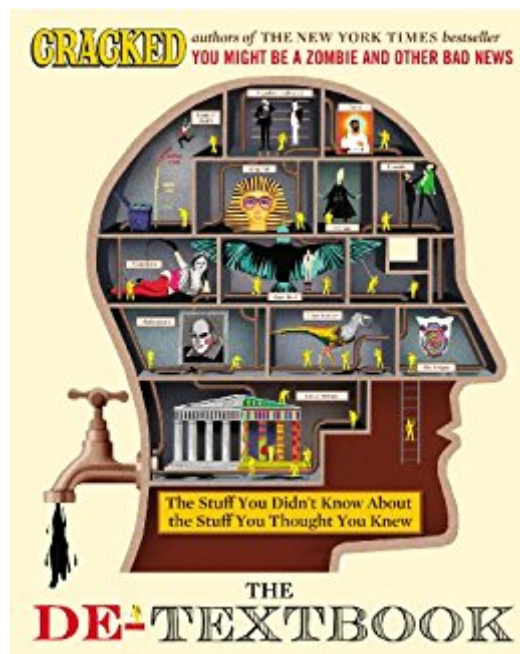




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Fun, entertaining and a interesting book to take along on vacation. It's the kind of book where you can start reading anywhere within it.

I really enjoyed this book! While I already knew that a lot of human history and scientific discovery has been altered (or omitted) for various reasons, I was surprised by just how much of what we consider to be "common knowledge" is simply wrong. It shows plenty of reasons for the importance of critical thinking. While I found the content to be fascinating, the energetic and light-spirited tone of the book would make it an easy read for anyone, even those less interested in history or science. Sometimes the cracks felt a little too forced, or they didn't quite hit the right note with me, but that's just personal preference. Also, be prepared to be occasionally insulted, but in good humor. Everyone should read this book... especially anyone involved in educating anyone else.

I hate reading, I do not find it entertaining and I find it difficult to not think about other items instead of just focusing. I know this to be a problem I need to address because there are many wonderful things to find in reading. This book is one of them, it is engaging and written with a sense of humor that I find extremely funny. In addition this book will enlighten you on just some of the crap you have been taught or persuaded to believe in spite of actual fact. Also, check out their site which has this same information on it but I like the idea of the book ironically enough.

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