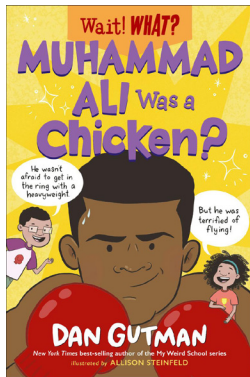


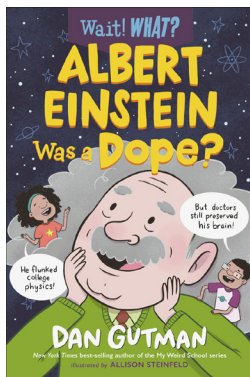
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MUHAMMAD ALI WAS A CHICKEN?

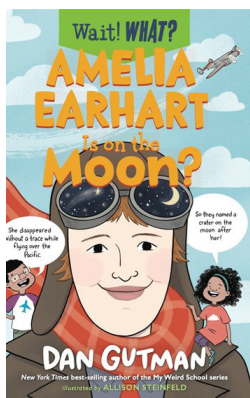
Did you know that Muhammad Ali was so terrified of flying on planes he would bring a parachute? Or that he won the Presidential Medal of Freedom? Bet you didn't know that he had an official sweat-taster to determine how salty his sweat was after each match! Siblings Paige and Turner do – and they've collected some of the most unusual and surprising facts about the legendary boxer and civil rights activist, from his childhood and the spark of his boxing career through his time as heavyweight champion of the world.



ALBERT EINSTEIN WAS A DOPE?

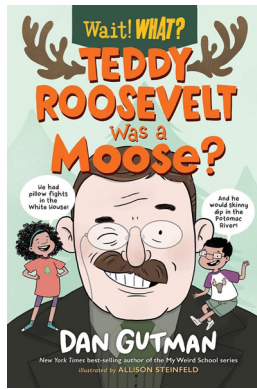
Did you know that Albert Einstein was a high school dropout, and that he failed his physics class when he finally made it to college? Or that when he died, his brain and eyeballs were removed from his body? Ever wondered why his hair looked so wild? Siblings Paige and Turner do – and they've collected some of the kookiest and most unusual facts about the world-famous scientist, from his childhood and school days through his time studying relativity and working on the atomic bomb.

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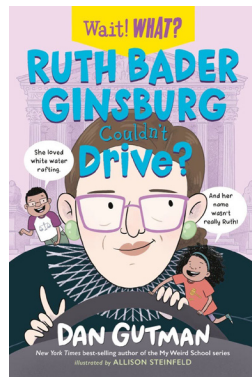
AMELIA EARHART IS ON THE MOON?

Did you know that Amelia Earhart loved heights so much she built a roller coaster in her backyard? Or that she used to race worms with her sister? Bet you didn't know that she took photographs of garbage cans to pay for flying lessons! Siblings Paige and Turner do—and they've collected some of the most unusual and surprising facts about the legendary pilot, from her childhood in the rural Midwest and the spark of her passion for flying to her record-smashing flights and her infamous disappearance over the Pacific Ocean.



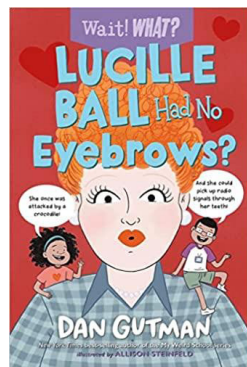
TEDDY ROOSEVELT WAS A MOOSE?

Did you know that Theodore Roosevelt was shot before a rally, and went on to give his speech with the bullet in his chest? Or that he skinny-dipped in the Potomac River? Bet you didn't know that he had a zebra, a lion, and a one-legged rooster at the White House! Siblings Paige and Turner have collected some of the most unusual and surprising facts about the larger-than-life president, from his childhood and his Rough Rider days to his rise to politics and his complicated presidential legacy.



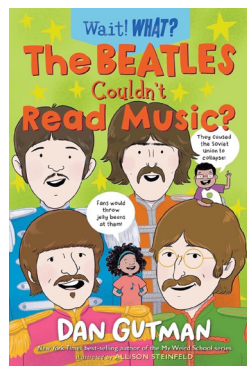
RUTH BADER GINSBURG COULDN'T DRIVE?

Did you know that Ruth Bader Ginsburg failed her driving test five times? Or that her real name was Joan? Bet you didn't know that she liked paddle boarding, white water rafting, and riding elephants! She even had a praying mantis named after her. Siblings Paige and Turner have collected some of the most unusual and surprising facts about one of the most famous Supreme Court Justices in history, from her childhood to her rise as the superstar Notorious R.B.G.



LUCILLE BALL HAD NO EYEBROWS?

Did you know that Lucille Ball could pick up radio signals through her teeth? Or that her career was almost destroyed because she was a registered Communist? Bet you didn't know that, as a studio executive, she green-lit both Star Trek and Mission: Impossible! Siblings Paige and Turner have collected some of the most unusual and surprising facts about the beloved actress, from her impoverished childhood and her first forays into the film industry to her marriage with Desi Arnaz and her rise to become both the most prominent actress in television and one of its most successful executives.



THE BEATLES COULDN'T READ MUSIC?

Did you know that John Lennon's mom called him "Stinker" because he farted so much? Or that Paul McCartney liked playing guitar in the bathroom? Bet you didn't know that George Harrison once had his friend's parent sign his report card, or that Ringo Starr's grandma thought he was possessed by witches! Paige and Turner have collected some of the most unusual and surprising facts about the rock stars, from their childhoods and early days as musicians to the formation of the Beatles and their rise to become the greatest band of all time.

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