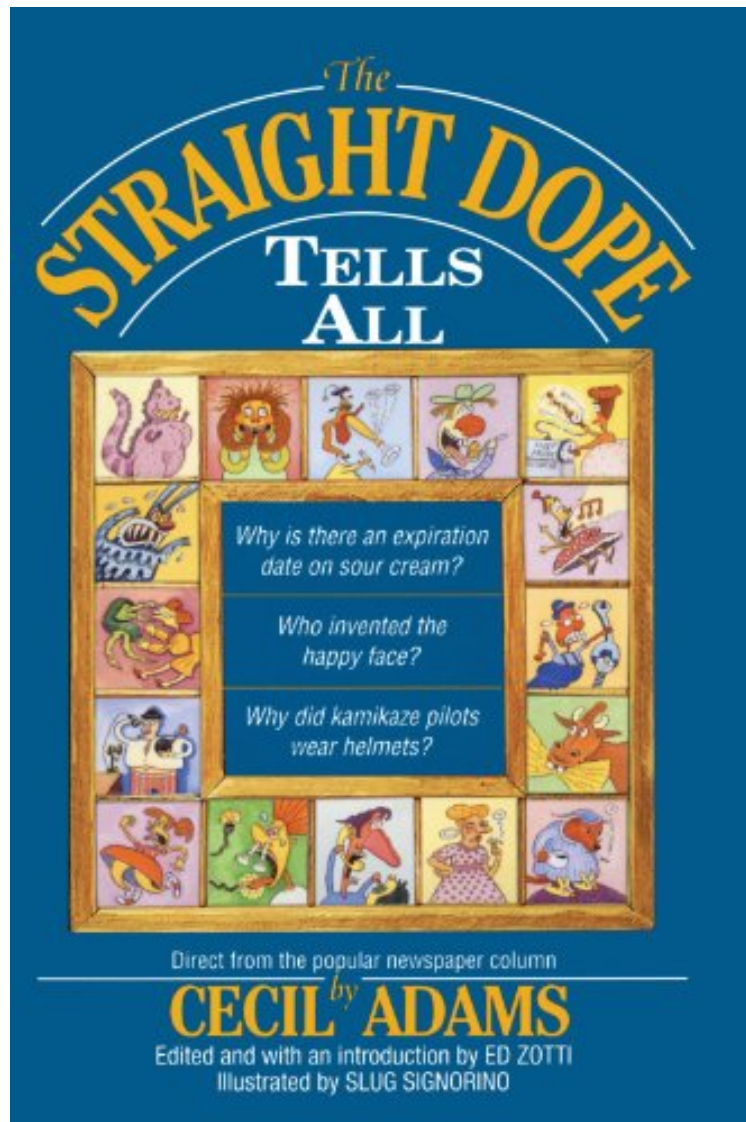


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**Cecil Adams : The Straight Dope Tells All** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Straight Dope Tells All:

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. All killer, some filler By Mike Smith I love The Straight Dope, and I have to say that there are parts of this book that were so entertaining that I found myself thinking, "This is probably my favorite collection of these columns"--certain especially funny questions, particularly acerbic polemics, et cetera. This book addresses who invented the yellow happy face symbol, takes a very skeptical look at the infamous

Roswell Incident, explores why the KKK burns crosses, discusses sex in space, whether people's personal magnetism can short out street lights, and if rabbits' teeth can grow to the point that they can no longer use them to eat. So there are a lot of cool parts in here...but there were other parts as well. There's no question that this book is entertaining and engaging, but it's also got a lot more filler in it than any of the previous volumes: lengthy transcriptions of chatroom conversations, not-so-insightful reader responses, and a kind of un-Cecil-Adams-like laziness about answering the questions that I'd never noticed before. For instance: he often just posts a question on an online message board and then tells us what people said. His whole omniscience schtick seems to falter here. And then there's the book's size: it's pretty slight compared to most of the earlier ones, and some of the topics start to feel as if you've already read them in earlier volumes. But whatever. These books are great, better than any other trivia books I can think of, and even as I wrote the above complaints, I was wishing that he'd hurry up and put out Volume 6. It's been almost eight years already since the last book! Also, I'd love to see the short-lived TV show on DVD. I'd buy that for sure. 5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good Book but Not His Best By A Customer After reading the whole series of "straight Dope" books, I was disappointed in this book. For starters, it's less than half as long as the others. Also, it contains a lot of repostings from his AOL message board from fans. If I wanted to read postings by the fans, I'd browse them online for free on the newsgroups. It's still a good book with lots of great information told in an entertaining fashion but it doesn't live up to his prior 3 compilations. It's still a "must read" for Cecil Adams fans but if you have to choose between this book or one of the others, go for one of the others. 1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Another book of Uncle Cecil's collection By Tomas MF Yet another book from him... If you haven't heard about Cecil Adams then let me tell you he's one of the most eccentric "personages" ever existed... he claims to know everything about everything and cannot be mistaken... a bit arrogant sometimes he comes again to make mankind a favour and take us all from profound ignorance... Good book for trivia fans... Warning: expect to read almost anything imaginable here on these pages... it's true!

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.com Cecil Adams has been giving the straight dope to thousands of bizarre and inane questions, in his books and weekly newspaper column, for 25 years now. His most recent opus, *The Straight Dope Tells All*, is as addictively fascinating, sarcastic, and informative as his previous efforts. If you're a Straight Dope enthusiast from way back, you know how joyous an occasion a new Straight Dope is. And if you're a Straight Dope virgin, it's time to be initiated into Adams's scholarly yet snide approach to the trivia questions that torment his readership into seeking his help. Where else are questions like "Does 'kimosabe' actually mean 'chicken guano?'" and "Must the pet rabbit chew one's t-shirt to keep from dying of overgrown teeth?" actually see the light of newsprint and receive an answer. Just perusing the index is good entertainment. A quick glance at "S" shows "Sabbath, why Christians celebrate on Sunday rather than Saturday," sex: anal, and "gay bowel syndrome," "shivering, following urination," "singing nun, fate of," "smiley face, inventor of," "smoking, whether more WWII veterans were killed by that than combat," and "sound of tree, if falls in woods." How one could resist a line-up like that, is a question even Cecil would be unable to resolve satisfactorily. -- Stephanie Gold From the Publisher I've been the elusive Cecil Adams' editor for the last few years--and one thing I know for sure: Cecil truly IS the world's smartest human being. He knows everything! Working with Cecil makes me learn more and more each day. For example, I never knew what to make of the word 'pompatous' (as in 'The Pompatous of Love,' used in Steve Miller's 1973 hit "The Joker" ). And I've never known anything about the origin of ice cream headaches...and I get those all the time! But Cecil hasn't just opened me up to things I've wondered about; through him, I've encountered a whole universe of I never KNEW I should be wondering about--for example, it seems that in bars you often find ice in the urinals (??). And as to hermaphrodites...well, let's just say you need to take a look at p. 168--because the thought never crossed my mind! So all this means is: I'm always delighted when we have a new book from Cecil--and this book is the most recent of Cecil's collections from us. This book commemorates a whopping TWENTY-FIVE YEARS since the first "Straight Dope" column was published. "The Straight Dope" has been around that time--because it's that good!--E. Zack, Senior Editor From the Inside Flap **IF KNOWLEDGE WAS POWER, CECIL ADAMS WOULD RULE THE WORLD!** It's true! For the past twenty-five years, in his books and weekly newspaper column, world-history genius Cecil Adams has been patiently explaining to the Teeming Millions how the world works. He answered questions such as how do porcupines mate, what exactly does Barney Rubble do for a

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