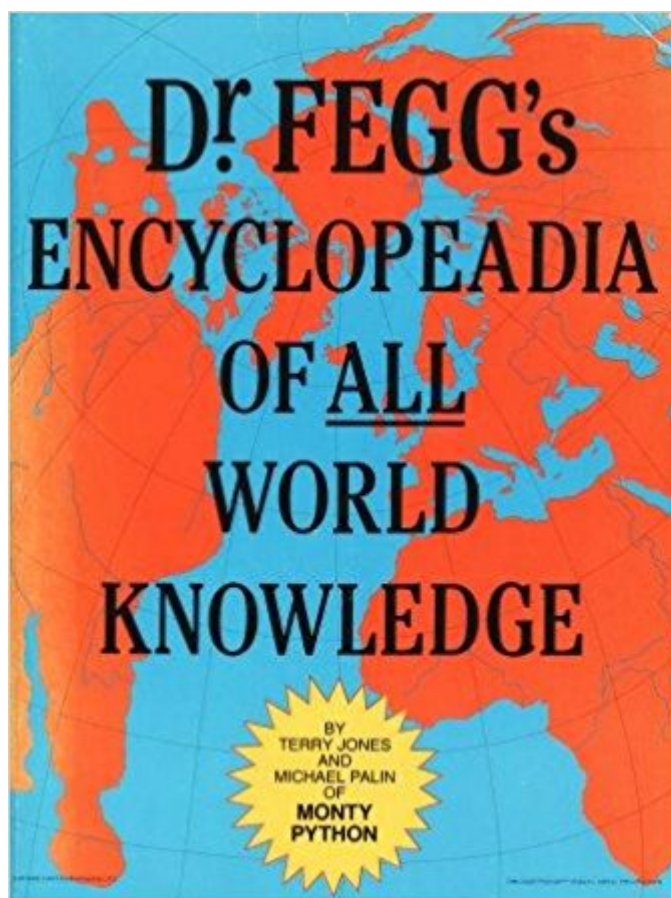


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An illustrated compendium of humorous facts such as the recipe for oxygen tart and an explanation of how man evolved from small rocks.

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Customer Reviews

You'll never need to read another book after this one. It really is no exaggeration to say that it does indeed contain *all* world knowledge. Dr. Fegg is a visionary, and a leader. And I, for one, am confident that he had absolutely nothing to do with the Bournemouth killings.

Great addition to my collection!

Very concentrated source of Python humour. Read every page carefully to get it all.

Terry Jones and Michael Palin have created a wonderful little tome of humor here. You will learn things like nursery rhymes that will put your screaming kid to sleep, FEGGISM (a religion), cooking wonderful dishes like the "Everything Pie" or "Third World War Pizza", a wonderful game called PLAGUO, and finally a wonderful play called "Aladdin and His Terrible Problem" with the Rev. Wishiee Washiee and Pisso the Alcoholic Dog who is Aladdin's best and only friend. Over all this is a classic tome of British wit that I keep secured in an underground vault guarded by no less than two trained "Ferocious and Killer Skunks" that are trigger happy.

The typical encyclopaedia is written without an authorial voice or angle. For example, you can read dozens of entries by the same contributor in Britannica, without discovering anything about his secret lover in Bolton or what he had for breakfast that morning. For followers of FR Leavis, this may be fine. But for many of us, this is not enough, and the eminent Dr Fegg's book fills a big gap in the market. Dr Fegg's aim was not only to cover his expenses while on the run, but also to educate pre-adolescent children in the essentials of life, as well as proving that he had almost nothing to do with the Bournemouth Axe Murders. Some people got the wrong idea. In its original 1974 version, it was called THE NASTY BOOK FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. But after many complaints about it being an inappropriate birthday present, and several inquests, and only two Old Bailey trials, the title was changed to the present name. In the 31 years since its publication, I have tried to live my life according to Feggist principles, barely washing from week to week, and gradually whittling away the stock of relatives. The mandatory life sentences have been a bit of bummer, but you can't have everything. I wish I'd been able to put into practice Dr Fegg's advice about crossing the Andes by frog. It was, of course, Dr Fegg who ended all chances of a Rutles reunion, and since the disappearance of Ron Nasty, Dr Fegg has had to lie very low indeed. Some say he is in South America. Others say the Himalayas. His only link now to the outside world is Mike Palin, who was only half-responsible for the Skegness Impaling. It is alleged that Mike goes to see him every now and then, under the guise of a new series for the BBC, in order to channel some of the proceeds from the enormously successful (in an in-between-Holy-Grail-and-Tomkinson sort of way) encyclopaedia. I somehow doubt it. But I enjoyed this book tremendously.

I found this book in a bargain bin in 1978 at a department store that has long since closed. It is simply the best satire and humor ever written. I say this with the knowledge that, as an American, about 75% of the British humor went over my head. That's a good thing because, as it was, I laughed so hard at times that I couldn't breathe. Had I actually understood more of it, I would probably now be dead.

I haven't seen a copy of this book in over 30 years, I'm sure. Still, the theme song for the character "Depravo, The Rat" in the Aladdin play still sticks in my mind. Pretty remarkable, considering I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY HEARD THE SONG! So powerful are the lyrics to this nonexistent tune, that they actually suggest their own notes in your head, and they stay there for three decades or longer. I won't quote the lyrics for copyright reasons, other than to mention that Depravo hasn't changed his

underpants in a very, very long time. There were other things in the book that should be mentioned, but I don't remember any of them, except for the center spread featuring a dragon creature with very sharp talons scratching itself in an inadvisable fashion.

While many people claim to know Dr. Fegg personally, I write with complete probity when I state Dr. Fegg is, indeed, a close personal friend of mine. We first became acquainted ten years ago when Dr. Fegg sacked his then-literary agent Ms. Esther Scallop. Amazed by my vast knowledge of the publishing industry, as well as my knowledge as to the whereabouts of Ronald Biggs, Dr. Fegg hired me to promote his work. In this particular tome (don't you just love the word 'tome?'), my favourite bits are "Crossing the Andes By Frog," and the frightfully clever pantomime entitled, "Aladdin and his Terrible Problem." It is astounding that Dr. Fegg has thus far escaped nomination for the Booker Prize. He has more talent in the tip of his pinkie than V.S. Naipul has within his entire being. Please buy this book. Royalty money comes in handy. If you can't buy it, hunt down someone who owns it and steal it from them. Chances are they will not give it up without a fight so it is recommended that you bring a pair of brass knuckles or a can of mace. Good luck!

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