny as Mary Roach but just as fact filled. Ancient history, present day, feminist and penis possessors (and eunuchs too), all get they're fair share of the spotlight in God's Doodle. I would have given it 4 stars if the material moved a little faster ("that's what she said!").

Mary says

If you enjoyed Mary Roach's "Bonk" you may enjoy this book as well. Everything you ever wanted to know about the penis (although if you are a "penis-possessor", possibly many things you would rather not read about) from the aspects of culture, religion, biology, history, and more. Both informative and amusing.

Mike Cross says

Very well researched and flows nicely. Just an excellent mix of humor and fact that is difficult to pull off, but the author does. Oft classified as a "humor" book, but is far more informative.

Taracuda says

Much snickering occurred at the unavoidable puns. Things were about as clean as could be, considering the topic. Fun topic and writing, and I learned a few things

Robyn says

I picked this up as a bit of a joke, but I found a thoroughly researched book on a subject that I didn't know much about. The overall tone is light, although sometimes the info dump can be rather heavy. Not all facts were interesting to me, but I imagine that varies with the reader. I liked the amusing etymology, cultural facts and the behind-the-scenes biology. I didn't care for the descriptions of historical castrations, injuries and boring stats of sizes and shapes.

My favorite fact: the word "cock" is a shortened form of pillicock. The linguistic consequences made by unhappy Puritans included changing apricocks and cockerels to apricots and roosters. Apricocks! hee hee!

Paul Anderson says

I received this as a Goodreads First Reads giveaway. I entered the drawing for this expecting a brief, humorous read that could make a good Christmas gag gift. That all still applies, but I was not expecting it to be as interesting and as exhaustively researched as it turned out to be. Specifically, the detail the author goes into about religious history, including Christianity, is absolutely fascinating. Oftentimes the material itself is humorous enough, but the dry, distinctly British wit and commentary that Hickman brings to each topic makes this a quick, enjoyable, and surprisingly informative read.

Karl says

Entertaining, cleverly written, lots of trivia, dispelled myths, linguistic and cultural anecdotes. The author does not sensationalise or take the easy jokes, but he does have a lot of witty fun with the subject matter

Philip Hollenback says

This book taught me a lot about the history of the penis. You'd think I was an expert, having one myself for 43 years, but it turns out there's a lot to learn.

For example, did you know that hot cross buns are actually descended from pagan penis cakes? Now you do.

Downside: my feelings about my penis are now even more conflicted after reading that book. Penises are awesome and amazing, but they seem to cause a lot of problems for everyone who has to deal with one.

Brendan says

I believe this book should be read by every man on the planet earth. It's a thoroughly fascinating and absolutely hysterical documentation of the history between man and his little best friend.

Tom Hickman's writing style is breezy but informative, the quality and breadth of his research is never compromised by the personality that shines through his prose. I found this writing style to be somewhat unique for a work of non-fiction, and also very refreshing. God's Doodle is thought-provoking; from analyzing phallic imagery in religion to talking about sexual taboo, you will be fascinated by what Tom Hickman has to say.

At times I did feel like Mr. Hickman went on some longwinded tangents, and the book in my opinion, wasn't organized as well as it could have been. But nonetheless, I highly recommend this book to guys (and girls) who are curious.

Don't be embarrassed to pick this one up! It's well worth it, trust me!

Jennifer says

I admit picking this up as a joke but also curious. Being married, I do know how much importance men place on this particular part of their anatomy. I did pick up alot of interesting facts, but the over the top writing style with abundant puns got a little tiresome. I suspect men would enjoy this far more than women.

Lisa says

An interesting and easy to read history of how the organ has been viewed in society, what things have been done to it by the owner, and how it ages. Treated with the appropriate balance of humor and seriousness.

Frank Roberts says

A delightful book--highly recommended to anyone who is interested in the subject matter, and that probably includes most people. The history, the science, the mythology, the terminology, etc. of the matter at hand (ahem) are all well covered (hehe). Very funny book as well.

Romulus says

Bardzo dobra, kompleksowa opowie?? o m?skim przyrodzeniu, ?ródle dumy, trosk, frustracji i l?ków. Kopalnia interesuj?cych opowie?ci, zarówno historycznych, spo?ecznych, religijnych pokazuj?cych jak w trakcie rozwoju ludzko?ci ewoluowa?o spojrzenie na rol? m?skiego przyrodzenia. Czasami trudno uwierzy? np. w religijne "odniesienia". I nie chodzi tylko o przes?dy dotycz?ce czynno?ci fizjologicznych, ale i wp?yw fallusa na religi? i religijne obyczaje zwi?zane z fallusami. Cho? najlepsze s? te ?wieckie "obyczaje" i kulturowe nalecia?o?ci.

Autor pisze przekrojowo, przybli?aj?c ka?dy aspekt zwi?zany z przyrodzeniem. Ksie??ka w gruncie rzeczy jest ?atwa. Czyta si? j? z przyjemno?ci? i szybko. Liczy zaledwie 250 stron, z czego troch? ponad dziesi?? procent to przypisy.

Nie jest tym na co liczy?em. Cho? mo?e to lepiej, bo nie wiem, czy da?bym rad? przebrn?? przez pog??biony wyw??d, np. w odniesieniu do psychoanalizy.
